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The Utah Communications Authority (UCA), in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T), is conducting a statewide Information Sharing Assessment.

Over the past two months, UCA has worked closely with DHS S&T to develop an Information Sharing Assessment Tool (ISAT) specifically for Utah public safety. The Utah ISAT is an online survey that can be taken quickly and covers the full SAFECOM Interoperability Continuum, providing agencies immediate feedback regarding their information sharing readiness.

By taking the ISAT, agency leaders will understand their current information sharing capabilities and gaps across each lane of the Continuum: Governance, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Technology, Training and exercises, and Usage. In a quick, easy session the ISAT provides agencies a personalized answer to the question, "What can I do to improve my agency's operational information sharing?"

Public safety leaders should assign a qualified representative to complete the survey for their agency.

The Utah ISAT can be completed in as little as 15-20 minutes and requires no preparation, just personal knowledge of your agency.

To help you in completing the survey, a webinar will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at 1:00PM. During the webinar DHS S&T representatives will explain how to take the ISAT and answer any questions you may have.

*Agency ISAT survey responses are due **February 21**.*

Statewide survey results will be presented at the Utah Data Sharing Workshop on March 12 at the Utah State Library in Salt Lake City. The workshop includes a panel discussion by local public safety sharing both the challenges and benefits of data sharing as well as proven best practices.

Go to www.firstnetinutah.org for more information and to take the ISAT. Thank you for your participation and support of this important local and statewide initiative.

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