Situational Awareness Collaboration Tool (SCOUT) Update

Formally known as
Next Generation Incident Command System (NICS)

History

- Research and development project at MIT/Lincoln Labs – funded by DHS
- Field tested during incidents and special events in California
- DHS funding of technical support for project scheduled for eventual elimination
- Need for transition from project to program for sustainment

What is SCOUT?

- Information sharing environment to facilitate operational and tactical collaboration among California emergency responders.
- For use by local, tribal, state, federal and non-governmental organizational partners with public safety nexus.
- For small to extreme scale natural disasters, technological hazards or homeland security incidents.

Transition to Program

- CalOES committed to leading deployment of California version of NICS – rebranded to SCOUT.
- Transition Working Group Established.
  - Representation from CalOES, CalFire and Local Government
  - Implementation plan developed
- CalOES procured vendor support for implementation.

Implementation Plan

- Business requirements developed
- Concept of Operations developed
- Agency and User Agreements developed
- User acceptance testing of Version 6
- Data migration to California version
- Transition Plan
  - Phase 1 – Current Users (April 2016)
  - Phase 2 – Controlled release to select agencies (Anticipated Summer 2016)
  - Phase 3 – Open to all eligible agencies (2017)

CalOES Responsibilities

- Coordinate transition plan.
- Fund deployment, managed services and technical support services through year one.
- Analyze year one costs and prepare sustaining funding model for year two and beyond.
- Provide administrator training support services and user training materials.
- Coordinate Transition Workshop.

Agency Responsibilities

- Attend the transition workshop(current users) or new agency orientation.
- Identify an Agency Administrator.
- Complete Agency Participation Agreement.
- Commit agency resources for training of their own personnel.
- Develop agency policy for deployment and use.
- Participation fees after year one.

Phase One Transition Workshop

- Agencies with existing organizational account.
- For staff responsible for administering SCOUT in their agency.
- Attendance is required to participate.
- See attached flyer.

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