



**Wyoming Interoperability Educational Forum  
WyoLink System Consensus Statement  
November 6, 2003—Cheyenne, Wyoming**

**VISION**

We seek statewide interoperability for the State of Wyoming. We intend for the WyoLink system to provide communications interoperability whenever the need arises with whomever we need to talk, including our home base and other mobile units and dispatches.

**PLAYERS**

We desire that our system include all public safety and first responder agencies wishing to participate including police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) at the local, state, and federal levels. We also recognize the need to prioritize the inclusion of players from other sectors; including transportation, airports, railroads, utilities, and refineries as resources and system capacity permit. We expect that a broadly representative governance body will strive to equitably include all public safety agencies and emergency responders that wish to participate in the WyoLink system.

**COMMITMENT TO WYOLINK**

We would like to create a template for a “Resolution to Participate” to be distributed to all organizations and agencies within the public safety community and returned by December 31, 2003. This template will represent the statewide commitment toward overcoming obstacles to enact interoperability within the state.

**SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**

We would like to create a network that will bridge WyoLink to other systems as seamlessly as possible and allow these out-of-network agencies to be involved with and provide input into the development of WyoLink. We currently have state assets in place that we would like to use in the development of WyoLink, including a statewide digital microwave system and about 550 governmental radio sites.

**FUNDING**

We plan to investigate all sources of funding, including state and federal grant resources.

**POLICY ACTION ITEMS**

Our policy action items from this point forward are to:

- Educate legislators at the state and national level so that they can lobby for our interests
- Seek out grant opportunities
- Ask for congressional appropriations.

## **TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS**

Our technical and operational action items from this point forward are to:

- Examine interoperability requirements at city and county levels to determine the best interoperability solution
- Establish interoperability linkages between existing very high frequency and 800 megahertz systems as part of WyoLink
- Address portable coverage requirements for city and counties
- Address migration issues from analog to digital radios
- Identify radio assets that are Project 25 compliant and can be procured using federal grants
- Address talk group administration
- Address encryption key management issues, including oversight at the state level and administration by the local radio shops

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

We recognize the need for the establishment of a Public Safety Communications Commission for governance purposes and oversight to implement, maintain, and operate WyoLink. This commission should include representation from state, local, and federal interests to coordinate agencies and organizations in the development of WyoLink.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

The aforementioned Public Safety Communications Commission will have subcommittees addressing the following issues: technical needs, WyoLink membership, funding, political outreach, and training. As necessary, subcommittees will be established by the Commission to address additional issues.

## **PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

We intend this document to serve as a “Consensus Statement” of the public safety community of Wyoming created as a result of the Wyoming Interoperability Communications Forum on November 6, 2003. We hope the ideas contained within this document will influence Wyoming policy makers and developers who are involved in the implementation of the WyoLink. We have agreed to these thoughts and ideas.