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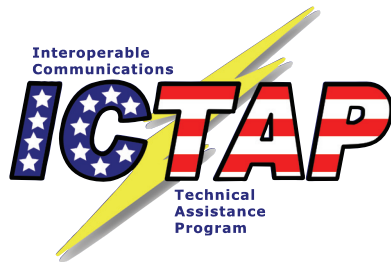
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ICTAP Bulletin

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SLGCP Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) provides on-site, comprehensive interoperability technical assistance to DHS grant recipients.



The Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) provides free technical assistance to enhance interoperable communications among local, State, and Federal emergency responders and public safety officials in cities and States that have received grants from the Department of Homeland Security, Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness

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September Highlights

- **Cincinnati**—Held Communication Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) tool demonstration and assisted with the creation of the Cincinnati Urban Area (UA) map for CASM.
- **Kansas**—Communications equipment information from seven agencies uploaded into the CASM database.
- **Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP)**—16 ICTAP sites have currently begun drafting copies of their TICPs, and 10 sites are more than 50% complete.
- **Las Vegas**—Attended the Strategic Planning Session for Statewide Communications Interoperability on September 14.
- **Washington**—Review of TICP, version 3, delivered on September 14.
- **Kansas City**—ACU-1000 and ACU-T training provided to dispatchers and technicians in UA. Attended the University of Kansas Medical Center and Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Large-Scale Disaster Simulation Drill on September 20-23.

TICP UPDATE

Six months have passed since the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and SLGCP released the TICP Guidance and Template. The deadline for submitting the plan, originally September 30, 2005, has been extended to May 1, 2006. Validation of the plans must then be completed within one year, by May 1, 2007.

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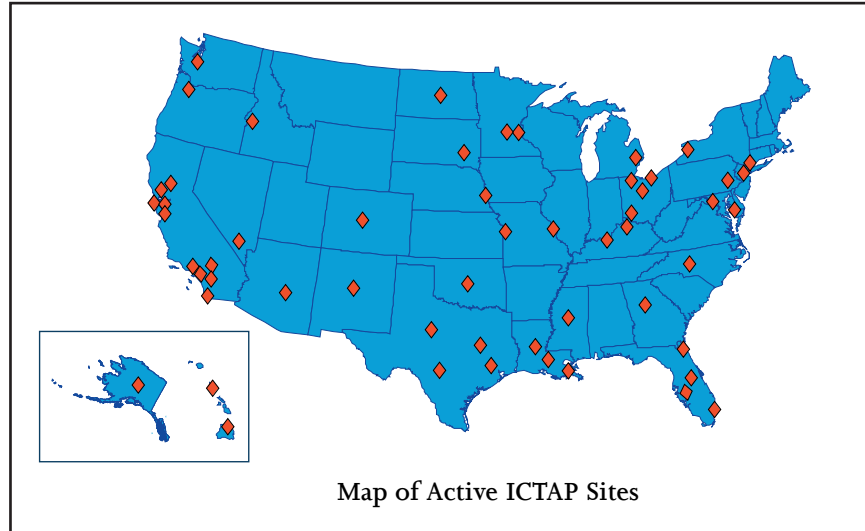
ODP released Information Bulletin 192, entitled “Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) Exercise Guidance.”

EXERCISE REQUIREMENT

Building on IB 187, released August 18, 2005, UAs may develop an exercise around any of the National Planning Scenarios to test the TICP. If a UA already has another full-scale exercise planned, they may use it to meet the test requirement as long as it is consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluations Program (HSEEP) requirements.

CAPABILITIES-BASED PLANNING

IB 192 also addresses capabilities-based planning. The Target Capabilities List (TCL) identifies 36 capabilities,



including interoperable communications, required to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents of national significance. As jurisdictions plan their exercises, the Interoperable Communications Target Capability and “designated” Critical Tasks must be incorporated into their exercise activity to test the TICP. Additional information on the TCL may be located at the following Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm. Please see the attached IB 192 for more information.

ICTAP SUPPORT

Since the release of the TICP Guidance and Template, the number of Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) sites

working towards completing their plan has grown to 42. The most recent additions include North Dakota, Delaware, Alaska, and Jacksonville, FL. Many of the ICTAP sites have made notable progress in the last six months.

To request ICTAP assistance, please e-mail your preparedness officer or Keith Young at Keith.Young@dhs.gov.

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