Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS)
Standards, Protocols, Procedures

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Talkgroup, Multigroup and Agency-Group Ownership	Date Adopted:	06/12/2018
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1. Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this standard is to define the ownership of private, shared, and interoperability talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups. This provides standard, written documentation so Subsystem Administrators have firm guidelines as to who is permitted to have particular talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups programmed into their radios.

2. Technical Background

- **Capabilities**

  N/A

- **Constraints**
  N/A

3. Operational Context

Private and shared talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups are owned by the agency creating, or requesting the creation of, the talkgroup/multigroup/agency-group.

4. Recommended Protocol/Standard

There are three tiers of talkgroups and multigroups that will be programmed into the system:

- **Private**

  These are defined as private talkgroups, multigroups or agency-groups owned by individual user agencies and used for normal day-to-day operations. They are not shared with any other agencies.

  Private talkgroups, multigroups and agency groups are either "Listed" or "Unlisted". Only those private talkgroups, multigroups and agency groups used for undercover operations or other highly sensitive confidential law enforcement activities may be "Unlisted."

- **Shared**

  These are defined as private talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups owned by individual user agencies, shared by mutual agreement. These will generally be used for routine or pre- planned activities between the sharing agencies.

  The underlying principle of private and shared talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups is that they are owned by a particular agency or group of agencies, and the talkgroup, multigroup or agency-groups will not be programmed into another agency's radios unless specifically authorized by the owner. System Managers shall not allow a talkgroup, multigroup or agency-groups to be programmed into a radio without such authorization.

  Before a talkgroup, multigroup or agency-group can be shared, the owning agency must pre-authorize the sharing arrangement and/or provide a letter of authorization.

- **Interoperability**

  Interoperability talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups are intended for interagency communications and assistance and fall into two categories: those used for trunking communication only and those that are patched to conventional radio frequency (RF) resources.

  These interoperability talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups may be statewide or regional.

  Statewide interoperability talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups are not to be owned by any specific agency and will not require agency letters of authorization.

  Regional interoperability talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups are managed by the Statewide System Administrator. Regional interoperability resources will be prefixed with regional prefix. The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) will govern the standards for which radios may have regional interoperability talkgroups, multigroups and agency-groups, as well as standards regarding use of these resources.

5. Recommended Procedure

The procedure regarding pre-authorizing talkgroup sharing is defined State Standard – Use of Shared Talkgroups.

6. Management

The Subsystem Administrators will be responsible to see that this policy is implemented as defined in the system standards manual. Identified issues and concerns will be brought to the Statewide System Administrator or the appropriate ISICSB Committee.