

**Central MN Emergency Services Board  
Standards, Protocols, Procedures**

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**1. Purpose or Objective**

To establish policy & procedures for use of the CM Region clear mode interoperable 800 MHz common pool talk groups. These Regional talkgroups are intended to facilitate communications between all disciplines and agencies that typically do not communicate with each other on a regular basis/daily basis.

**2. Technical Background**

• **Capabilities**

It is possible to have access to one or more regional common pool talk groups in radios used by agencies that share use of the 800 MHz radio system. These talk groups can be used for a wide range of intercommunication when coordination of activities between personnel of different disciplines and entities is needed on an event.

• **Constraints**

CM CALL talk group is reserved as a hailing resource for incident management, and hailing for official business.

CM 2-12 are for multi-discipline and/or multi-entity interoperability within and immediately adjacent to the region.

CM Call and CM 2-12 shall not be encrypted.

Plain language must be used when utilizing CM talkgroups.

**3. Operational Context**

The common pool talk groups are a system wide resource to facilitate communications between disciplines and entities that typically do not communicate with each other on a regular basis/daily basis.

**4. Recommended Protocol/ Standard**

**CM CALL and CM 2-12 TALK GROUPS**

<b>TG Requirements</b>	<b>For Whom?</b>
Highly Recommended	All Users
Recommended	
Optional	
Not Allowed	

<b>Cross Patch Standard</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>	<b>To Talk Group</b>
Soft Patch	YES	Any local, regional, or State Clear mode talkgroups authorized to be allowed to be patched
Hard Patch	No	

The "Status Board" application will be used to manage the pool talk group resource.

Logging of the CM Regional common pool talkgroups, if desired, will be the responsibility of each entity using the talk groups.

CM CALL and CM 2-12 shall be programmed in dispatch consoles.

CM Call shall be monitored in all PSAPs in the Central MN Region.

It is highly recommended that entity radio users program the CM interoperability Zone into their subscribers radio's in the below consistent fashion including the two digit Zone Identifier:

<b>Pos</b>	<b>SYNTAX</b>	<b>Utilization</b>
1	CM CALL	Hailing
2	CM 2	Interoperable (talkgroup)
3	CM 3	Interoperable (talkgroup)
4	CM 4	Interoperable (talkgroup)
5	CM 5	Interoperable (talkgroup)
6	CM 6	Interoperable (talkgroup)
7	CM 7	Interoperable (talkgroup)
8	CM 8	Interoperable (talkgroup)
9	CM 9	Interoperable (talkgroup)
10	CM 10	Interoperable (talkgroup)
11	CM 11	Interoperable (talkgroup)
12	CM 12	Interoperable (talkgroup)
13	CM-8SOA1	Scene of Action (simplex)
14	CM-8SOA2	Scene of Action (simplex)
15	CM-8SOA3	Scene of Action (simplex)
16	CM –Entity Roam	Entity's Roam

## **5. Recommended Procedure**

CM 2-12 may only be patched to another CLEAR MODE talk group to meet the communications needs of an event.

The order of usage of CM 2-12 for **PREPLANNED** events should be CM 12, 11, 10 9...

The order of usage of CM 2-12 for **EMERGENT** incidents should be CM 2, 3, 4, 5...

The Request and assignment of CM CLEAR MODE Interoperability resources shall be completed through the controlling PSAP. An appropriate 800 MHz dispatch center capable of assigning the resource, shall use the "Status Board" application to identify and assign the appropriate CM resource as "in use".

The controlling PSAP will be responsible for the reassignment of the resource as "available" at the conclusion of use.

## **6. Management**

The CM ESB System Administrator will be responsible for managing the CM CLEAR MODE Interoperability talkgroups.

The PSAP center managers for agencies utilizing the CM clear mode interoperability talkgroups shall insure that there is a procedure for assigning the CM talk groups.

PSAP personnel shall receive initial and continuing training on the use of this standard.

Responsibility for monitoring the performance of this procedure shall be a function of the agencies using this resource.

Eligibility to allow these talk groups within radio's is the responsibility of the CM ESB. Authorization for their programmed use will be supported by the CM ESB upon written request and documentation provided by the requesting agency.