



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

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1. Purpose or Objective

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

2. Technical Background

Capabilities

Constraints

3. Operational Context

Private and shared talkgroups and multigroups are owned by the agency creating, or requesting the creation of, the talkgroup/multigroup. The process can be documented through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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 or multigroups owned by individual user agencies and used for normal day-to-day operations. They are not shared with any other agencies.

Private Talkgroups and multigroups are either “Listed” or “Unlisted”. Only those private talkgroups/multigroups used for undercover operations or other highly sensitive confidential law enforcement activities may be “Unlisted.”

The naming of private talkgroups will be in accordance with State Standard 3.2.0.

Shared

These are defined as private talkgroups and multigroups 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 and multigroups is that they are owned by a particular agency or group of agencies, and the talkgroup or multigroup will not be programmed into another agency's radios unless specifically authorized by the owner. Subsystem administrators shall not allow a talkgroup or multigroup to be programmed into a radio without such authorization.

Before a talkgroup or multigroup can be shared, the owning agency must pre-authorize the sharing arrangement through a MOU.

The naming of shared talkgroups will be in accordance with State Standard 3.2.0.

Interoperability

Interoperability talkgroups and multigroups are intended for interagency communications and assistance and fall into two categories: those used for 700 MHz communication only and those that are patched to conventional radio frequency (RF) resources.

These interoperability talkgroups and multigroups may be statewide or regional.

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

Regional interoperability talkgroups and multigroups are owned and managed by the ISICS Board. Regional interoperability resources will be prefixed with regional prefix (see State Standard 3.2.0).

The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board will govern the standards for which radios may have regional interoperability talkgroups and multigroups, as well as standards regarding use of these resources.

5. Recommended Procedure

The procedure regarding pre-authorizing talkgroup sharing is defined in 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 System Administrator or the ISICSB.