

Metro Region ARMER Standards

Section 3 – Metro 3.28.1 Use of Metro Emergency Management Talkgroup

Date Established 10-6-11
Date Revised/Reviewed 4-11-19

1. Purpose or Objective

To establish operational policy for use of the Metro Emergency Management Talkgroup, METEM. This talkgroup is a shared resource that allows interoperability between Emergency Managers, their respective Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and other key partners for the purpose of emergency management coordination.

The intention of the resource 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 deemed necessary. The talkgroup may be used for direct communication on an ongoing daily basis depending on the operation. The talkgroup may also be used for large scale coordination during a disaster to coordinate regional resources, agencies, EOCs, etc. The talkgroup may be used to facilitate coordination between many different partners.

2. Technical Background

- Capabilities - None
- Constraints - None

3. Operational Context

Emergency Managers and their partners may need to coordinate operations, resources, etc., across the metro region, which includes the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne and Washington. Emergency Managers and their partners in the region may need speak directly utilizing METEM for ongoing daily business (event dependent) as well as operations and planning during an incident.

4. Recommended Protocol/Standard

Talkgroup requirements

- Highly Recommended for Metro Emergency Management personnel at the state, county and local levels as well as those partners that routinely work with emergency management.
- Optional for Public Safety Agencies

If an Emergency Manager or emergency management partner needs to talk to another Emergency Manager or partner, the following information should be given:

- Their agency
- Identify what Emergency Manager/Partner you are calling by agency or name

It is up to each agency Emergency Manager/Partner to monitor the METEM talkgroup.

5. Recommended Procedure

None

6. Management

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board will be responsible for monitoring communication on the talkgroup.