Welcome to the Public Safety Survey on Communication Technology

Help us get requirements for public safety technology right! This is your chance to tell us what works, what doesn't, and what technology you think would be useful for incident response communications.

NIST, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, is conducting this survey. Our goals are to identify:

- 1. technology currently used for communication;
- 2. problems experienced with this technology;
- 3. other kinds of technology that may be helpful for communication in public safety in the future.

The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.

Please share the survey link with others you know in public safety, the more folks we hear from the better. www.XXXX.nist.gov

We appreciate your time and input!

Your Participation is Confidential and Voluntary

All data are de-identified. No personally identifiable information (PII) is collected or associated in any way with your survey responses. Your participation is voluntary and you may choose to quit the survey at any time.

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I. How many years have you been working in public safety? (To	otal years of service,
2. Do you consider the area you currently work in as MAINLY :	
Rural	
Suburban	
Tribal	
Urban	
actually located.)	
4. State where you currently work	
5. Sex	
Male Male	
Female	
6. Age	

7.	Do you MAINLY work in:
	911/Dispatch
	EMS
	Fire Fighting
	Law Enforcement
8.	What is your title?
9.	What is your jurisdictional level?
	Local
	County
	State
\bigcirc	Federal
	Tribal

Use of technology in your DAY-TO-DAY work	
We know there is no such thing as a "typical" day in public safety. However, for this set of questions, focus on the kinds of things you use in your day-to-day work.	

10. Think about your **DAY-TO-DAY** work and your use of the following **devices**. Use a lot Use occasionally Have but do not use Do not have **Body camera** Computer: desktop Computer: laptop Dash camera Earpiece: wireless (self purchased) Earpiece: wireless (work issued) Earpiece: with cord Fingerprint scanner Flip phone: work issued License plate reader MDT/MDC (mobile data terminal/computer) Mic: wireless Mic: with cord Radio: in-car Radio: portable Smartphone: personal Smartphone: work issued Tablet Other (please specify)

11.	Of the following devices, RANK the 5 that are most useful in your DAY-TO	-
DA	work, with 1 being the most useful.	

0 0 0 0 0 0	♦ Body camera
* * * * * * *	♦ Computer: desktop
0 0 0 0 0 0	♦ Computer: laptop
0 0 0 0 0 0	♦ Dash camera
* * * * * * *	♦ Fingerprint scanner
* * * * * * *	♦ License plate reader
0 0 0 0 0 0	DAT/MDC (mobile data terminal/computer)
0 0 0 0 0 0	Radio (with or without mic and earpiece)
* * * * * * *	♦ Smartphone
**	♦ Tablet

12. Think about your **DAY-TO-DAY** work and your use of the following **applications/software**.

	Use a lot	Use occasionally	Have but do not use	Do not have
CAD (computer- aided dispatch)			0	
Criminal databases				
Electronic policies/laws	0	0	0	
Email				
First responder vehicle tracking		0	0	0
Language translation		\bigcirc		
Mapping/driving directions		0	0	
RMS (records management system)				
Report writing software	0	0	0	0
Traffic				
Weather	0			0
Other (please specify)				

13. Of the following applications/software, rank the 5 that are most useful	in
your DAY-TO-DAY work, with 1 being the most useful.	

***	CAD (Computer-aided dispatch)
**	Criminal databases
**	Electronic policies/laws
**	Email
**	First responder vehicle tracking
**	Language translation
** **	Mapping/driving directions
**	Records management system
**	Report writing software
**	Traffic
0-0 0-0 0-0	Weather

	eck all that apply
	AR (augmented reality)
	Drones
	Facial recognition software
	First responder tracking
	Health/vitals monitoring of first responders
	HUDs (heads-up displays)
	Indoor mapping
	One login (instead of many different usernames and passwords)
	Real-time on-scene video
	Robots
	Self driving cars
	Smart buildings
	Smart glasses
	Smart watch
	Thermal imaging
	Vehicle tracking
	Voice controls for hands-free input
	Voice recognition for identification
	VR (virtual reality)
	None of the above
)th	ner (please specify)

