

MARCS Pursuit Talkgroups State of Ohio

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I. Purpose/Objectives

Pursuits are dynamic and present a great likelihood of crossing single agency jurisdictional boundaries, frequently involving multiple law enforcement agencies. Pursuits normally involve vehicles, but can involve suspect(s) attempting to avoid apprehension by fleeing on foot. For agencies utilizing the MARCS radio system, it is necessary to establish a consistent method to provide control and radio management of all pursuits that are initiated by law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio.

II. Technical Background

Talkgroups have been created corresponding to the eight homeland security regions (see below and map). All law enforcement agencies are authorized to program these talkgroups into their radios. Further, each agency has permission to patch these talkgroups in accordance with the guidelines below and the MARCS Radio Patching policy MPP 22.0

(<http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/InformationTechnology/MARCSservices/Policies.a.spx>).

Homeland Security Planning Regions



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Agencies operating on the 3.5 platform will use the following talkgroup configurations for pursuit talkgroups.

Talkgroup Name	Region	Hex
PURSUIT1	1	609
PURSUIT2	2	612
PURSUIT3	3	9F
PURSUIT4	4	A9
PURSUIT5	5	D30
PURSUIT6	6	9D7
PURSUIT7	7	9D9
PURSUIT8	8	D34

Agencies operating on the 7.X platform will use the following talkgroup configurations for pursuit talkgroups.

Talkgroup Name	Region	Hex
XPRSUIT1	1	D576
XPRSUIT2	2	D583
XPRSUIT3	3	D58E
XPRSUIT4	4	D594
XPRSUIT5	5	D598
XPRSUIT6	6	D59C
XPRSUIT7	7	D59E
XPRSUIT8	8	D5A0

III. Operational Context

These talkgroups are available to all law enforcement agencies in the state for the express use of inter-agency pursuits and will not be used for other purposes. Agencies are encouraged to incorporate these guidelines into their own pursuit policies.

IV. Recommended Protocol/Standard

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When a pursuit occurs the dispatcher controlling the talkgroup for the law enforcement agency involved in the pursuit should verify the channel is not in use. The dispatcher should then patch the pursuit talkgroup to that agency's talkgroup.

Note: Except for the Law/Pursuit talkgroup, a dispatcher should not make a radio communications patch to any talkgroup that is not exclusively under the control of that dispatch center.

The dispatcher controlling the law enforcement agency's radio traffic involved in the pursuit will continue to control the radio management of the pursuit until given a command directive to no longer do so.

Each law enforcement agency is responsible to adhere to their agency's pursuit policy. This statewide radio management pursuit talkgroup policy, in no way, affects, alters, modifies, or supersedes any law enforcement agency's pursuit policy.

At the termination of the pursuit, the patch with the Law/Pursuit talkgroup will be terminated.

V. Recommended Protocol Procedure

All dispatchers should monitor the pursuit by listening to the assigned Law/Pursuit talkgroup. All other law enforcement agencies that are approved to join the pursuit, by their agency supervisor, should select the assigned Law/Pursuit talkgroup for all further pursuit related communications.

Prior to making any transmission on the Law/Pursuit talkgroup, all units should monitor the talkgroup and respect the control of the talkgroup. Other agency units should identify themselves to the controlling dispatcher. Identification should include the unit's agency and unit number. All subsequent transmissions should require the agency/unit number identifier.

VI. Management

The cooperating agencies are responsible for the operational management of this plan.