

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

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1. Purpose and Objective

The purpose of this standard is to establish operational policy for use of the Statewide Emergency Management Talkgroup, SEMTAC. This talkgroup is a shared resource that allows interoperability between Emergency Managers, their respective Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), and other key partners for the purpose of Emergency Management Coordination.

The intention of this talkgroup is to allow Emergency Managers to communicate with one another and to connect EOCs, as well as Emergency Management Field Operations, until another talkgroup is assigned, if needed. The talkgroup may be used for direct communication in an ongoing, daily basis, depending on the operation. The talkgroup may also be used for large-scale coordination during a disaster for regional resources, agencies, EOCs, etc., or to facilitate coordination between many different partners.

2. Technical Background

- **Capabilities**
- **Constraints**

3. Operational Context

Emergency Managers and their partners may need to coordinate operations, resources, etc., across a large multi-jurisdictional area of the state. Emergency Managers and their partners may need to utilize the SEMTAC talkgroup for ongoing daily business (event dependent), as well as operations and planning during an incident.

4. Recommended Protocol/Standard

Talkgroup requirements

- Highly recommended for Emergency Management personnel at the state, county, and local levels, as well as those partners that routinely work with Emergency Management, such as National Weather Service (NWS.)

If an Emergency Manager or their partner needs to talk to another Emergency Manager or partner, they should identify themselves, their agency, and who they are calling by agency or name.

It is up to each agency Emergency Manager or partner to monitor the SEMTAC talkgroup.

5. Recommended Procedure

N/A

6. Management

The Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) will be responsible for ensuring compliance and use of these resources.