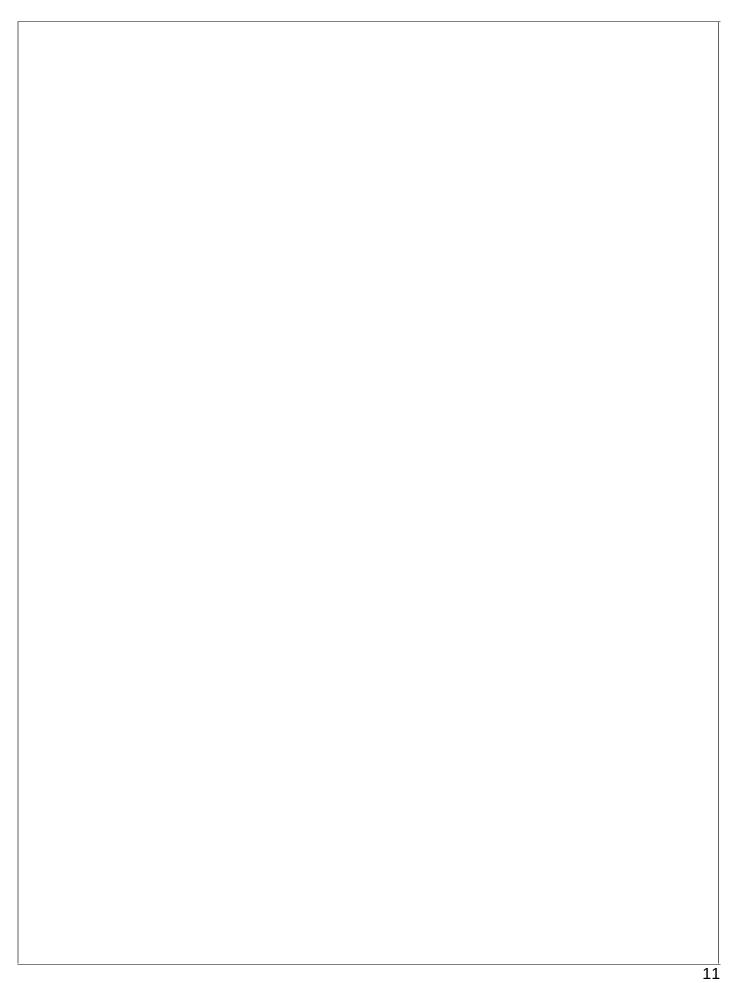
Problems with your Day-TO-DAY devices

For the next set of questions, think about problems you have experienced with 3 of the devices you previously selected.

15. With your RADIO, have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Audio quality						
Battery life						
Channel switching						
Cord						
Coverage/dead zones						
Durability						
Interoperability						
Outdated/old						
Price: too expensive						
Radio discipline/etiquette						
Size/bulkiness			0			

16	. Have you experienced other problems with your RADIO?
	No
	Yes
17.	Please list.



18. With your MIC, have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Audio quality						
Cord						
Durability						
Falling off						
Outdated/old						
Placement on body						
Price: too expensive						
Talk button location						
Talk button size						

19.	Have y	you	experi	ienced	other	prob	lems	with	your	MIC?
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	No			
	Yes			
20	. Please list.			

21. With your **EARPIECE**, have you experienced problems with:

		Most of the				Does not
	Always	time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	apply
Audio quality						
Battery life						
Durability						
Fit/falling out						
Outdated/old			0			
Price: too expensive						
Volume						
Wireless (bluetooth pairing, etc.)				\bigcirc		
22. Have you expe	rienced o	ther probl	ems with you	ur EARPIE	CE?	
No						
Yes						
23. Please list.						

24. With your MDT/MDC (mobile data terminal/computer), have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
CAD (computer- aided dispatch)						
Durability						
Glare						
Interoperability						
Lack of portability						
Mapping/navigation						
Logins/passwords						
Outdated/old						
Price: too expensive						
Size/bulkiness						
Using while driving						

25	. Have you experienced other problems with your MDT/MDC?
	No
	Yes
26	. Please list.

27. With your BODY CAMERA, have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Battery life						
Durability						
Falls off easily						
Interoperability						
Placement/location on body						
Outdated/old						
Price: too expensive						
Size/bulkiness						
Turning on/off						
Using/tagging recorded video data						
Video quality						
Video transfer/storage						
28. Have you expe	rienced ot	her probl	ems with you	ır <mark>BODY C</mark>	AMERA?	
No						
Yes						
29. Please list.						

30. With your **SMARTPHONE** (work-issued or personal), have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Battery life						
Coverage/dead zones			\bigcirc			
Data plans/data limits						
Dropped calls						
Durability						
Glare						
Logging in (PINS, passwords, usernames, etc.)						
Outdated/old						
Permission/access to apps			0			
Policies about usage						
Price: too expensive			0			
Subpoena possibility for personal smartphone	\bigcirc				\bigcirc	
Subsidy for personal smartphone (insufficient or no subsidy)						

31. Have you exp	erienced othe	r problems v	with your SN	IARTPHO	NE (work-is	ssued
or personal)?						
○ No						
Yes						
32. Please list.						

