



Indiana Interoperable Communications Conference
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Keynote Speaker Biographies

Scott Wiggins, Director

Division of Emergency Communication Networks
(ARMER/9-1-1 Programs)

Scott Wiggins started his professional career as a radio announcer in northern Wisconsin. As host of a morning variety show Scott's passion for informing the public about legislative activity landed him a policy making role in the Wisconsin capitol.

Since Scott moved back to Minnesota in 1999, he has worked for the Minnesota House of Representatives, as Director of Government Relations and Strategic Planning for the Department of Public Safety and twice for Governor Pawlenty, most recently in 2007 as his Senior Policy Advisory for public safety, corrections and the judicial system.

In addition to his radio broadcasting degree, in 2005 Scott graduated Summa Cum Laude from the College of Saint Scholastica with a degree in Business Management.

In July of 2007, Scott became the Director of the Division of Emergency Communication Networks at the Department of Public Safety, where he oversees the ARMER, Interoperability and 911 Programs.

Commander Denny Bennett

Commander, Technical Services Division, Glendale Police Department

Commander Bennett began his law enforcement career as a volunteer police explorer and later became a police officer in eastern Iowa. In 1990, Commander Bennett relocated to Arizona where he worked for the Scottsdale Police Department as a police dispatcher. In 1995, Commander Bennett was hired by the Glendale Police Department as a police dispatcher and has served with that agency every since. During the past 14 years, Commander Bennett has served in the capacity of communications specialist, training coordinator, communications supervisor, communications center manager and currently as commander. In his current position, he provides operational command of the areas of Records, Lobby, Property & Evidence, Detention, Callback, Fleet and Communications.

In 2003, as the Communications Manager, Commander Bennett became focused on interoperability and has remained very involved in that arena every since. After the announcement of the Arizona Cardinals move to Glendale in 2005, his focus on interoperability within the city and west valley became very pointed. In 2008, Commander Bennett served as one of the two co-chairs of the Super Bowl 43 Interoperability Workgroup, a group that contributed immensely to a highly successful public-safety event.