



# Wyoming Communications Interoperability Educational Forum Agenda

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**Wyoming Public Safety Mobile Communications (PSMC) Project Team  
Wyoming Department of Transportation**

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## Thursday, November 6, 2003

- 7:00 a.m.     **Registration/Informal Networking**
- 8:15 a.m.     **Posting of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance**  
*Wyoming Air National Guard Honor Guard*
- 8:25 a.m.     **Call to Order**  
*Mr. Rick Murphy, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), SAFECOM*
- 8:30 a.m.     **Welcome Letter**  
*The Honorable Craig Thomas, Senator, State of Wyoming*
- 8:45 a.m.     **The PSWN Program's Transition to SAFECOM in the Department of Homeland Security**  
This presentation discusses the PSWN Program's evolution into SAFECOM and how the program will continue working key technology and policy issues with SAFECOM.  
*Mr. Rick Murphy, DHS, SAFECOM*
- 9:00 a.m.     **WyoLink: Public Safety Mobile Communications (PSMC) Plan**  
This presentation provides an overview of WyoLink, the system design alternative for public safety communications in Wyoming. This system is the preferred choice of the PSMC Plan.  
*Mr. Ron Bosco, President, Federal Engineering, Inc.*
- 9:45 a.m.     **Panel Discussion: Moving WyoLink From System Planning to Implementation**  
Moderator: *Mr. Robert Wilson, Project Manager, Wyoming Public Safety Mobile Communications Plan*  
*Mr. Joe Evans, Executive Director, Wyoming County Commissioners' Association*  
*Mr. Kelly Hamilton, Law Enforcement Administrator, Wyoming Livestock Board*  
*Mr. Billy Janes, Chief of Police, Torrington Police Department*  
*Mr. Dave Johnson, Deputy Director, Wyoming Association of Municipalities*  
*Mr. Mark Joiner, Radio Systems Manager, U.S. Department of the Interior, Wyoming Bureau of Land Management*  
*Mr. Robert Wyatt, Member, State Telecommunications Council*
- 10:30 a.m.    Break
- 10:45 a.m.    **Best Practices From South Dakota's Statewide Radio System**  
This presentation addresses best practices and lessons learned in system planning, procurement, and implementation of the State of South Dakota's Radio System, which became operational in October 2002.  
*Mr. Jeff Pierce, Dispatch Group Manager, South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications*

11:30 a.m. **Best Practices From Alaska’s Land Mobile Radio System (ALMRS)**  
This presentation addresses the local, state, and federal coordination and partnerships developed in the State of Alaska, as well as the challenges faced during system planning of the ALMRS.  
*Mr. Jack Phelps*, Program Director, ALMRS

12:15 p.m. Lunch (*on-site buffet available; individual pay*)

1:15 p.m.

**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**TRACK 1—Policy and Funding  
Issues and Challenges**

**TRACK 2—Technical and  
Operational Issues and Challenges**

This working session tackles critical management and policy issues, such as acquiring initial grants and various funding sources, as well as the potential establishment of a Public Safety Communications Commission and subcommittees and their impact on implementing interoperable systems.  
Facilitator:  
*Mr. Steve Proctor*, Executive Director,  
Utah Communications Agency  
Network (UCAN)

This working session discusses topics such as talk groups, encryption keys, mobile data technology, and radio management and keys for successful implementation in interoperable systems.  
Facilitators:  
*Mr. Jake Hunt*, Operations Manager,  
UCAN  
*Mr. Don Pfohl*, Wireless  
Communications Manager,  
Oregon State Police

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. **Governor’s Remarks**  
*Governor David D. Freudenthal of Wyoming*

3:25 p.m. Break

3:35 p.m. **Closing Plenary**  
*Mr. Dan Perko*, Wyoming Chapter President, Association of Public-Safety  
Communications Officials–International (APCO)

4:00 p.m. **Call to Action and Adjourn**  
*Mr. Rick Murphy*, DHS, SAFECOM