



COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program (ICTP)

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Program History

- Investments made by the COPS Office for discretionary interoperability grants:
 - FY 2003 Program -- \$66.5 million awarded to 14 jurisdictions
 - FY 2004 -- \$82.6 million awarded to 23 jurisdictions

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ICTP Grants – FY '03 & '04



Purpose

- Award technology grants to law enforcement for the purpose of enhancing public safety wireless voice interoperability and data information sharing.

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Program Characteristics

- Regional Projects
- Multi-jurisdictional
- Multidisciplinary
- Strong governance structure and sound project management
- Grant-in-aid
- 25% local cash match
- Federal cap of \$6 million
- Targeted program using Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- Large and smaller population centers



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Federal Partnerships

- **Since 2003, the COPS Office has coordinated closely with the following organizations:**
 - Office of Justice Programs (NIJ and BJA)
 - DOJ High Risk Metropolitan Areas Interoperability Project (25 Cities)
 - SAFECOM, program within DHS
 - NIST
 - Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (formerly ODP)
 - FEMA

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Examples of COPS-funded Projects

Central Maryland Area Regional Communications Project (CMARC)



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CMARC - Background

- The Central Maryland Area Regional Communications Project includes six Maryland counties plus the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis
- \$5.1 million COPS grant awarded in 2003
- Strong governance structure
- Prior incidents motivated pre-planning and regional cooperation
- Executive sponsorship at the elected official level



CMARC - Project Description

- Building on existing infrastructure
- All counties have existing 800 MHz radio systems
- Using national calling and tactical channels
- Unifies the incident command system involving mutual aid responses in day-to-day events plus critical incidents

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Another Example...

Colorado Springs, CO and Pikes Peak
Regional Communications Network



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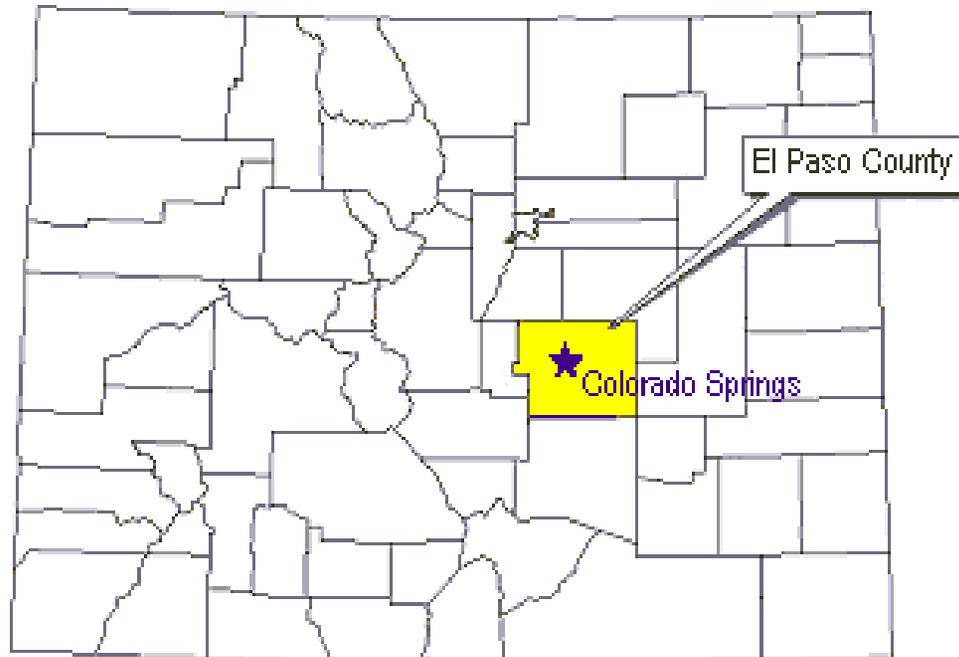


