

METROPOLITAN AREA REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

No.	M 12-04	Recording and Release of Audio Records		
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Recording

All regional talk groups will be recorded on the Kansas City and the Johnson County radio systems, and will be accessible via both systems. All MARRS member agencies have authority to access recordings involving members of their agency.

Release of Audio Recordings

Each agency having access to recordings of the regional shared talk groups on the MARRS system shall follow their agency policy and their respective state statutes regarding release of those recordings. In order to insure the integrity of any ongoing investigation that may be taking place, any agency receiving a request to release audio recordings that involve other MARRS agencies shall contact those agencies to advise them of the request. This will give the involved agencies the opportunity to take necessary legal action before the release of any recordings that may jeopardize any ongoing investigation, if appropriate.

Any agency receiving a request to release audio recordings of an incident or activity in which their agency was not involved shall refer the requestor to the agency who initiated the activity involved in the recording. If the requesting party chooses not to contact the involved agencies and makes a formal request of the uninvolved agency to release information, the matter should be referred to the legal counsel of the uninvolved agency.