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## **RCC Consultants and CalSIEC Central Planning Area Conduct Three-Day Interoperable Communications Exercise**

Woodbridge, NJ (November 11, 2011) – RCC Consultants, Inc. and the CalSIEC Central Planning Area (CPA) conducted a three-day exercise series November 8-10 across the Central Valley region of California to further advance their collaboration on interoperable communications and incident management.

The exercise helped validate emergency response plans and protocols for a simulated disaster by continuing to advance the level of proficiency and expediency in establishing command, control and communications for multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary incidents. More than 100 people from Law, Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, Education and Healthcare participated.

Using Department of Homeland Security grant funding from the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program and the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program, the CPA and RCC have committed to a multi-year effort to integrate interoperability with incident management. The exercise represents another significant milestone and accomplishment of the three-year program to advance the governance, operational competency and technology capabilities in the region.

In October, the seven-county CPA region, composed of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced and Tulare counties, [conducted a tabletop exercise](#). The interoperability exercise conducted this month provided additional opportunities to practice the target capabilities of Interoperability and Onsite Incident Management in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) building-block approach.

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On the operational side, we have created hundreds of interoperable communications plans, governance plans and Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) for cities, counties, regions and states. On the technical side, we have managed more than 4,000 communications and information systems projects, ranging from reconnecting subway communications at the World Trade Center to designing the requirements for some of the country's largest interoperable radio systems, including Philadelphia and Houston. Visit RCC on the Web at [www.rcc.com](http://www.rcc.com).