

CENTRAL REGION
800 MHz Trunked Regional Public Safety Radio System
Standards, Protocols, Procedures

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1. Purpose and Objective:

To establish operational policy for use of the Central Minnesota Emergency Management Talk group - CM EM. This talk group 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 talk group is assigned if deemed necessary. The talk group may be used for direct communication on an ongoing daily basis depending on the operation. The talk group may also be used for large scale coordination during a disaster to coordinate regional resources, agencies, EOCs, etc. The talk group may be used to facilitate coordination between many different partners.

2. Technical Background:

- **Capabilities** – The talk group shall be made available to emergency management partners within the Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board region for the purposes as stated, and response to incidents, or exercises with the region.
- **Constraints** – The talk group will not be “forced” on tower sites in central Minnesota. As such, scanning the talk group may not be an effective way to receive all communications.

3. Operational Context:

Emergency managers and their partners may need to coordinate operations, resources, etc. across the Central Minnesota Emergency Services (CMES) region and MN HSEM Region IV, which includes the counties of Benton, Big Stone, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Pope, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin and Wright. Emergency managers and their partners in the region may need to speak directly utilizing CM EM for ongoing daily business (event dependent), as well as operations and planning during an incident. Although Sherburne County is not a part of MN HSEM Region IV, they are authorized to use the CM EM talk group to coordinate

activity in the central Minnesota region. Also, tribal entities within the region are authorized and encouraged to use the talk group for coordinated communications.

4. Recommended Procedure:

Talk group requirements:

- Highly recommended for central Minnesota 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 within the Central Minnesota ESB region.
- May not be used by: Entities with no role in emergency management, or public safety.

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're calling by agency, or name
- Identify which talk group being used.

It is up to each [agency or agency's] emergency manager/partner to monitor the CM EM talk group.

5. Recommended Procedure:

N/A

6. Management:

Emergency Managers within the CMES Board will be responsible for monitoring communication on the talk group. For users not identified above, requests for authorization to program and use the CM EM talk group must be submitted to the Emergency Manager's Advisory Committee of the CM-ESB for consideration.