


<p style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">No. O-07.11</p>
<p>Subject: Member-Specific Talkgroup Usage Procedure</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Revised: 09/2019 Prior Rev: 05/2011</p>

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. Define a procedure to authorize usage of a Member-specific talkgroup(s) by non-Member agencies.

2.0 Owner

- 2.1. Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Operations Working Group (OWG).

3.0 Applies To

- 3.1. All RWC Members, Participants, and entities otherwise having subscribers using the capabilities of the RWC.

4.0 Background

- 4.1. The number of RWC talkgroups impacts all Members.
- 4.2. The RWC recognizes that there are three potential categories for requests:
 - 4.2.1. Entity-to-entity
 - 4.2.2. Taskforce specific
 - 4.2.3. Entity access to talkgroups from multiple Members

5.0 Policy Statement

- 5.1. Talkgroups and other resources that may be affected by non-Member usage is the responsibility of the OWG.
- 5.2. Any entity requesting access to a Member-specific talkgroup(s) must also include non-encrypted interoperability talkgroups.

6.0 Supporting Rules

- 6.1. Entities requesting a Member-specific talkgroup(s) must be in or must apply for one of the RWC membership categories.
- 6.2. Programming of subscriber units with a Member-specific talkgroup(s) must be approved by the Member with notice given to the OWG.
- 6.3. The OWG will consider the overall effect on the system.
- 6.4. RWC costs incurred beyond standard interoperability offerings will be the responsibility of the participant.
- 6.5. Members requesting to manually load encryption keys into subscriber units must have key-owner approval.
 - 6.5.1. Requests will be evaluated as an exception to the standard approval process (e.g.: technical or situational).
 - 6.5.2. Members are responsible for tracking subscriber units with manually loaded keys.

7.0 Responsibilities

- 7.1. Requests for a Member-specific talkgroup(s) will follow the procedure defined in the policy for the applicable user classification.

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.