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## 1. Executive Overview

This document is provided as a template for the construction and publication of Operational Information Documents by the various Operations Committees of the National Emergency Number Association.

To standardize our documents, as recommended in NENA publication 51-001, Operations Committee Organization and Standards and Model Recommendations Process, this template provides appropriate “boilerplate” language to be included in the introductory section. This section includes the following topics:

- Purpose and Scope of Document
- Reason to Implement
- Reason for Re-issue
- Recommendations for Standards Development Work
- Cost Factors
- Acronyms/Abbreviations

In addition, this document provides the framework and outline format for all documents proposed by the Operations Committees.

As illustrated by this example, this section should contain a one-page summary of the entire document. Its purpose is to provide a synopsis of the document for the reviewing executive. **This explanatory text IS TO BE REMOVED prior to submitting the document for approval.**

## 2. Introduction

### 2.1 Purpose and Scope of Document

This “NENA Template for Creating Or Updating E9-1-1 Operational Information Documents” is a tool for NENA operations committees to use in the development of OID’s for general publication. It defines the required elements to be contained within each OID, as well as the overall style of OIDs.

**Replace the “Purpose and Scope of Document” section’s wording with wording appropriate to your particular document’s content. The verbiage should concisely describe the Purpose and Scope. This section is intended to serve in lieu of a “General” section.**

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### 2.2 Reason to Implement

This document is issued to serve as a document model for all future NENA OID’s developed or modified. The purpose of this “NENA Template for Creating Or Updating E9-1-1 Operational Information Documents” is to identify the minimum requirements as well as desirable elements for future published documents.

**Replace the “Reason to Implement” section’s wording with wording appropriate to your particular document’s content. This verbiage will sometimes seem duplicative of the Purpose listed in the above section, but should be more precise in explaining why the OID recommendations should be implemented. This explanatory text IS TO BE REMOVED prior to submitting the document for approval.**

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**Issue 1.3 changed section 2 to address new ways to . . . (yada, yada, yada). (like that!)**

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### 2.4 Recommendation for Standards Development Work

The “Recommendation for Standards Development Work” section is to contain yes or no answers to the questions “is technical standards development work needed for this topic and/or is operational standards development work needed for this topic?” The section MUST also contain supporting reasons for the yes or no answers.

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## 2.6 Acronyms/Abbreviations

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Example:

<b>The following Acronyms are used in this document:</b>	
ALI	Automatic Location Identification
ANI	Automatic Number Identification
ATIS	Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions

**Temporarily** list any “document specific” new terms here. These would be any new terms or definitions that are introduced as a result of the new or revised document, that do not already exist in the NENA Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology. These new terms & definitions will remain in this section as long as the document is in a “**DRAFT**” state. Once approved, the terms & definitions will be transferred to the NENA Master Glossary of 9-1-1 Terminology. **Replace this paragraph’s wording with wording appropriate to your particular document’s terms & definitions.**

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## 4 References

Generally, the reference section of a document will be located at or near the end of the document, and will probably not be section 3 as it is in this Template. It will list all documents or other media used in development of this NENA OID. Some NENA OID's will also include an Exhibits Section, which will come after the References Section if applicable. And some NENA Operational Information Documents will contain an Appendix Section, which would come last if applicable.

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