

METRO REGION
800 MHz Trunked Regional Public Safety Radio System
Standards, Protocols, Procedures

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1. Purpose and Objective:

To establish operational policies for the use of the Metro Water Patrol Talkgroups, ME RVR HAIL and ME RVR OPS. These talkgroups are shared resources which allow interoperability between Metro Area Water Patrol Units and other key partners for the purpose of coordinating non-emergency responses on waterways within the Metro Region.

The intention of these resources are to allow Water Patrol, Fire Rescue, Coast Guard, and Conservation officers units in the Metro Region to have a common talkgroup to communicate with one another to facilitate a coordinated response to incidents on the waterways of the Metro Region. These talkgroups would be used until another regional talkgroup is assigned if deemed necessary. The talkgroups may be use for direct communication on an ongoing daily basis depending on the operation and may be used to facilitate coordination between many different partners.

2. Technical Background:

- **Capabilities** – N/A
- **Constraints** – N/A

3. Operational Context:

Water Patrol Units and their partners routinely need to coordinate operations, resources, etc. across the Metro Region which includes the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington. Water Patrol Units and their partners in the region may need to speak directly utilizing these talkgroups for ongoing daily business as well as operations and planning during an incident. The basis of creating these talkgroups stems from the nature of the region's waterways. With few exceptions, the rivers are the borders between jurisdictions and frequently have multiple agencies from different disciplines overlapping. At some locations as many as seven agencies could be called upon for assistance.

4. Recommended Procedure:**Talkgroup requirements:**

- Highly Recommended for Metro Water Patrol Units and personnel at the state, county and local levels as well as those partners that routinely work with Metro Water Patrol Units such as Fire, EMS, and Coast Guard Units.
- Optional for Public Safety Agencies
- May not be used by: _____

If a Water Patrol Unit or their partner needs to talk to another Water Patrol Unit or partner, ME RVR HAIL talkgroup should be used to contact that unit and a request should be made to switch to ME RVR OPS and the following information should be given:

- Their agency
- Identify what Water Patrol/Partner is being called by agency, or name.

It is up to each agency Water Patrol Unit/Partner to monitor the ME RVR HAIL talkgroup.

5. Recommended Procedure:

N/A

6. Management:

The Metro Region Water Patrol Units and the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board will be responsible for monitoring communication on the talkgroup.