

## REGISTRO DE LOS ACUERDOS INTERINSTITUCIONALES DE LOS GOBIERNOS LOCALES DE MÉXICO

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Nombre del Acuerdo:	Acuerdo del Grupo Técnico de las Comunicaciones Transfronterizas en materia de Seguridad Pública en Comunicaciones del Comité de Comunicaciones de la Comisión Sonora- Arizona.
Áreas de Cooperación:	Salud. Seguridad.
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Lugar donde fue firmado:	Tucson, Arizona, Estados Unidos de América.
Vigencia:	No especificada.



# Plenary Session, Tucson, Arizona, June, 14-15, 2007 Agreement of the Technical Communications Group on Border Telecommunications of the Public Safety Communications Committee of the Sonora-Arizona Commission.

### Background:

- ➤ In July, 2005 an agreement was signed between the Government of the State of Sonora and the Government of the State of Arizona on lending equipment for digital encrypted radio communications to Arizonan civil defense units, relief institutions and police agencies, in order to have at hand a secure and permanent means of communication for exchanging information and working together on special operations along the border.
- Also in July, 2005, a protocol between the Sonoran Department of Communications and Transportation and the United States State Department was signed granting the 380-399.9 Mhz band frequency for stationary and mobile phone services along the Mexican-American border, except for broadcasting services, in accord with the Williamsburg agreement of 1994, executed by the Mexican and American Federal Governments.
- ➤ In July, 2006, the American and Mexican Federal Governments entered into a binational agreement to amend the protocol in reference, making it known that the American Government will grant its permission to operate the radio communications equipment in the United States of America until July 1, 2008.
- ➤ The Governments of the State of Sonora and the State of Arizona approved the Integral Project on Border Telecommunications to implement the radio communications, phone, data, and video services proponed by the Technical Communications Group on Border Telecommunications of the Public Safety Communications Committee of the Sonora-Arizona Commission at the meeting held in Rocky Point, on April, 19, 2007, in accordance with the Sonora Plan (model is attached).
- At present, the parties are working on making the necessary technological adjustments so that equipment for digital encrypted radio communications can be replaced with new and more suitable equipment. The deadline must be extended so the parties can continue to improve the numbers of people detained, stolen vehicles recovered, and civil operations carried out on both sides of the border.

#### Resolutions:

> This agreement is necessary to protect the health and safety of persons in both Sonora and Arizona, including law enforcement and emergency service providers in both states.

- > The Sonora Department of Public Safety and the Arizona Department of Public Safety shall remain in charge of developing the Final Project on Border Telecommunications, which must include all of the before mentioned services.
- > Both State Governments agree to continue to support the Integral Project on Border Telecommunications and to urge their respective Federal Governments to continue to implement this project along the border.
- ➤ Both State Governments agree to request from their Federal Governments an extension on the protocol for two more years, so that (1) the radio communications equipment already in the United States of America may remain there until September 12, 2009; (2) the parties have had enough time to develop, install, and operate a new border telecommunications system; and (3) necessary changes can be made in the laws of both Nations to enable such service to expand to the entire border area.

This agreement is executed in Tucson, Arizona, on June, 15, 2007

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**Integral Project of Border Telecommunications** 

Phase I: Radio communications Interoperability

Phase II: Phone, Data, and Video