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PPRCN - Geography

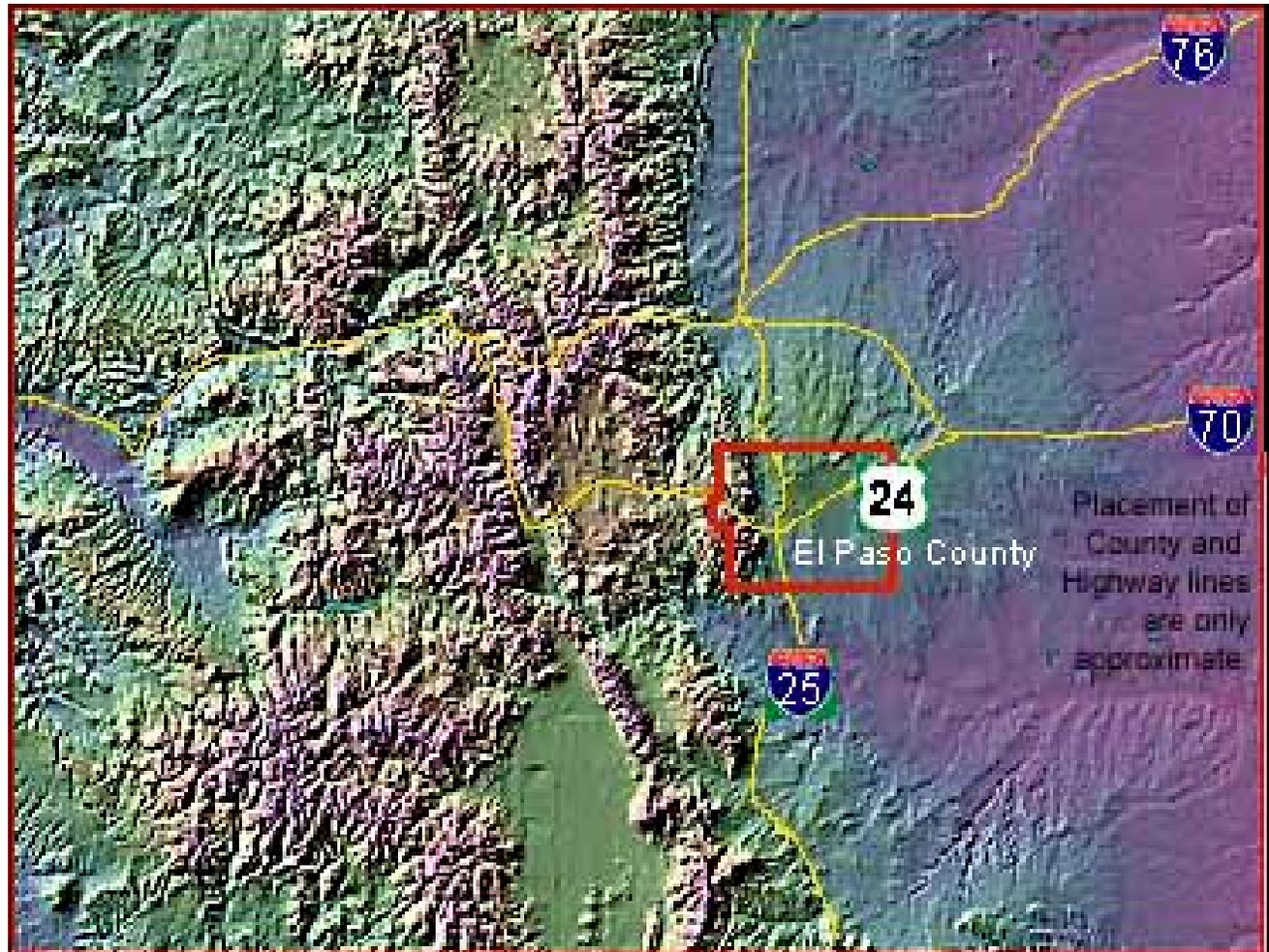
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PPRCN - Topography



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PPRCN - Background

- This project is a partnership of the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, CO and Pikes Peak Regional Communications Network, which already existed as a regional communications system.
- \$4.5 million COPS grant awarded in September 2004
- Large military presence in the area (Fort Carson, NORAD, NorthCom, USAF Academy and two additional airbases)



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PPRCN - Project Description

- The region already operates a 800 MHz trunked system
- The project will upgrade the system to P25 compliance and upgrade portable radios
- The new project will allow interoperability with the local military installations
- The Pikes Peak region will have the capability to integrate into the State's 800 MHz P25 public safety radio system
- It will provide interoperability for first responders to manage mutual aid calls on a day-to-day basis and for critical incidents outside of their communications network

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FY 2005 Funding

- The COPS Office was appropriated over \$90 million in FY 2005 for our Interoperable Communications Program
- In the past 2 weeks, we invited 138 targeted regions using MSAs again to apply for this funding, which is similar to the FY 2004 program
- The deadline for proposals is July 15, 2005
- We expect to fund approximately 25-30 jurisdictions with multi-jurisdictional and multidisciplinary interoperability projects



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