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| <p style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE<br/>POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</p> |    |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No.</b><br/><b>A-09.12</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Subject:</b><br/><b>Talkgroup Ownership and Assignment<br/>Authority Policy</b></p>    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Revised: 03/2023</b><br/><br/><b>Prior Rev:</b><br/><b>04/2019</b><br/><b>01/2012</b></p> |

### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to establish ownership and control for talkgroups accessing the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) system.

### 2.0 Owner

- 2.1. RWC Operations Working Group (OWG)

### 3.0 Applies To

- 3.1. This applies to all Members, Interoperability Participants, and entities otherwise having subscribers using the RWC Network.

### 4.0 Background

- 4.1. A talkgroup serves a defined organizational grouping of radio users that need to communicate.

### 5.0 Policy Statement

- 5.1. Talkgroups accessing the RWC system are owned by the Member that uses the talkgroup for primary business operations. Authority to assign or release a talkgroup for use by Participants resides with the owner of the talkgroup and must be approved by the OWG. Although Talkgroup ownership resides with the member agency, any substantive changes need to be reviewed by the OWG.

### 6.0 Supporting Rules

- 6.1. Talkgroups are approved for use on the system by the OWG.
- 6.2. Those talkgroups that are designated as interoperability talkgroups are owned by the OWG.

## **7.0 Responsibilities**

- 7.1. The RWC Administrative Manager is responsible for maintaining a database of all approved talkgroups with a listing of designated owners.
- 7.2. The following information will be submitted to the OWG for new talkgroup approval:
  - 7.2.1. Description of workgroup and purpose.
  - 7.2.2. Number of users per shift.
    - 7.2.2.1. General guidelines for operational use talkgroups are as follows: 25 concurrent public safety users and/or 50 concurrent municipal users per talkgroup per shift.
  - 7.2.3. Talkgroup label.
  - 7.2.4. Encryption requirements.
  - 7.2.5. Coverage requirements.
- 7.3. The following information will be submitted to the OWG for sharing existing talkgroups between Members:
  - 7.3.1. Description of approved workgroups.
  - 7.3.2. Talkgroups to be shared.
  - 7.3.3. Encryption requirements.

## **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](http://www.rwcaz.org).