

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 936  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 936 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the appointment of a communications coordination group.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is  
1-13 amended by adding Section 418.051 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 418.051. COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATION GROUP. (a) The  
1-15 communications coordination group shall facilitate interagency  
1-16 coordination and collaboration to provide efficient and effective  
1-17 planning and execution of communications support to joint,  
1-18 interagency, and intergovernmental task forces.

1-19 (b) At the direction of the division, the communications  
1-20 coordination group shall assist with coordination and  
1-21 collaboration during an emergency.

1-22 (c) The communications coordination group consists of  
1-23 members selected by the division, including representatives of:

1-24 (1) the Texas military forces;

1-25 (2) the Department of Public Safety of the State of  
1-26 Texas;

1-27 (3) the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

1-28 (4) federal agencies that comprise Emergency Support  
1-29 Function No. 2;

1-30 (5) the telecommunications industry, including cable  
1-31 service providers, as defined by Section 66.002, Utilities Code;

1-32 (6) the National Guard's Joint Continental United  
1-33 States Communications Support Environment;

1-34 (7) the National Guard Bureau;

1-35 (8) amateur radio operator groups;

1-36 (9) the Texas Forest Service;

1-37 (10) the Texas Department of Transportation;

1-38 (11) the General Land Office;

1-39 (12) the Texas Engineering Extension Service of The  
1-40 Texas A&M University System;

1-41 (13) the Railroad Commission of Texas;

1-42 (14) the Department of State Health Services;

1-43 (15) the judicial branch of state government;

1-44 (16) the Texas Association of Regional Councils;

1-45 (17) the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air  
1-46 Patrol, Texas Wing;

1-47 (18) state agencies, counties, and municipalities  
1-48 affected by the emergency; and

1-49 (19) other agencies as determined by the division.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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