

# *Fort Worth P25 Radio Interoperable Communications Plan*



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# *Governance and Oversight Committee*

- Met on 05/28/2014
  - Topics were Interoperability successes and failures
  - Training opportunities
  - Monthly roll call testing

# *Interoperability Successes*

- Used during CTP Bike race and opening festivities
- Used by Johnson County Auto Theft task force during a bait vehicle recovery and search warrant.
- Used to coordinate a response to a stolen patrol vehicle

# *Interoperability Failures*

- Agencies not answering calls on the calling channel
- Improperly programmed portable with emergency status reporting on the IO talk group.
- Officers working on the calling channel
- Not announcing their agency or the talk group.
  - Sample call, Fort Worth Police X302 on Law IO call for Forest Hill Police

# *Interoperability Failures*

- Officers working on the calling channel
  - Multiple events of units working together on the Law IO Call talk group
  - Risk is dispatchers get tired of chatter and will turn down the talk groups.
  - Fort Worth Police has directed their staff to advise units working on the calling channel to move to a numbered IO talk group.

## *Training – Field and Dispatch*

- Failures are indicative of lack of training.
- No standardized training plan.
- CFW, Mansfield and Cleburne each have created some form of training.
- Governance Committee is forming a training subcommittee.
  - Consolidate training.
  - Produce some training videos.
  - Host some regional classes for departments

## *Scheduled Monthly Test*

- Plan calls for both unscheduled and scheduled monthly roll call test.
- Test is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Currently scheduled for July, 9<sup>th</sup>.
- No unscheduled test for a few months at least.
- CFW will conduct the test.
- Only dispatch centers will be contacted.

## *Scheduled Monthly Test*

- First few months of testing will be to establish some routine.
- Agencies that do not respond will receive an email notifying them but no formal action, just requesting future participation.
- Test plan is almost completed and includes a agencies listing with phone and email contacts.
  - These will be published in an updated copy of the plan soon.



## *Scheduled Monthly Test*

- Test plan calls for tests at 10:00, 16:00 and 22:00
- Instead of performing a full test at each time period
  - Law IO Call at 10:00
  - Fire IO Call at 16:00
  - EMS IO Call at 22:00
- Future months may rotate the agencies to different time periods so that different dispatch teams are tested.
- Email blast going out to agencies in advance.

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