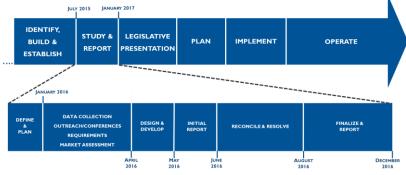


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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY RADIO NETWORK STUDY STATUS

Executive Summary: Funded by the 64th State Legislature, the SIRN 20/20 Study is an initiative to determine the feasibility and desirability of implementing a statewide radio interoperability network to more effectively assist law enforcement and emergency response personnel in better serving the people of North Dakota. The study is being conducted within three major activities: 1) Conduct information collection and outreach with cities, counties, tribes and state agencies; 2) Design and develop options; and 3) Collaborate with communities, resolving differences and views, and finalizing a consensus recommendation



- January-March: Discussed and reviewed operations and community concerns while collecting data on towers, equipment and frequency usage across the state
- March and April: Studying and outlining current systems and public safety radio environment
- April and May: Will assess and build options for local, county, tribal, and state consideration
 - o Address cost, cost sharing, and effective governance
 - Outline technical concepts, requirements, and solutions for implementation
- Recent survey results
 - Public safety community supportive of SIRN 20/20 solution with representative governance
 - o Prime concern is what it would cost to implement
- June-August: Will take recommendations back to communities, the SIEC, and the Governor
- Additional information is available on the SIEC website <u>siec.nd.gov</u>

