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S&T Stakeholders Conference

The Future of the Science and Technology Directorate

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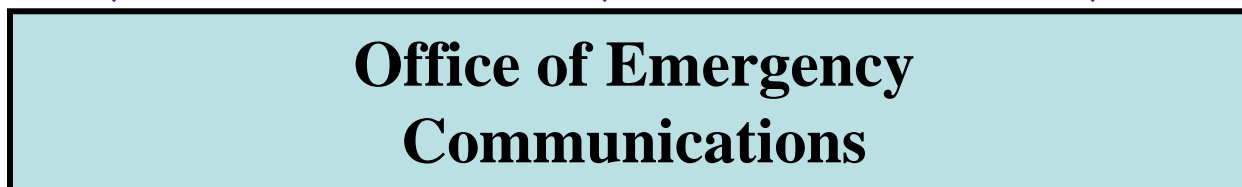


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PARTNERING FOR A SAFER NATION

Office of Emergency Communications

Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, established the Office of Emergency Communications



OEC supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to continue to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters, and works to ensure, accelerate, and attain interoperable and operable emergency communications nationwide.



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Coordination and Collaboration

With Federal Partners

- Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications consists of over 44 Federal entities
- Emergency Communications Preparedness Center is in development stages
- Partnerships with NCS, Commerce, Defense, Justice, FEMA, FCC and others

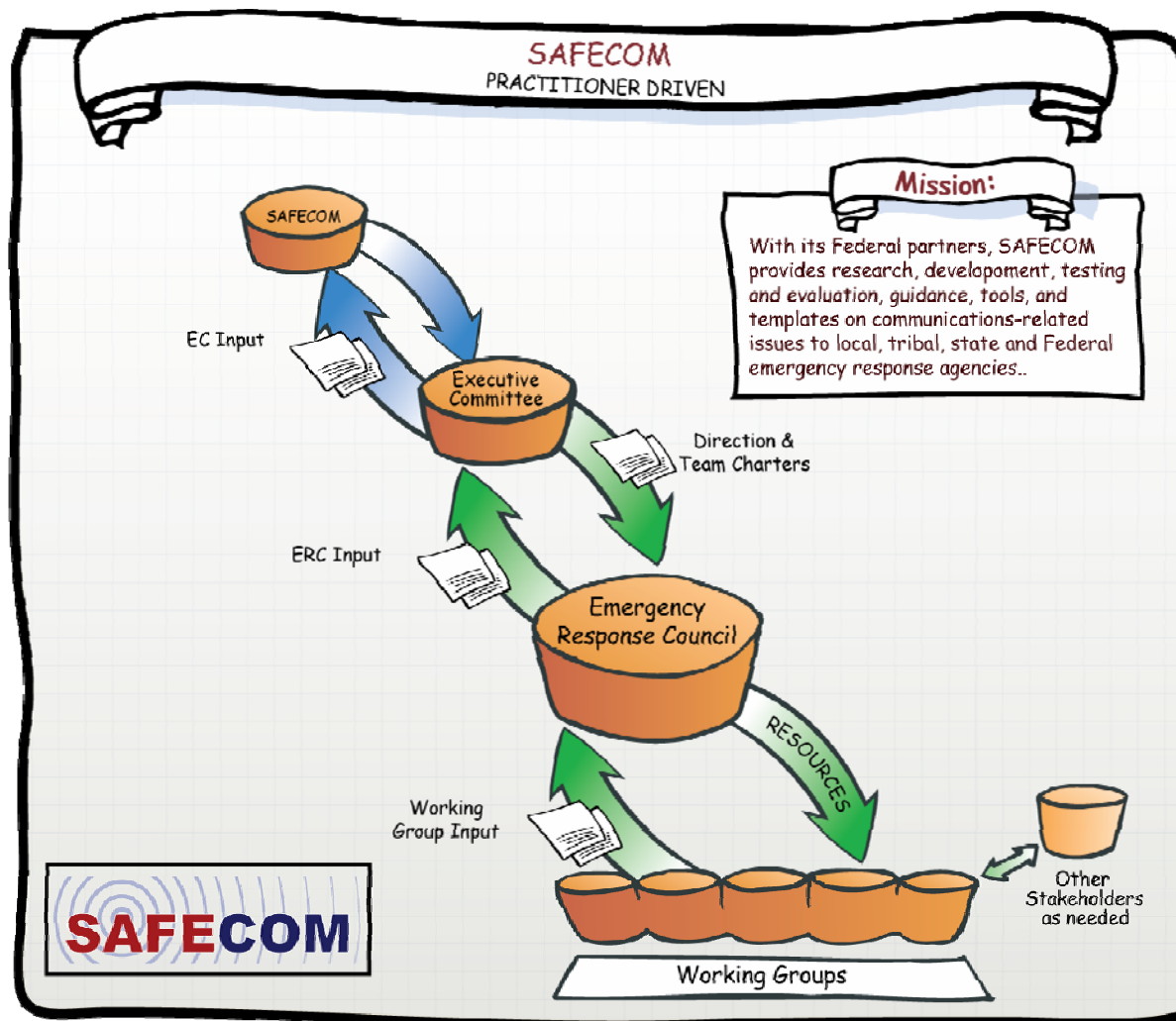
With States, territories, localities, and tribal nations