33. With your **FINGERPRINT SCANNER**, have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Battery life						
Capture of fingerprints						
Glare						
Interoperability						
Logging in (PINS, passwords, usernames, etc.)						
Outdated/old						
Price: too expensive						
Quality of fingerprints						
Receiving fingerprint results quickly			0			0
Sending fingerprints	\bigcirc	\bigcirc				
Size/bulkiness			0			

34. Have you experienced o	other problems with your	r FINGERPRINT SCANNER?
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\bigcirc	No
	Yes

36. With your **LAPTOP**, have you ever experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Battery life						
Durability						
Glare						
Internet connection	\bigcirc					
Interoperability						
Logins/passwords						
Outdated/old						
Power source/recharging issues						
Price: too expensive						
Size/bulkiness						
Software crashes						
Software updates/upgrades						
Weight					0	

37. Have you experienced other problems with your **LAPTOP?**

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	Yes

39. With your LICENSE PLATE READER, have you experienced problems with:

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	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Ability to accurately read plates			0			
Interoperability						
Outdated/old						
Power source						
Price: too expensive		0	0	0		
Range						
Receiving results quickly		0		0		

40. Have	e you experier	iced other prob	lems with your	LICENSE PLATE	READER?
○ No					

() Yes

41. Please list.

42. With your DESKTOP COMPUTER ,	have you ever experienced	problems with:
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	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Internet connection						
Interoperability						
Logins/passwords						
Outdated/old						
Price: too expensive		0				
Software crashes						
Software updates/upgrades		0				

43. Have you experienced	other problems	with your DE S	SKTOP COMPUTER?

\bigcirc	No
	′es
44	Please list.

45. With your TABLET, have you experienced problems with:

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Does not apply
Battery life						
Durability						
Glare						
Internet connection			\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Interoperability						
Logins/passwords						
Outdated/old						
Price: too expensive		\bigcirc		\bigcirc		
Report writing						
Size/bulkiness						
Touchscreen						
Weight						

46. Have you experienced other problems with your TABLET?
○ No
Yes
47. Please list.

Use of technology in a MAJOR DISASTER	Use	of	techno	logy	in	a	MA	JOR	DISA	ST	ER
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Jse of technology in a MAJOR DISASTER.
The next set of questions focus on your use of technology during major disasters, natural or man-made.
48. Have you ever worked in public safety during a MAJOR DISASTER, something that disrupts your day-to-day operations? For example, an earthquake, hurricane, active shooter situation, or riot. No Yes
 49. Have you ever worked in public safety during a LARGE, PLANNED EVENT? For example, a concert, football game, or parade. No Yes

Public Safety Survey on Communication Technology: LE 50. Think about the technology you use during a MAJOR DISASTER. How similar or different is it than the technology you use during your day-to-day work? I use mostly the same technology. I use some of the same technology, with some specialized technology. I use very different technology. 51. Please list the **specialized** technology you use during a **MAJOR DISASTER**. 52. Please list the most important technology you use during a MAJOR DISASTER. 53. In addition to the technology you use day-to-day, which of the following do you think would be helpful during a MAJOR DISASTER? Check all that apply. Deployable communication technology (such as cell towers on wheels) **Drones** Helicopters Mobile command centers Remote sensing (by aircraft or satellite) **Robots** Other (please specify)

Use of technology in a LARGE, PLANNED EVENT.

The next set of questions focus on your use of technology during a LARGE, PLANNED EVENT.

54. Think about the technology you use during a LARGE, PLANNED EVENT. How					
similar or different is it to the technology you use during your day-to-day work?					
I use mostly the same technology.					
I use some of the same technology, with some specialized technology.					
I use different technology.					
55. Please list the specialized technology you use during a LARGE , PLANNED					
EVENT.					
56. Please list the most important technology you use during a LARGE , PLANNED					
EVENT.					

ļ	57. In addition to the technology you use day-to-day, which of the following do you
1	think would be helpful during a LARGE, PLANNED EVENT?
	Deployable communication technology (such as cell towers on wheels)
	Drones
	Helicopters
	Mobile command centers
	Remote sensing (by aircraft or satellite)
	Robots
	Other (please specify)

VR (Virtual Reality)
These questions ask you to think about the use of VR (virtual reality) in your work.
58. Do you think VR (virtual reality) would be useful for training in your work?
○ No
Yes
O Not sure
59. Do you see VR as useful in other ways for your work?
○ No
Yes
O Not sure
60. Please explain.

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61 Is there a	nything else you wou	ıld like to tell us a	hout vour experien	ce with		
	n your work?	ita tiko to tott uo u	sout your experien	oo waa		

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