Statewide Interoperability Radio Network (SIRN)
Standards, Protocols, Procedures

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1. Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this standard is to establish the guidelines and procedures for vehicle pursuit communications.

2. Technical Background

▪ **Capabilities**

The Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) has established standards for use of the SIRN system. These standards pertain to Statewide Interoperability Talkgroups, Regional Interoperability Talkgroups, and Local Talkgroups.

▪ **Constraints**

Experience has shown that all agencies have used many different processes in the past. This standard strives for statewide consistency among all law enforcement agencies.

3. Operational Context

Local Pursuit Talkgroup ID is to be programmed in Bank one (1), Position two (2) in all Law Enforcement Radios on the SIRN System.

4. Recommended Protocol/ Standard

All respective local, regional, and statewide law enforcement talkgroups are required for PSAPs.

5. Recommended Procedure

- Whenever a vehicle pursuit is initiated, the pursuing agency will immediately move to the initiating agency designated pursuit talkgroup.
- The designated pursuit talkgroup is located in the scan list for all local agencies and shall always remain dormant other than active pursuits.
- All other radio traffic on the designated pursuit talkgroup will cease unless emergency radio traffic is related to the pursuit.
- All local responders involved in the pursuit should select the designated pursuit talkgroup on their radios as soon as it is safe to do so.

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- The pursuing agency's dispatcher shall announce the pursuit to neighboring local jurisdictions and will be advised to switch to the initiating agency designated pursuit talkgroup.
  - *EX. Central Dispatch to GFSO, GFPD in active pursuit, southbound 2800 South Washington, GFPD 656 is lead responder; switch to local pursuit channel if assisting.*
- The pursuing agency's dispatcher will coordinate all communications and notifications made in reference to the pursuit. Dispatchers shall repeat all radio transmissions for accuracy, and to maintain effective communication and discipline, as well as information sharing.
- If the pursuit transitions in the direction of another county and/or jurisdiction, that jurisdiction will be notified via the respective PSAP hailing talkgroup.
  - *EX: Trail County Dispatch, Grand Forks Dispatch with a pursuit. Active pursuit on County 81, southbound. Grand Forks Pursuit and State Pursuit1 patch is being initiated.*
- At that time, the lead agency dispatcher initiates a patch to a regional pursuit talkgroup for ease of transition of communication.
- The lead agency dispatcher announces the patch on the talkgroups:
  - *EX: Grand Forks Pursuit talkgroup is now patched with State Pursuit1, non-encrypted, lead responder is unit 656.*
- The neighboring jurisdictions should monitor the statewide pursuit talkgroup.
- The pursuing agency's dispatcher will maintain in charge of all communications until the pursuit is handed off to another agency. At that time, the originating dispatcher will contact the PSAP via the hailing talkgroup and advise the pursuit is now transferred to their PSAP. The secondary PSAP acknowledges control of the pursuit.
  - *EX: Trail County Dispatch, Grand Forks Dispatch; pursuit on County 81, is entering your jurisdiction, and now all radio traffic is transferred to you through patch.*

- **WARNING**: When dispatch duties are being passed to another PSAP, certain system configurations may prevent responders from the initiating agency from being able to hear the new PSAP and vice versa.
- **SOFT PATCHING:** To ensure proper radio communications for both responders and dispatchers, all talkgroups involved must be multi-selected.
- Patched, local legacy resources will not work beyond the normal coverage of that resource.
- When advised by the law enforcement officer in charge of the pursuit, the secondary dispatcher will announce the patch removal and advise originating PSAP of the patch removal.

6. Management

The SIEC will ensure that an online training module is developed to address pursuits. Agency System Users will ensure all responders and dispatchers can complete the training and adhere to the recommended procedures in this standard.