



Establishment of Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

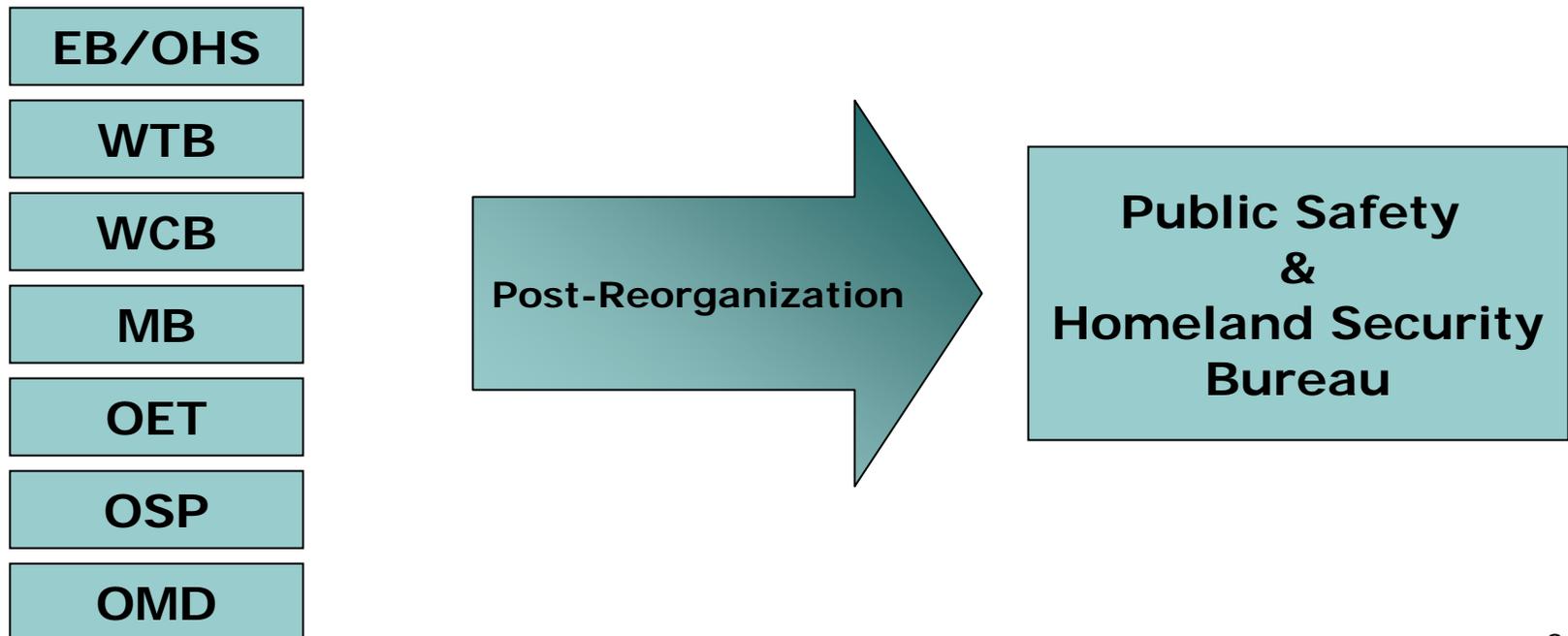
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Background

- Statutory mandate
 - “. . . for the purpose of the national defense, for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communication”
- Commission role in supporting response activities
- Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and other disasters
- Prior efforts and reorganizations

Proposed Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

- To address public safety/homeland security issues more effectively and efficiently, consolidate existing functions and issues currently spread throughout seven different Bureaus and Offices into a single organization with a unified management structure.

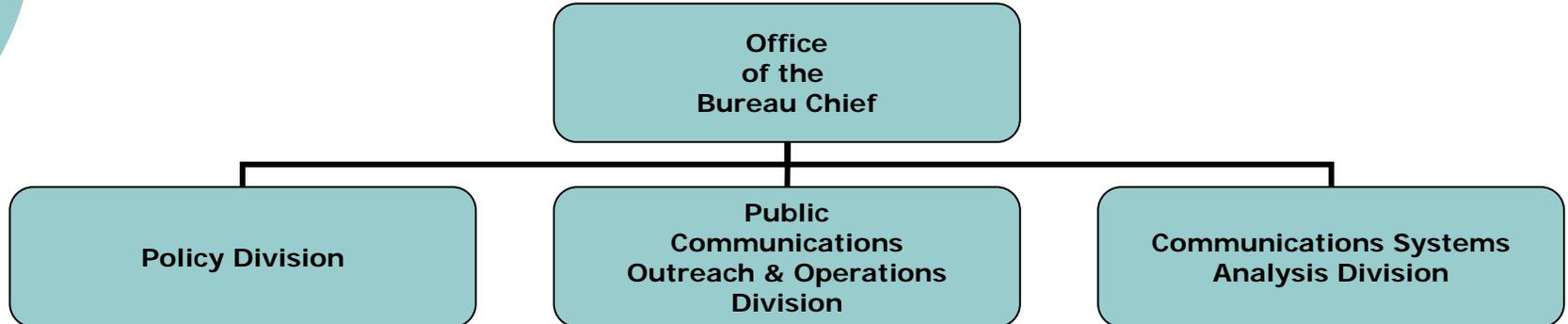




Benefits of Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

- Focuses attention on public safety, homeland security, and disaster management issues
- Improves ability to address policy issues
- Strengthens response capabilities during incidents
- Enhances internal and external coordination
- Leverages abilities and resources

Proposed Bureau Organization



Functions & Issues of PS/HS Bureau

- Public safety communications
 - 911/Enhanced 911 (E911) requirements
 - Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)
 - Interoperability and operability of public safety communications
 - Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA)
- Priority emergency communications (TSP/WSP programs)
- Alert and warning of U.S. citizens (EAS, etc)
- Continuity of government operations (COG) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) planning
- Public safety outreach (*e.g.*, PSAPs, first responder organizations, hospitals)

Functions & Issues of PS/HS Bureau,

continued

- Disaster management coordination
 - Infrastructure reporting and analysis in times of disaster
 - Identification and resolution of communications industry needs in times of disaster
- Disaster management outreach
- 24/7 Communications Center
- Communications infrastructure protection
- Network reliability and resiliency
- Network security
- Advisory Committees and panels (NRIC, MSRIC, Katrina, etc)
- Studies and reports of public safety, homeland security, and disaster management issues



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