- OEC develops practitioner working groups to assist in the development of policy, guidance documents, and templates
- SAFECOM Executive Committee (EC) and Emergency Response Council (ERC) promote good governance, best practices, and lessons learned

With the Private Sector

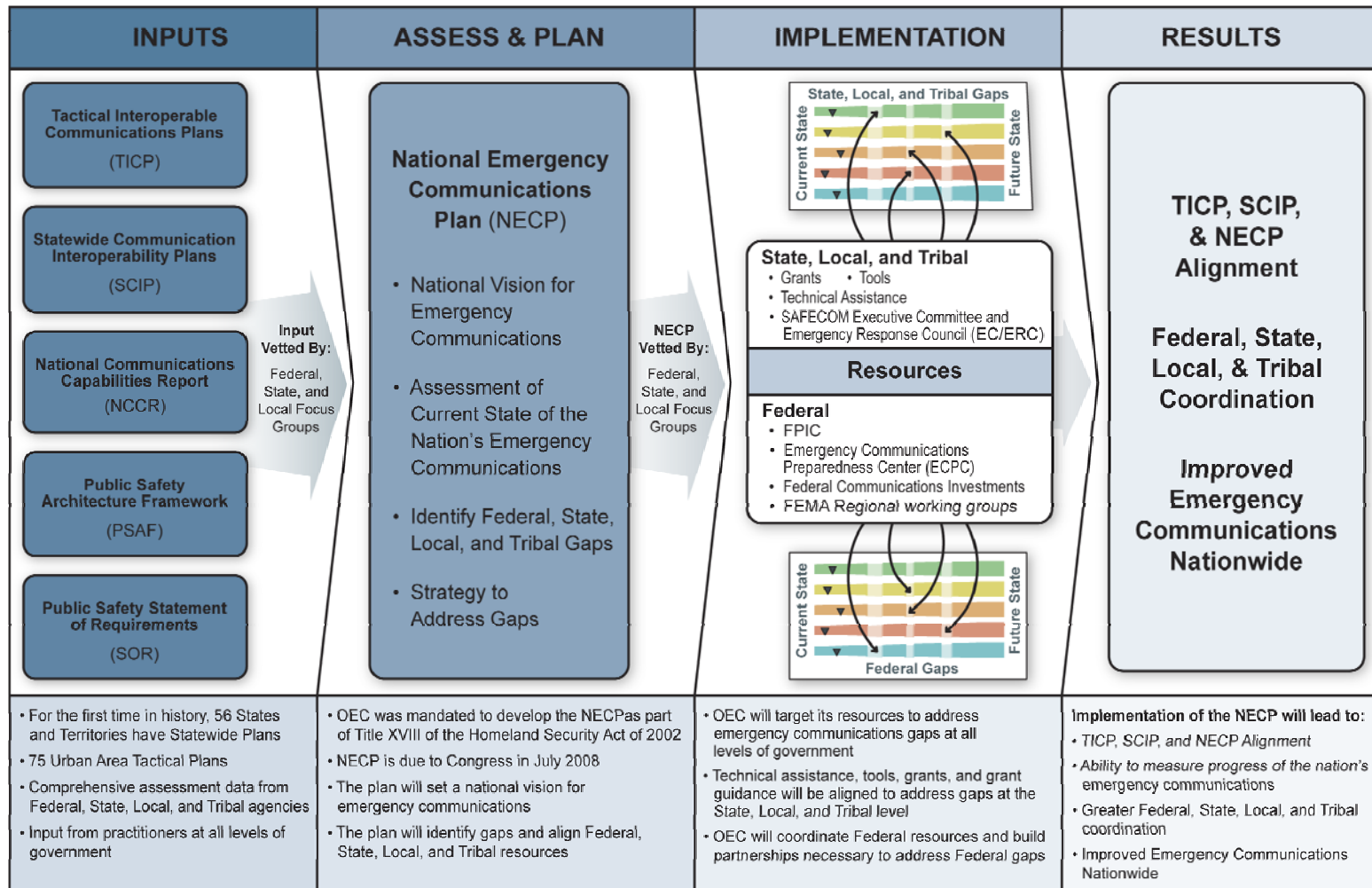
- OEC collaborates with the private sector on emergency communications issues through the National Emergency Communications Cross-sector working group
- Private sector and OEC establish joint industry-government recommendations on emergency communications standards development

SAFECOM Governance



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Moving Emergency Communications Forward





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