

## AWIN County Talkgroup Use Policy

### 1. Purpose:

This policy applies to counties with established talkgroups and exists for the following reasons:

- To clarify a county's use of the county talkgroups.
- To establish ownership and custodianship of a county talkgroup.

### 2. Definition of Policy Terms:

- 2.1** Talkgroup "Owner:" The person with legal responsibility and ultimate decision-making authority for the talkgroup. For all talkgroups belonging to any County agency, the "Owner" is the County Judge.
- 2.2** Talkgroup "Custodian:" The person with the responsibility of day-to-day oversight and management of the talkgroup.
- 2.3** AWIN County Talkgroup: The primary talkgroup established on AWIN for use of the county's public safety agencies at the discretion of the "Owner," which is the County Judge. Every county in Arkansas has at least one primary AWIN County Talkgroup available for use.

### 3. Policy:

- 3.1** Each county in the State of Arkansas has a talkgroup established on AWIN for that county's use, referred to in this policy as the AWIN County Talkgroup.
- 3.2** The purpose of the AWIN County Talkgroup is to establish command and control communications between county public safety agencies. Command and control communications may also be established with city or private public safety agencies within the county at the discretion of the County Judge.
- 3.3.** The AWIN County Talkgroup may also be used to establish interoperability with public safety agencies outside of the county at the discretion of the County Judge.
- 3.4** As the "Owner" and person legally responsible for the AWIN County Talkgroup, the County Judge has the authority to appoint a county official to serve as the talkgroup's "Custodian." In a majority of counties in Arkansas, the "Custodian" is the county's emergency manager. The County Judge has the authority, however, to reappoint a different county employee, such as the County Sheriff, as the talkgroup's "Custodian" at any time.
- 3.5** In counties where there are multiple talkgroups serving county public safety agencies, the County Judge is the "Owner" with legal responsibility and ultimate decision-making authority for all of them. However, each talkgroup may have a different custodian. For example, the "Custodian" for the primary AWIN County Talkgroup may be the county's emergency manager, but the county sheriff may serve as the "Custodian" for a talkgroup serving the county sheriff's office.
- 3.6** As defined above, each of these "Custodians" has general oversight and management responsibilities for the talkgroup on a day-to-day basis, but must defer to the County Judge's authority for problem resolution, additions, or desired changes to the talkgroup, its usage and/or management.

**4. Related Policies:**

- 4 AWIN Talkgroup Exemption
- 5 New Talkgroup Justification St •Acceptable Use Policy
- 6 Acceptable Use Policy
- 7 AWIN Factory Programming Policy
- 8 AWIN Radio Programming Agreement
- 9 Radio Template Create/Change
- 10 SC PLCY - Addition of Talkgroups and Subscribers
- 11 AWIN Rescind Talkgroup Access Process
- 12 AWIN Standard for Talkgroup Permissions
- 13 AWIN Talkgroup Permission Letter Template