
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: PROSPERE
SUBJECT: INTEROPERABILITY COMMISSION; EXEC. ORDER
DATE: 2/3/2003
CC: RENICK

I have attached a copy of a proposed Executive Order establishing the State Interoperability Commission for the purpose of addressing issues related to communication amongst/between public safety/emergency agencies. David Huggins prepared the draft and is going for this and Robert Latham is also supportive. There will be federal dollars available to underwrite the costs of implementing systems to strengthen/facilitate this necessary communication.

It would develop standards for systems enabling, local, state and federal agencies to readily talk with one another despite using different types of radios/networks; i.e, DEA and our State Board of Health and Harrison County's Sheriff's office, the examples in the context of Homeland Security are almost infinite. It needs to be adopted soon and ties in to work/programs that Huggins will be undertaking in coming weeks.

Let me know if you have questions about the Commission or the Order.