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I know I owe you an answer on this...you have time tomorrow to catch-up on it? Little crazy with Senate floor action today. Thanks.

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From: Earley, Jimmy
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Christian,

Several members of our staff here at DSIT continue to monitor the progress of the national LTE project.

The FIRSTNET Board has not met since November, but is scheduled to meet next week (<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/federal-register-notice/2013/firstnet-federal-register-notice-01252013>). We hope to see some preliminary information on a plan to move forward and some info related to the grants process.

Other states have started to get organized by creating a Board (or some structure) to, among other things, manage the flow of information to and from FIRSTNET and provide reports/updates to state leaders and the first responder community. Attached are several Executive Orders that create these Boards/Commissions. We pulled these from other states to serve as examples of what has been done.

It may be a good idea to ask the Governor to officially task DSIT with the responsibility of serving as the state's Point of Contact. We can work with the already established Homeland Security Council that SLED has pulled together in order to gauge interest in the project and as a conduit to share information. This group is a good cross section of state and local law enforcement and others who serve as first responders.

I don't know if we need to issue an executive order, but we took a shot at drafting one based on the examples we pulled from other states.

I sent a copy to Chief Keel to get his comments as well. I hope to hear back from him within the next few days.

Let me know if you want to get together to discuss this. Thanks for all of your help.

Jimmy