REGIONAL WIRELESS COOPERATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	 **No.** **O-04.12**
Subject: **Gateway Policy**	**Revised: 11/2025** **Prior Rev: 10/2023**

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. Misuse 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 Gateway devices will require approval by the OWG.

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 negativity affects system performance, the RWC will require the gateway operator to mitigate the impact.

6.5 Talkgroup and/or conventional channel owner(s) must authorize the connection of a gateway.

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 OWG and 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 of 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.