



INTEROPERABILITY STANDARDS

NIST publishes guide for emergency communications testing

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The National Institute of Standards and Technology has [published](#) the 2009 edition of NIST Handbook 153, titled "Laboratory Recognition Process for Project 25 Compliance Assessment."

The guide, published as part of NIST's Project 25 Conformity Assessment Program aimed at ensuring interoperability of communications for first responders and the military, details the procedures agencies and departments can employ to evaluate the ability of independent testing laboratories to determine whether public safety and emergency communications devices meet Project 25 interoperability standards.

The Project 25 suite of interoperability standards is being developed by representatives from local, state and federal public safety associations and agencies.

The handbook can be downloaded [here](#).

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