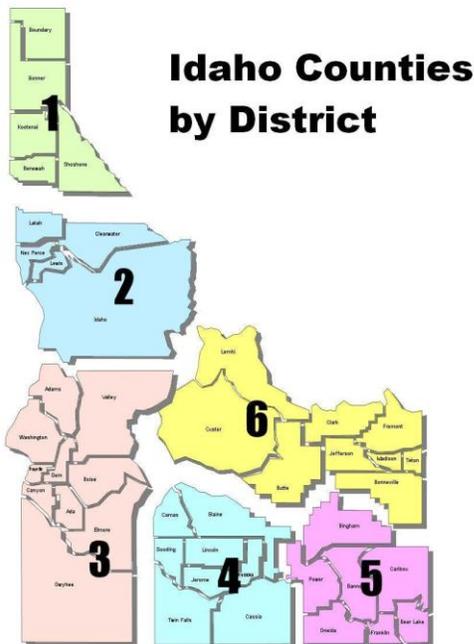


***SIEC Governance, Operational Planning, and Business Model  
 Move Forward to the Next Phase***

It has been almost a year since the first of several statewide governance meetings were held and we are pleased to report that significant progress has been made. Continued progress is a result of the SIEC and the Idaho state/local/tribal emergency response professionals who have collaborated and made statewide Interoperable Communications governance a reality.

Interoperable Communications District Level Practitioner-Driven Governance



Today all six (6) Districts in the state have a District Interoperability Governance Board (DIGB) with elected officers; each has finalized and adopted a formal charter and bylaws.

DIGB 1: Chair, Brad Coughenhour, Kootenai County 911 Director; Co-Chairs, Rob Weinclaw Coeur d’Alene Tribal Police Captain, John Specht Shoshone County Emergency Manager.

DIGB 2: Chair, Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Manager; Co-Chair, Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager.

DIGB 3: Chair, Darby Weston, Ada County Paramedics Deputy Director; Co-Chair, Lorraine Elfering, Canyon County Sheriff’s Office Communications Manager.

DIGB 4: Chair, Char Nelson, Blaine County Operations Manager; Co-Chair Kevin Halverson, Minidoka County Sheriff; Secretary, Jeff Perry, City of Gooding Police Department Captain.

DIGB 5: Co-Chairs, Lorin Nielsen, Bannock County Sheriff; Mike Sanders, Bannock County Sheriff’s Office Captain.

DIGB 6: Chair, Stacy Hyde, City of Ammon Fire Chief; Co-Chairs, Mike Talbot, Custer County Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy and Len Humphries, Fremont County Sheriff; Secretary, Mike Miller, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Sergeant.

The past years accomplishments would not have been possible without the team work and cooperation which has taken place among all statewide shareholders.

The next phase in joint development at this time is the development of the Statewide Operations Plan and Business Model, these plans will provide for continuity of operations, maintenance and sustainability of the statewide systems across the state. These components will provide the means by which future funding sources and operational needs and improvements will be based upon for the statewide systems. Information and input from each of the DIGBs and our state and federal shareholders are being forwarded to the SIEC Technical Subcommittee Operational Planning Workgroup in order to update the “*Operational Needs and Technical Resources Assessment*” conducted for the State of Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security in 2008. We hope to have the first draft of these plans by early fall of 2010 in order to have finished products in time for the 2011 Legislature’s review.

The governance, operational plan and business model components once coupled with the continuing infrastructure improvements occurring across the state will bring all emergency responders closer to having a statewide system of interoperable communications in order to meet their needs for day to day response as well as coordinated responses during a catastrophic disaster anywhere within the state.

Additional information may be obtained at the SIEC website:  
<http://www.bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/Communications/IdahoSIEC.aspx> or by contacting members of the DIGBs or SIEC. In addition you may contact Dodie Collier, SIEC Program Manager, at 208.288.4005, or via email [dcollier@imd.idaho.gov](mailto:dcollier@imd.idaho.gov).