Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (SWIC) Executive Briefing

- SWIC's key roles:
  - Plays a pivotal role in the state's emergency communications interoperability initiatives (e.g. coordinates multiple users, systems, and technologies)
  - Assists with activities related to interoperability
  - Manages and implements the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP) and National Emergency Communication Plan (NECP)
    - The SCIP provides essential governance, goals, and initiatives essential to improving daily operations and disaster response
    - The NECP is the Nation's strategic plan for emergency communications and sets goals for each state and territory
  - Facilitates communications among responders during emergencies and continues to be an important asset when responding to planned and unplanned events (e.g. support Emergency Support Function #2 coordination within the state, as required)
  - Coordinates any and all interoperability activities, with 9-1-1 administrators, operators of statewide radio systems, emergency management coordinators, First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) State Single Points-of-Contact (SPOC), and State Administrative Agencies (SAA)
  - Manages the Communications Unit Program, including the Communications Leader, Communications Technician, auxiliary communications, and other supporting functions
  - Helps the state identify ways to sustain and maintain programs amidst diminishing funding opportunities and may manage and allocate a variety of grant dollars and other funding sources for emergency communications initiatives
    - Participates with the SAA as mandated by the SAFECOM Grant Guidance
  - Serves as the state representative to the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC)
    - NCSWIC develops interoperability best practices and facilitates nationwide partnerships among members of the public safety community from different disciplines and at all levels of government
  - Coordinates closely with the state single officer, government body, and/or state and local implementation grant program staff, on issues related to the implementation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network
- Explain the importance of having a centralized point-of-contact (POC):
  - A single coordinator within the state promotes efficiency and better program management of essential statewide, regional, and local systems
  - A single coordinator within the state serves as POC for coordination with FirstNet to deploy emergency equipment and teams, to better assist in coordination with other public safety agencies; and for national planned events, emergencies, or training, where federal agencies may be dispatched to the state
- The importance of funding a full-time position:
  - The SWIC position is best able to serve the state when there is a stable legislative mandate that provides funding, authority, and governance to the SWIC, to oversee communications interoperability projects and initiatives
- <Individual SWIC's accomplishments go here>