

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security

2011 Homeland Security Grant Program State Initiatives

1. WyoLink Interoperability

WyoLink is a statewide Project-25 digital, trunked, VHF Hi-band (136-174 MHz) radio system utilizing 57 sites with four 800 MHz sites providing seamless interoperable communications across multiple frequency bands.

The goal of WyoLink coverage enhancement is to achieve interoperable public safety communications comparable with existing portable radio coverage and in areas of critical concern, identified through testing and cooperative efforts with local public safety providers, determined after statewide deployment in an area. This initiative will facilitate end user purchases of mobile and portable radios and radio frequency equipment.

2. Wyoming Community Preparedness

This initiative is intended to strengthen Wyoming's planning and preparedness capabilities, embracing a Whole Community approach to security and emergency management as well as strengthening prevention and protection capabilities. Three (3) principles represent the foundation for a Whole Community approach:

- Understand and meet the actual needs of the whole community
- Engage and empower all parts of the community
- Strengthen what works well in communities on a daily basis.

These concepts are outlined in FEMA publication FDOC 104-008-1, *A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management: Principles, Themes, and Pathways for Action*.

Additional focus will be on local jurisdictions' ability to protect first responders and citizens until local, state or federal aid arrives, including strengthening medical surge and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

3. Regional Emergency Response Teams

Eight (8) Regional Emergency Response Teams have been created in the state of Wyoming with the purpose of assembling appropriately trained personnel and specialized equipment necessary to respond to an incident or emergency involving hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or other natural or manmade disasters. This initiative will continue to equip and train these specialized teams.

4. Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Detection and Response

Wyoming's seven (7) local bomb squads work in concert with the eight (8) Regional Emergency Response teams to provide comprehensive coverage for the mitigation and prevention of terrorist incidents involving the use of CBRNE weapons of mass destruction. This initiative will continue to train and equip these teams.

5. Critical Infrastructure Protection / Information Sharing / Geospatial Initiative

The goal of this initiative is to facilitate the sharing and distribution of relevant, actionable, timely classified & un-classified information that is updated frequently for the consumers who need it. This includes steps taken to mitigate the overall risk to critical infrastructure assets, systems, networks, functions or their interconnecting links. This initiative will also focus on actions to deter the threat, mitigate vulnerabilities, or minimize consequences associated with a natural or manmade disaster or terrorist attack.