Effective governance is a critical component of successful emergency communications. It relies on the cooperation of jurisdictions, agencies, and organizations across the Emergency Communications Ecosystem. However, establishing and maintaining inclusive governance entities is a complex process, especially in the constantly evolving communications landscape.

While emergency communications governance bodies typically include traditional disciplines or sectors, contributions from additional functions (e.g., transportation, public works, public health, utilities, natural resources or parks and recreation, building inspectors), support systems (e.g., information management, network infrastructure, cybersecurity), neighboring jurisdictions, and elected officials may be beneficial. The SAFECOM Nationwide Survey found that only 4 percent or fewer of emergency communications decision-making groups are proactively seeking new participants beyond first responders. Involving a wider variety of organizations when developing strategic, operational, and contingency plans results in reciprocal benefits for all. In this webinar, you will hear about how the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) advocates for inclusive governance bodies. In addition, representatives from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Minnesota Department of Public Safety will present a use case on the incorporation of tribes into emergency communications decision-making groups. The Mid-America Regional Council will also share best practices and lessons learned from involving cyber equities into its strategic planning. During the webinar, participants can expect to learn about:

- The benefits of more inclusive emergency communications governance bodies
- Leveraging the NECP to enhance governance processes
- Resources such as the Emergency Communications Governance Guide that can assist public safety organizations with expanding their membership

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