

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-05**

WHEREAS, Meeting emergency communications needs for all public safety entities in South Dakota is critical for ensuring public safety; and,

WHEREAS, At the encouragement of the South Dakota public safety community, the state of South Dakota has developed a comprehensive and coordinated statewide emergency communications network; and,

WHEREAS, A representative user group must be developed that will provide oversight for providing policy level direction related to planning, designing and implementing guidelines, best practices and standard approaches to address South Dakota's public safety communications interoperability issues.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, Directed that the Public Safety Communications Council be established and authorized to function in compliance with the following sections of this order:

General Provisions

Section 1. The name of the committee is the South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council (SDPSCC).

Section 2. The governor of South Dakota may appoint 18 members to the committee which are representative of the major users of the communications network. The membership shall include representatives from the following public safety agencies, professional associations and state departments:

- South Dakota Police Chief's Association
- South Dakota Sheriff's Association
- Division of Criminal Investigation, Office of the Attorney General
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
- South Dakota Department of Transportation
- South Dakota National Guard
- South Dakota Emergency Managers Association
- South Dakota Fire Fighters Association
- South Dakota Association of Healthcare
- South Dakota Department of Public Safety/Highway Patrol
- South Dakota Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Inc./National Emergency Management Association Chapter
- South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's Association
- South Dakota Department of Agriculture/Wildland Fire

- South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
- South Dakota Department of Health
- Tribal government or tribal government association
- Federal government or federal government association
- South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications Engineering Manager

Section 3. The South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council shall foster collaboration among stakeholders at the local, federal and state level. The South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council shall focus on the following priorities:

- Update protocols and standards for the operation and use of the South Dakota Interoperable Communications System.
- Develop strategies and recommendations to improve current and future operations of the radio network.
- Develop recommendations for legislation or other state action that may be required to further promote public safety communications in South Dakota.
- Develop recommendations and strategies for best utilization of grant funding to improve communications in South Dakota.

Section 4. The South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council shall be administered by the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications.

Section 5. Members shall be appointed for 1-year terms which end on June 30. Members may be reappointed for no more than three consecutive terms. Representatives of state agencies shall serve as long as their agency directs.

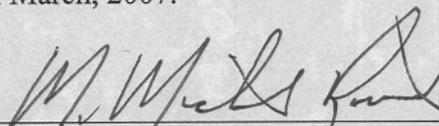
Section 6. The South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council shall elect a chairperson.

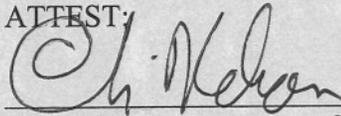
Section 7. The council shall prepare an annual report for the governor.

Section 8. All expenses and costs of administration for the council shall be paid from funds available to the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of March, 2007.




 M. Michael Rounds, Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

 Chris Nelson, Secretary of State