



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 49

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS  
COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, protecting the safety and security of the citizens of this state is the highest priority of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish this priority the State of Tennessee must maintain the capability to respond expeditiously and effectively to all emergencies affecting public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, within state government, various departments and agencies are responsible for the safety and security of the citizens of Tennessee through such functions as emergency management, law enforcement and the delivery of other essential services; these departments and agencies have a variety of communications systems in place, often with limited coverage of population and geography and with limited ability to communicate seamlessly both within and among departments. Similarly, many local jurisdictions have similar limitations on their abilities to communicate during emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Tennessee would benefit from a statewide wireless interoperable communications system that could be accessed and used at the state and local levels to enable government to respond to any threat to the safety and security of our citizens in a more effective and expeditious manner; and

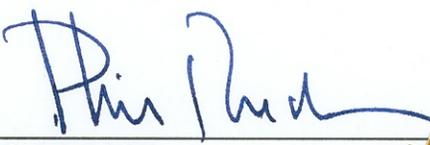
**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has significant technical expertise and experience in coordinating emergency communications, establishing and maintaining mobile and fixed communications equipment and establishing networks of communication with various state and local government agencies.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law do hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Tennessee Public Safety Wireless Communications Advisory Board ("Board") is hereby established. The Board is charged with overseeing the planning, design, development, implementation and maintenance of a statewide wireless interoperable communications system.
2. The Board shall have thirteen (13) members, consisting of the following individuals:
  - a. The Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency ("TEMA");
  - b. The Adjutant General of the Military Department;
  - c. The Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;
  - d. The Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency;

- e. The Commissioner of Agriculture;
  - f. The Commissioner of Correction;
  - g. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation;
  - h. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration;
  - i. The Commissioner of Health;
  - j. The Commissioner of Safety;
  - k. The Commissioner of Transportation; and
  - l. Two representatives of local governments to be selected by the Governor.
3. The Director of TEMA shall serve as chairperson of the Board.
  4. The Board shall meet at such times and places as determined by its chairperson.
  5. The Military Department, acting through TEMA, and pursuant to all applicable state laws, shall be authorized to hire or contract with consultants, vendors and employees as needed to serve as advisors and assistants to the Board in the planning, design, development, implementation and maintenance of the statewide communications system.
  6. The Military Department, acting through TEMA, shall have the authority to plan, project and expend funds from an account established by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration within the Military Department to plan, design, develop, implement and maintain the statewide public safety wireless communications system.
  7. The Board shall be attached to TEMA for administrative purposes.
  8. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their service on the Board but may be reimbursed for those expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter.
  9. All Executive branch departments, agencies, boards and commissions and any other divisions of the Executive branch of state government shall fully cooperate with the Board and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as requested. This assistance shall include but not be limited to coordination of emergency communications budgets, acquisition of communications equipment and systems and the execution of implementation schedules.
  10. This order shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor or until terminated by the operation of law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

