

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Establishing the Utah Wireless Interagency Network.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### Establishing the Utah Wireless Interagency Network

Whereas, the public safety of Utah citizens is of the utmost importance; and

Whereas, Utah communities have grown in size, resulting in a demand for more public safety services; and

Whereas, communications is a critical element of public safety service; and

Whereas, the technology of the state's public safety communication systems are over twenty-five years old; current communication systems lack the ability to share voice and data information between jurisdictions, thus limiting the effectiveness of public safety agencies; and

Whereas, the Federal Communication Commission has implemented changes that require all public safety communication systems to conform to new technology standards; and

Whereas, Utah public safety agencies have completed and agreed upon a plan to share and utilize the 800 MHZ channels allocated for public safety and local government use; and

Whereas, a state task force has recommended that the state of Utah should be given the power to continue to participate with local government agencies within the state of Utah in the creation of a shared wireless public safety communication network using the 800 MHZ channels; and

Whereas, the network should be created with voice and data technology capabilities, with costs of the network being shared among all participating agencies, and with all participating agencies sharing in the design, creation, administration and maintenance of the network; and

Whereas, an agency should be established to coordinate the design, creation, and maintenance of the network;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order the executive branch to do the following:

1. Establish the Utah Wireless Interagency Network, a voice and data communications network designed to be shared by state and interested/participating local government agencies and which complies with

established Federal Communication Commission standards.

2. Establish bylaws governing the Utah Wireless Interagency Network to be ratified by participating local government agencies.
3. Cooperate with local governments in the design, creation, and maintenance of the Utah Wireless Interagency Network.
4. Seek statutory authority, during the 1997 General Session of the Utah Legislature which would include approval of the structures, functions, and funding of the network, as well as provide the basis for the joint participation of state agencies and interested local governments.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 6th day of June, 1996.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

Attest:

Olene S. Walker  
Lieutenant Governor

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