


<p>REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</p>	
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<p>Subject: Gateway Policy</p>	<p>Revised: 10/2023</p> <p>Prior Rev: 12/2019 09/2017 01/2012</p>

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. To establish a policy for the use of gateway devices when connected to the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) simulcast digital trunked radio system.

2.0 Owner

- 2.1. RWC Operations Working Group (OWG).

3.0 Applies To

- 3.1. All members, interoperability participants, and entities otherwise having subscribers using the operational capabilities of the RWC.

4.0 Background

- 4.1. "Gateway" devices connect communication systems. Dispatch consoles may also be defined as a gateway.
- 4.2. Unless used properly, these devices can be harmful to the normal operations of the network. Their use can be particularly harmful to a simulcast digital trunked radio system, such as the RWC system.
- 4.3. Gateway devices connected to encrypted resources may compromise secure communications.

5.0 Policy Statement

- 5.1. The RWC understands that circumstances may necessitate the need to interconnect systems to facilitate operations.
- 5.2. Talkgroup and/or conventional channel owner(s) must authorize the connection of a gateway.

5.3. Fees may be assessed for subscriber(s) with access to a gateway device.

6.0 Supporting Rules

- 6.1. Users should not assume encryption will be maintained or effective when a gateway device connection is active.
- 6.2. The initiating agency is responsible for monitoring the necessity and integrity of the connection.
- 6.3. The RWC may not support physical interconnection to public networks.
- 6.4. If the gateway negatively effects system performance, the RWC will require the gateway operator to mitigate the impact.
- 6.5. Gateway devices will require approval by the OWG.
- 6.6. Refer to the RWC Network Security Policy for additional details for securing devices on the network.

7.0 Responsibilities

- 7.1. A gateway should only be setup by a trained gateway operator.
- 7.2. Gateway operator must have permission from the resource owner and be familiar with the resources in use.
- 7.3. The gateway operator must monitor the performance throughout the duration of the patch.
- 7.4. Once the resource is no longer needed, the gateway operator will discontinue use.

8.0 Conditions for Exemption or Waiver

- 8.1. As provided in the Waiver or Exception Policy.

9.0 Applicable Policies and/or Procedures

- 9.1. As listed at www.rwcaz.org.