

Interoperability Knowledge and Skills Workshop - A Umi fcbg

The Sixth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop -- the flagship event of the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG) -- again brought together a broad base of public safety and emergency management practitioners to develop a mutual understanding of the key voice and data interoperability issues facing today's public safety sector. Held from December 2 to 5, 2012 in Toronto, the more than 300 delegates came away with real-world insights, practical knowledge, and a common sense approach to moving forward while attending sessions on the hottest interoperability issues facing public safety today and while being "put to work" during extensive break-out sessions.

Main themes emerging from the Workshop include:

- Public safety in general must do a better job on setting public expectations around 9-1-1 and responder communications
- There is a definite need a social media strategy for public safety stakeholders
- Responders must remain galvanized to address 700 MHz challenge
- Renewed cross-border focus for 2013
- Recognition that land mobile voice interoperability is still a significant issue
- Leadership recognizing the need to operationalize the impending technological advances