

# Metro Region ARMER Standards

## Section 3 – Metro 3.42.0 Use of Metro Water Patrol Talkgroups – ME RVR HAIL & ME RVR OPS

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### 1. Purpose or Objective

To establish operational policies for the use of the Metro Water Patrol Talkgroups, ME RVR HAIL & 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 with the Metro Region.

### 2. Technical Background

- Capabilities - None
- Constraints - None

### 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, Sherburne 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 Protocol/Standard

#### 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, Law Enforcement and Coast Guard Units.
- Optional for Public Safety Agencies.

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

None

### 6. Management

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