



County of Marquette

CENTRAL DISPATCH DEPARTMENT

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Mutual Aid Radio Procedure for Marquette County

800MHz Radio Use Policy and Procedure for Mutual Aid Incidents

Policy Statement: This policy is designed to standardize the use of the Central Dispatch radio system during Mutual Aid incidents. Further, this procedure insures that dispatch talk groups are not used for incident coordination. The procedure describes what each talk group should be used for which allows for uniformed use throughout the County.

Procedure: When the incident commander decides that mutual aid is needed he/she must advise Central Dispatch that they will be switching to 52EMER. From this point to completion of the incident all communication from Central and mutual aid agencies with the IC will take place on 52EMER. If the IC forgets to make this switch, Central Dispatch will request that the IC move to 52EMER to free up the dispatch talk group. When an IC determines that a tanker shuttle or staging officer needs to be established Central Dispatch needs to be notified of this. Central **will not** monitor these talk groups due to the excess traffic they will create. This policy and procedure will not be adequate for all major incidents. It is expected that each agency will take this procedure and build on it for large scale incidents their community will face. Agencies that need assistance with training or developing their communication plans can contact the Central Dispatch Supervisor for assistance.

52EMER: This talk group will be used for incident command and coordination. When an incident involves multiple departments the Incident Commander shall coordinate with Central Dispatch and all incoming units on 52EMER. As units check in for service Central Dispatch shall inform them that the Incident Commander is on 52EMER. If the IC needs to coordinate with incoming units on VHF, a patch should be requested between 52EMER and VHF Coordinate Channel.

52COM: This talk group can be assigned to the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) on incidents where one is required. On incidents where RIT is not necessary this talk group could be used as a Tactical Channel if deemed necessary by the IC. If used as a tactical channel; notify Central dispatch that this talk group is being used as tactical and that Central does not need to monitor it.

Law enforcement will typically use this talk group for law only incidents such as a barricaded gunman.

52SPEV1: This talk group should be utilized by a staging officer when one is established. When this is done Central Dispatch shall be notified and they then can direct incoming units to this talk group.

52SPEV2: This talk group is available to Law Enforcement only and should be used for on scene coordination between law agencies.

52FCOM: This is a fire only talk group and should be used for tanker shuttles on Fire Incidents. If a tanker shuttle is not needed then this can be used as a fire ground tactical talk group.

52ECOM: This is an EMS only talk group that should be used as on scene Tactical Channel for EMS coordination on an incident.

Proprietary Talk Groups: Each individual agency has its own talk group; this should be used to coordinate activities with in that department while on scene.

ITAC1-4: These Tactical Channels should be used for on scene communications for specifically assigned tasks such as traffic control, ventilation, triage etc. It is important to remember that these TAC channels can not be scanned or monitored by Central Dispatch; agencies need to plan accordingly for this.