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1. Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this Standard is to establish a process for making announcements over a large geographic area or across multiple jurisdictions using the SIRN Platform. Wide area announcements entail announcements regarding a Type 4 or greater National Incident Management System (NIMS) events and/or situations that are Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH). These include, but are not limited to, pursuits, significant vehicle accidents, large fires, HAZMAT, Amber Alerts, Be On the Look Out (BOLO) notifications, and others.

2. Technical Background

Capabilities
The SIRN Platform provides statewide and regional HAIL talkgroups to make announcements to dispatch centers and in-field personnel across a large geographic area (or if necessary throughout the entire State) intended for use during a NIMS Type 4 and/or IDLH event.

Constraints
Planned or unplanned emergent events can rapidly evolve; therefore, coordination and communications are vital for the success of the mission and safety of personnel.

Announcements made over the HAIL resources are far-reaching and if used negligently can be a nuisance or may not reach the appropriate personnel.

3. Operational Context

A NIMS Type 4 or greater or IDLH event such as a planned or unplanned emergent event that could rapidly evolve and/or put the public and response personnel in danger is often dynamic and necessitates communication and collaboration among public safety communications centers and in-field personnel.

Announcements over the SIRN platform can be used to coordinate response and mitigation efforts and to direct users to the appropriate interoperable resources being used for the planned or unplanned event.

4. Recommended Protocol/ Standard

To ensure all SIRN users are capable of receiving or issuing announcements, all equipment used by SIRN

User Agencies including radio devices and dispatch consoles shall be programmed with the SIRN Regional and Statewide Interoperability Talkgroups in adherence to SIRN Standards 1.8.0 Minimum Programming Requirements and 1.4.0 SIRN Regional & Statewide Interoperability Talkgroups.

5. Recommended Procedure

All SIRN dispatch console operators are required to monitor, at minimum, the Statewide and the Regional Hailing talkgroup in which their communication center or PSAP resides.

The following statewide and regional SIRN "HAIL" talkgroups are available:

- Statewide: ND MA HAIL
- NE Region use: ND NE MA HAIL
- NW Region use: ND NW MA HAIL
- SE Region use: ND SE MA HAIL
- SW Region use: ND SW MA HAIL

HAILING talkgroups should be **used judiciously and for the purposes for which they are intended or approved**.

HAILing talkgroups are to be used under the following conditions:

- By PSAPs/dispatchers:
  - To make announcements to other PSAPs and in-field personnel regarding NIMS Type 4 and/or IDLH events. Dispatchers may use regional HAIL talkgroups to announce planned or unplanned emergent events that could rapidly evolve and/or put the public and response personnel in danger; the initiating agency or public safety answering point shall make an announcement on their regional hailing talkgroup.

  - Simultaneous Local Announcement/Relay: Not all in-field personnel may receive communications over a HAILing talkgroup (even if they have set their devices to scan their regional HAIL talkgroup). Therefore, once an announcement is received by PSAP/dispatch personnel, if applicable, they shall relay the information over their respective Local Agency's dispatch talkgroup(s).

- By in-field personnel:
  - Traveling personnel shall use the HAILing talkgroups to report incidents or to request resources and support while outside of their jurisdiction. See SIRN Standard 1.11.0. Out-of-Jurisdiction Travel and Transport Communications.

As necessary, a regional or statewide non-HAIL talkgroup may be assigned after the announcements are complete and resources have been moved to that operational interoperable talkgroup.

6. Management

The SIEC Sub-committee will ensure that a training module is created for this SIRN Standard. The SIEC Sub-committee shall review this standard on an as-needed basis or at a minimum annually to ensure effectiveness.