

Standard Operating Procedure

Title / Subject

Talkgroup Activation

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1. Introduction/Purpose

This policy relates to the addition of LMR talkgroups for participating agencies.

2. Definitions

All definitions are located in the "Definitions" document located on the SIRN Website at www.sirn.wv.gov.

3. Talkgroup Activation

- **a.** Each West Virginia County accepted as a participating entity will have the following talkgroups available on the system; known as a county "Standard Talkgroups", see Appendix A for a quick reference spreadsheet:
 - i. Dispatch Talkgroups Law (Police), Fire, EMS
 - ii. Event Talkgroups Event (1-4), Talk (1-2), Hail
 - iii. Local Government Talkgroups EMA, Board of Education (1-4), Local Government, County Government and Health Department (1-2)
 - iv. Private Talkgroups Law (Police), Fire, EMS, EMA, Task Force
 - v. Secure Tactical Talkgroups Secure Tac (1-2)
 - vi. Tactical Talkgroups Police Tac (1-2), Tac (1-4), Task Force and Regroup (1-2)

- **b.** State, Federal or non-typical agencies will have standard talkgroups assigned based on their needs and as approved by the SIEC when making application.
- **c.** Each participating agency will have a basic site profile where their Standard Additional Talkgroups are valid based on their needs.
 - i. County talkgroups will normally be active on all sites within the county and one site outside the county as resources permit.
 - **ii.** State, Federal or non-typical users will have their area of operation determined by the SIEC when making application.
- **d.** Requests for talkgroups to be active on additional sites or under special circumstances will be reviewed by the SIRN Technical Committee.
- **e.** The jurisdictional POC may submit a request to the SIRN system administrator(s) for one private talkgroup for each participating agency under their jurisdictional umbrella.
- **f.** The jurisdictional POC may submit a request to the SIRN system administrator(s) for:
 - i. Additional talkgroups under their standard site profile that meet departmental or agency operational needs for Dispatch or Tactical Operations.
 - **ii.** The SIRN Technical Committee will review the request for additional talkgroups.
- **g.** No talkgroups will be added to the system for agencies that are not currently listed as participants. The current list of participants can be found on the SIRN website.
- **h.** There will be made available upon request to the SWIC a single talkgroup for use by Manufacturers to use to demonstrate their equipment, provided:
 - i. The Manufacturer must have at least one radio listed on the Approved Equipment List for SIRN
 - **ii.** Any radio that the talkgroup programmed into must be listed on the Approved Equipment List for SIRN
 - **iii.** Use outside of these restrictions may result in the talkgroup being deactivated and not being reactivated.