Dear Communications Stakeholders:

With the passage of Act 59 in September 2017, the Legislature directed the Department of Military Affairs to submit a report by January 1, 2019 that addressed the following questions:

* + Recommended changes to statutory authority of the Interoperability Council
	+ Progress toward creating a statewide public safety interoperable communication system
	+ Obstacles hindering progress toward interoperability
	+ Recommendations for the legislative/executive action to promote interoperability

In order to provide a comprehensive report to the Legislature, the DMA’s Office of Emergency Communications is seeking your responses to the following questions:

1. What do you believe should be the role of the Interoperability Council?
2. Would you be best served if the Interoperability Council is:
	1. An advisory body (its current status)
	2. An authoritative, rule making body with independent staff and funding
	3. Add Comments/Why?
3. The Interoperability Council is currently made up of the following representatives:
	* Attorney General (or designee)
	* Adjutant General (or designee)
	* Secretary of Natural Resources (or designee)
	* Secretary of Transportation (or designee)
	* A representative from the Department of Administration with knowledge of information technology
	* A Chief of Police
	* A Sheriff
	* A Chief of a Fire Department
	* A Director of Emergency Medical Services
	* A local government elected official
	* A Local Emergency Management Director
	* A representative of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Band in Wisconsin
	* A Hospital representative
	* A local Health Department representative
	* One other person with relevant experience or expertise in interoperable communications

Keeping in mind that the Interoperability Council is meant to represent public safety communications stakeholders, do you feel that the current IC membership structure properly reflects the public safety stakeholder community? If not, what would you change? (E.g. adding or eliminating representatives, changing statutory language to represent an association instead of a discipline, etc.)

1. Yes
2. No
3. Add comments/what would you change?
4. What changes should be implemented to ensure the Interoperability Council is informed of the concerns, needs and priorities that impact the various regions of state as well as those of a statewide perspective?
	1. General email address to submit feedback to the Interoperability Council
	2. Regional outreach/meetings
	3. Website for important notices and submitting feedback
	4. IC members assigned to various regions of state
	5. Other/Add Comments:
5. What actions need to be taken at the regional and statewide levels to remove any obstacles that hinder public safety interoperable communications during a major critical incident?
6. What do you see as the appropriate funding mechanism(s) for statewide public safety communications systems such as 911/NG911 capable public safety answering points (PSAPs), emergency services IP-based network (ESInet) and a statewide public safety interoperable communications system?
7. Do you have any additional comments or recommendations for legislative/executive action to promote public safety interoperability?

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**The survey is also available online at:** [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HDSWFC**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HDSWFC)