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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Situation Awareness & Collaboration Tool

(Formerly known as NICS)

Transition Workshop

for NICS Participating Agencies

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)—through a strategic partnership with the Department of Homeland Security's Science & Technology Directorate (DHS S&T) and in association with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE)—is acquiring the Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS) software for use by California's emergency services community. The new California deployment of the NICS software will be called Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool (SCOUT).

This workshop is solely for **agencies currently participating in NICS** who plan to transition to the new California SCOUT deployment. Participants will be briefed on the transition plan, the SCOUT Concept of Operations, onboarding & registration procedures, and receive SCOUT Agency Administrator Training.

Which agencies are invited to attend?
Agencies with an existing "Org" in the current NICS platform are invited to attend.

How do I know if my agency has an "Org" in NICS?
Visit https://nics.ll.mit.edu/sadisplay/login.seam and select "Register". Select your Org Affiliation and review the "Organization" drop-down menu for your agency listing.

Who from my agency should attend?
Staff who will be responsible for administering SCOUT training and use within your agency should attend a workshop.

Is attending a Transition Workshop required?
Current NICS participating agencies who wish to transition to SCOUT in Phase 1 are required to attend a workshop. Otherwise, agencies will be invited to transition during Phase 2 (2nd half of 2016) or Phase 3 (2017).

How do agencies not currently participating in NICS participate in SCOUT?
As more information on Phase 2 & Phase 3 becomes available, it will be posted at www.caloes.ca.gov/scout and distributed via normal communication channels.

Southern California Workshop
March 7, 2016
9am to 3pm
Ben Clark Training Center
16930 Bundy Ave. Riverside, CA

Northern California Workshop
March 10, 2016
9am to 3pm
Cal OES Headquarters
3650 Schriever Ave. Mather, CA

Register via EventBrite

SoCal Workshop (3/7)
scoutworkshopsocal.eventbrite.com

NorCal Workshop (3/10)
scoutworkshopnorcal.eventbrite.com

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