

Voter-approved public safety bond funds pay off
Putting Pima County in a Better State of Communications

The new, countywide first responder communications system includes \$105 million in new digital radio equipment, radio towers and a multiuse dispatch and emergency operations facility in midtown Tucson.

The new digital radio communications system and new facilities in midtown Tucson are designed to support Pima County's emergency communications needs for the next 20 years.

More than 7,000 new hand-held radios will go to law enforcement and fire agency first responders.

Installation of redundant network communication paths will eliminate existing "single points of failure" throughout the county.

The new microwave and fiber optic communications system will link 30 public safety agencies throughout the county

Remote "repeater" sites will ensure widespread rural and urban radio communications, sharing a single frequency.

Archeological monitoring and security will be provided during environmentally sensitive radio tower construction on culturally significant Tumamoc Hill in Tucson.

The new facilities at 3434 E. 22nd Street site, west of Alvernon Way, in midtown Tucson, will include:

- Dispatch operations of the Pima County Sheriff's Department Communications Section.
- A consortium of fire districts in Pima County.
- Headquarters for Pima County's Emergency Operations Center and its Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.