Chapter 1

Introduction to StatusBoard 2.0

Objectives:

- What does StatusBoard do?
- Why StatusBoard 2.0?
- Why make StatusBoard 2.0 available on the Internet?
- Why the calendar feature?
- What is “decentralized role-based” administration?
- ARMER Standard 3.31.0, “Status Board”
Chapter Overview

StatusBoard 2.0 has all of the features of the original StatusBoard, plus several new features designed to lessen confusion between agencies and eliminate overlap of talkgroup use.

The new version will look and function very differently from the original StatusBoard. It will also be browser-based, allowing access from anywhere the Internet is available.

In this chapter, you will learn what to expect from StatusBoard 2.0, learn how it is more complex than the original StatusBoard, and how these complexities will make scheduling and reserving resources much easier.

StatusBoard 2.0 was developed under sponsorship by the Statewide Emergency Communications Board and is hosted and maintained by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
What does the original StatusBoard do?

1. Provides a place to reserve mutual aid resources (e.g., channels and talkgroups) among participating agencies
2. Limits confusion between agencies when sharing mutual aid resources
What is new to StatusBoard 2.0 compared to the original StatusBoard?

StatusBoard 2.0 has all the features of StatusBoard, plus:

- Web browser functionality
- A calendar view and scheduling
- Role-based, decentralized administration
- A high degree of control over the configuration

Why make StatusBoard 2.0 available on the Internet?

- So any authorized user can access it from anywhere
- So COML and responders in the field can access it from any scene
- So dispatchers can access it from any PSAP with Internet access

Why a calendar feature?

- To provide a formal place for users to reserve talkgroups in advance
- To avoid overlapping reservations

What is “decentralized role-based” administration?

StatusBoard 2.0 has different levels of control and administration, empowering PSAPs to configure their own users and screens.
Features of the role-based administration:

- View-only profiles for certain personnel
- Role-based, view-only versus full control for certain resources
- Control and flexibility for PSAPS to manage own resources and users;

ARMER Standard 3.3.1.0, “StatusBoard”

- This Statewide Emergency Communications Board standard sets policies and procedures for use of StatusBoard 2.0.
- This training module primarily covers operation of StatusBoard 2.0, and does not cover policies and procedures in great detail.
- Users of StatusBoard 2.0 are required to adhere to this standard when operating StatusBoard 2.0!
- This standard is viewable at https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ecn/programs/armer/Pages/armer-standards.aspx
Chapter Summary

- StatusBoard 2.0 looks and functions much differently from the original version of StatusBoard.

- Calendar and scheduling capabilities make StatusBoard 2.0 more complex, but if used correctly will help eliminate the overlap and confusion that often occurs between agencies when reserving resources. This will make life easier for all levels of user from dispatch to management and for all PSAPS across the state.

- StatusBoard 2.0 will be accessible from any Internet device, making it available to managers and emergency responders in the field as well as in communications centers.