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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

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**AN ORDER CREATING THE MAINE INTEROPERABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, one of the most important responsibilities and profound duties of the state of Maine is to provide for the safety and security of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the state must constantly be prepared to immediately respond to all disasters, whether natural or man made; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event of a disaster or emergency, government agencies and emergency responders at all levels must be able to communicate effectively to ensure the most efficient and immediate provision of emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, communications between public safety agencies across the nation must be further developed and enhanced to assure an immediate and coordinated response to disasters and emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the state of Maine, do hereby establish the Maine Interoperable Communications Committee (hereinafter "Committee").

**Purpose**

The Maine Interoperable Communications Committee is established for the purpose of developing a plan for statewide voice and data communications interoperability to help ensure the safety of all citizens in day-to-day operations, natural disasters, emergency response scenarios, and terrorist incidents.

**Membership**

The Committee shall consist of at least 14 members who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Committee shall include:

1. the Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, or his designee, who shall serve as Chair

2. the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or her designee
3. the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, or his designee
4. the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife, or his designee
5. the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources, or his designee
6. the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or his designee
7. the Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission, or his designee
8. the Chief Information Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, or his designee
9. a representative of municipal governments to be nominated by the Maine Municipal Association and appointed by the Governor
10. a representative of county governments to be nominated by the Maine County Commissioners Association and appointed by the Governor
11. a representative of local police departments to be nominated by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and appointed by the Governor
12. a representative of sheriffs' departments to be nominated by the Maine Sheriffs Association and appointed by the Governor
13. a representative of local fire departments to be nominated by the Maine Fire Chiefs Association and appointed by the Governor
14. a representative of hospital emergency services to be nominated by the Maine Hospital Association and appointed by the Governor

The Committee may call on a representative from any government agency or other organization not otherwise represented on the Committee, to provide information or to participate fully in the Committee when, in the Committee's discretion, that person has responsibilities or expertise in a particular area that would be helpful to the work of the Committee.

The participation and involvement of all state political subdivisions and the development of partnerships among them is encouraged to further the establishment of a statewide interoperable communications system.

The Committee shall meet at times and places called by the Chair. Technical assistance will be provided to the Committee by the Director of the Consolidated Emergency Communications Bureau and the Director of State Radio Services. Additional staffing will be provided as necessary by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

### **Duties**

Consistent with the purpose of this Executive Order, the Committee shall:


1. Review, evaluate and make recommendations relating to interoperable public safety communications of government at all levels in the state;
2. Facilitate coordination among the various agencies of state government relating to interoperable communications;

3. Develop a plan that shall include, but not be limited to, a strategy for the design, construction and deployment of an interoperable communications system for the entire state of Maine. The plan shall take into consideration:
  - a. the inclusion of existing legacy radio systems into the new interoperable communication system;
  - b. the continuity of those operations and services; and,
  - c. a mechanism to provide for long term maintenance and operation of the new interoperable communication system that is in the best interest of the public safety agencies of the state and its political subdivisions.

The Committee shall provide a preliminary report to the Governor on the status of its work not later than October 1, 2007. The Committee's final plan for statewide voice and data communications interoperability shall be submitted to the Governor not later than December 31, 2007.

**Effective Date**

The effective date of this Executive Order is July 25, 2007.

  
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John E. Baldacci, Governor