

METROPOLITAN AREA REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Police:

A regional emergency response talk group will be designated for use when assistance is needed in rapidly developing and cross-jurisdictional law enforcement situations including pursuits and officers needing assistance. When a pursuit occurs, the pursuing agency will announce the pursuit and patch the affected talk group with REGCMN 28, the encrypted law enforcement emergency response talk group. If REGCMN 28 is actively in use, REGCMN 27 serves as the secondary LE Emergency Response talk group.

Due to physical limitations of the Motorola radio infrastructure, only one dispatch console may patch talk groups together. Once that patch is in place, no changes to the patch are possible except by the originating agency. Any changes to the patch must be made by the dispatch console where the patch was initiated. All other agencies participating in the pursuit shall move to the regional talk group being used for the pursuit.

The originating agency will manage communications for all units involved in the active pursuit. If the originating agency chooses to relinquish the pursuit to another agency for operational reasons, the agency taking control of the pursuit will be primary both in the field and communications.

The originating agency shall contact the agency that will be assuming communications for the pursuit. Once communications have been handed off to the agency-assuming communications, the originating agency *may* drop the patch. The pursuit will continue on the regional emergency response talk group. In general, dispatch centers should not activate audible tones on the regional emergency response talk group. Audible tones may be necessary if field units are not hearing critical information such as a change in strategy or a necessary move to a different talk group. When it is needed, dispatch centers should activate a single audible tone.

Agencies may utilize the channel markers (Hold the Air Beeps) feature internally but must disable the channel marker when patching it to regional or interop channels to avoid affecting other agencies.

For ease in training and locating during an escalating event, it is suggested that the primary regional emergency response talk group be in the primary dispatch zone and easily accessible in all law enforcement radios.

Fire:

REGCMN 7 is the unencrypted talk group designated as the FD/EMS emergency response talk group. If REGCMN 7 is in use when a FD or EMS agency needs an emergency response talk group, REGCMN 8 is designated as the secondary FD/EMS emergency talk group.

It shall be the responsibility of the originating agency to patch with the appropriate FD/EMS emergency talk group. They shall retain control of the air unless another agency is designated to become the lead agency handling the incident. Communications personnel shall use the PS_DISP talk group to coordinate communications with responding agencies. As the requesting communications center, it will be necessary to establish communications between incoming mutual/automatic aid companies and companies already

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on the scene working the incident with their normal operating talk group and/or on their way to the scene.

Encryption

REGCALL through REGCMN 14 are unencrypted talk groups. No agency shall activate encryption on these talk groups.

REGCMN 15 through REGCMN 28 are encrypted talk groups. No agency shall conduct unencrypted activity on these talk groups.

Assignment of regional talk groups other than the emergency response and EOC talk groups shall be made by MARC Regional Communications Coordinators. Agencies requesting assignment of a regional talk group shall contact the COMCs to make that request. The talk group assignments process can be found in **MARRS Appendix A – Radio System Talk Group Assignments**.