

Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Standards, Protocols, Procedures

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1. Purpose or Objective:

The purpose of this standard is to establish the guidelines and procedures for pursuit communications.

2. Technical Background:

▪ Capabilities

The Statewide Radio Board has established a standard for use of the statewide incident response talkgroups in ARMER Standard 3.16.0. This standard empowers each service branch to establish the threshold for use of its talkgroups. Law enforcement service branch talkgroups include L-TAC1, 2, 3 and 4.

▪ Constraints

Experience has shown that all agencies have used many different processes in the past. This standard strives for statewide consistency among all law enforcement agencies.

Counties dispatching via control station(s) should develop local protocols with a neighboring, local ARMER user or the Regional State Patrol Dispatch Center, one of which has access to the StatusBoard, for making LTAC assignments.

3. Operational Context: Not immediately pertinent – See ARMER Standard 3.16.0.

4. Recommended Protocol:

NOTE: All LTAC talkgroups are required for PSAPs with fully integrated consoles, and a minimum of two LTACs are required for PSAPs using control stations to integrate with ARMER. Any other information can be referred to ARMER Standard 3.16.0

5. Recommended Procedure:

- Whenever a vehicle pursuit is initiated, the pursuing agency's current operating channel will be patched to the first available LTAC 1-4, as determined by pursuing agency's dispatcher via the StatusBoard.
- The pursuing agency's dispatcher will reserve the resource on the StatusBoard.

- After the patch is in place, the pursuing agency's dispatcher will announce the patch and the reason for the patch.
- The pursuing agency's dispatcher will perform the multi-select function so all audio is heard on the patched talkgroups.
- Patching of the LTAC talkgroup to additional resources, if necessary, will be accomplished by the pursuing agency's dispatcher. (Note: the pursuing agency's dispatcher will need to remain involved, even if the pursuit has been passed to another dispatch center or the State Patrol Regional Dispatch Center, as the originating dispatcher would be responsible for adding resources or knocking down the patch upon completion of the event).
- If the pursuit will be leaving the ARMER coverage footprint of the current operating channel, all units operating on that channel should change to the appropriate LTAC talkgroup.
- When advised by the law enforcement officer in charge of the pursuit, the pursuing agency's dispatcher will announce the patch removal and update the StatusBoard.
- Whenever a pursuit involves any VHF user(s), or it is anticipated that any VHF user(s) will become involved, VLAW31 will be included in the initial patch.
- It is critical that dispatchers become familiar with the VLAW31 coverage footprint in their local area, as well as their region. If it becomes apparent that the VHF user(s) involved may drive out of the VLAW31 coverage of their local dispatch center, the dispatcher should contact the State Patrol Regional Dispatch Center and request they take over the pursuit communications.

6. Management:

The DPS Division of Emergency Communication Networks (DECN) will ensure that an on-line training module is created for this standard. In addition, the Statewide Radio Board shall ensure that each Regional Radio Board has a process in place to ensure that each first-line dispatcher completes the training and adheres to the recommended procedure in this standard.