

AWIN Dedicated Talkgroup Policy

1. Purpose:

For the purposes of this policy, a dedicated talkgroup is defined one that has been obtained by an organization for the purpose of conducting that organization's business.

2. Policy:

2.1 Dedicated talkgroups may only be programmed into the radios belonging to the entity originally requesting, or "owning" the talkgroup, unless that entity grants permission in writing to another entity to allow use of the talkgroup for the purpose of interoperability.

2.2 A talkgroup "owner" may not give away or transfer a talkgroup to another entity, nor grant permission to another entity to use its talkgroup full-time as a primary source of communication.

2.3 In order to ensure ongoing public safety grade capacity from all AWIN tower sites for all AWIN users, AWIN must retain control over the management of its resources. To this end, only the AICC Executive Committee has the authority to grant permission to any entity to become a full-time primary user of a talkgroup on the AWIN system.

2.4 In times of crisis, it is critical that entities with dedicated talkgroups use the designated command and control talkgroups for interoperability with outside responding agencies.

2.5 A talkgroup's authorized signatory may rescind access to a talkgroup from other users for sufficient cause. The standard and process for rescinding a talkgroup can be found in *AWIN Rescind Talkgroup Access*.

2.6 The authorized signatory for a dedicated talkgroup is responsible for ensuring that all transmissions made over the talkgroup are consistent with AWIN policies. This includes transmissions made by entities to which the authorized signatory has granted talkgroup access.

3. Controls:

Entities found to be operating outside this AICC Policy may be subject to having their subscribers' units inhibited until the situation is corrected.