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## ITTF POLICY STATEMENT 2010 (10)

TO: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Preparedness Fund  
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FROM: Mike Chamness, Chair   
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SUBJECT: Illinois Terrorism Task Force Policy Statement Regarding Implementation  
of Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Project  
25 Standards

### INTRODUCTION

Governor's Executive Order 2003 (17) created the statewide homeland security advisory committee, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF). The ITTF is responsible for developing and helping to implement the state's homeland security strategy as an advisory body to the Governor and overseeing the management and administration of the Homeland Security Grant Program. The task force continues to build upon a strong foundation of established working partnerships among its more than 60 members, which represent all public safety agencies and associations and every community in Illinois.

### BACKGROUND

Illinois' Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) supports standards-based criteria for digital radio operable and interoperable communications systems. Specifically, the SIEC supports a standard for all frequency bands that provides effective and reliable interagency and intra-agency radio communications consistent with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications Interoperability Continuum. In 2009, the SIEC adopted a resolution to support the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Project 25 standards on digital radio communications for public safety and other affiliated communications users.

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## **GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the ITTF that all radio and infrastructure equipment purchased with federal preparedness funds through grant awards directly administered by the ITTF and where applicable to Land Mobile Radio Systems must be compliant with or upgradeable to the APCO Project 25 suite of standards.

## **EXCEPTION**

All requests for exceptions to this policy will be submitted by the ITTF Communications Committee to the SIEC's Technical Interoperable Working Group for review and comment. The SIEC is recognized as the final authority in any variance from the APCO Project 25 suite of standards for communications equipment procured through federal preparedness grant funding received through the ITTF.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF POLICY**

This policy is effective as of December 8, 2010.