

	Standard Operating Procedure		
	Title / Subject <u>S.O.S. Assistance Talkgroup</u>	Effective Date 08/13/2013	Revision Date 08/13/2013
	References		

Contents

1. Purpose:.....	1
2. Policy:.....	1

1. Purpose:

The West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) acknowledges the need for emergency responders to have the ability to reach assistance via radio when out of range of their normal day to day local dispatch talkgroups. The WVSIRN also acknowledges that the trunking system can provide end users with monitoring stations strategically placed throughout the three SIRN Zones on a designated state wide talkgroup. This talkgroup is recommended to be programmed into all radios deployed on the WV SIRN.

2. Policy:

2.1 The statewide S.O.S. Assistance talkgroup is recommended to be programmed into all radio's deployed on the WV SIRN.

2.1.1 It is important to make sure that users are aware that the S.O.S. Assistance talkgroup should not be confused with the pressing of the orange man-down assistance button.

2.1.2 This talkgroup shall not be programmed with any type of encryption.

2.2 Monitoring stations are strategically placed through-out the three SIRN zones. These stations monitor the S.O.S. Assistance talkgroup on a 24x7x365 basis. The monitoring stations are Jefferson County 911, Harrison County 911, Ohio County 911, Mon County 911 and the West Virginia State Emergency Operations Center.

2.3 Programming of the S.O.S. Assistance talkgroup should have a consistent screen name also known as an alpha tag. The alpha tag name must take in account the size of the screen and available character totals.

2.3.1 The talkgroup alpha tag should be programmed as "SOS" on all radio's and consoles.

2.3.2 Programming of the S.O.S. Assistance talkgroup is HEX 2328 for all radio's and consoles.