



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MISSOURI INTEROPERABILITY CENTER

Policy Title: Exercise Policy

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Outcome(s):

MOSWIN System Administration supports and encourages interoperability communications training/exercises utilizing MOSWIN Level 1, Region I/O, Discipline and event talkgroup resources to increase system user's proficiency with MOSWIN for day-to-day interoperable communications and to prepare for emergency interoperable communications within the context of Emergency Services Function 2, ESF-2. This policy defines the process and scope for MOSWIN system use for interoperable communications training/exercises.

Background:

MOSWIN began as a multi-phased system that leveraged new and existing resources to create a statewide radio system for Missouri State, Local and Federal agencies. MOSWIN is a multiple site, trunked communication system based on a digital Project 25 Standard VHF, which is the industry standard for public safety.

Standard:

All training/exercises utilizing MOSWIN system resources are subject to review and approval by MOSWIN System Administration. MOSWIN Member Agencies may conduct MOSWIN interoperable communications training/exercises on the following talkgroups:

- Level 1 talkgroup(s)
- MO DPS interoperable talkgroups (I/Os, Fire, Law, EMS, EMD, Event talkgroups)
- Exercises requiring patching of non-MOSWIN resources: temporary talkgroup patching will only be allowed as defined in the Intersystem Connection Policy, no hard patches are allowed and must be broken down at the conclusion of the training/exercise.

Training/exercise request process:

Member Agencies must submit a training/exercise request to MOSWIN System Administration for review and approval a minimum of 5 business days prior to the training/exercise. The request must include:

- Training/exercise summary including the following:
 - primary point of contact information
 - all participating agencies
 - date, and time proposed for the event
 - brief narrative stating the overall goal of the training/exercise.
- Standard operating procedure narrative detailing the nature of the training/exercise including a brief script. Examples:
 - roll-call
 - resource request and response
 - call and instruct to navigate to another talkgroup
- ICS205 Communications plan listing the proposed talkgroups requested for the training/exercise and their intended use.

Definitions:

Talkgroup - The term roughly equates to the term "channel" in conventional radio systems. A talkgroup is similar to and serves the same purpose as a legacy "channel" in that it has a unique name and anyone with permitted access can participate with other users on that talkgroup. Similar to a conventional channel, a talkgroup can have any number of users.

Level 1 talkgroup - are internal talkgroups "owned" by Level One Member Agencies (see Level One Policy) and are used for internal day-to-day operations.

MO DPS Interoperable talkgroups - are "owned" by MO DPS are for interoperable use only and are "must carry" for Member Agency radios and wireline connected consoles as described in the Interoperable Talkgroups Procedure policy.

Shared Talkgroup - Talkgroups may be shared by more than one agency. However, if an agency has established an internal talkgroup for its exclusive use, such as wide area dispatch, the "owner" agency would have to authorize any outside agencies to share these talkgroups. A typical example is a county providing dispatch service for a city agency. Talkgroup sharing agreements are required; see Non-owned talkgroup authorization request policy for details.