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To: Chief Officers and Commissioners

Dear Colleagues

BRONZE LEVEL INTEROPERABILITY

I am writing to you in my capacity as Airwave Senior User to inform you of new arrangements for providing the capability for police, fire and ambulance staff to communicate via Airwave at Bronze command level.

For the past two years, Tony Toynton, my predecessor as Airwave Senior User has represented ACPO on a Home Office working group, together with senior representatives from ambulance and fire and rescue services. The group has been following a directive from Ministers that we should agree interoperability arrangements at all levels of command. We have now managed to come to an interim arrangement whereby individual police forces will hold a stock of Airwave radio terminals specifically to share with fire and ambulance colleagues at the scene of incidents should the need arise. When fire and ambulance are using Airwave operationally these interim arrangements should no longer be required, and more comprehensive arrangements can be developed.

The cost of these additional terminals will be borne by central government and attached to this letter are a number of briefing documents and protocols which set out how these arrangements may be made to work:

***inter-service bronze interoperability briefing note.
template for local agreement;
spreadsheet allocation fleetmap;***

The attached documents do not seek to prescribe how individual police forces should work with their sister emergency services due to the localised nature of many arrangements.

Your Airwave teams should receive these documents separately but if you have any questions on this specific matter, you or team should contact Supt Nicholas Mitchell-Briggs at nicholas.mitchell-briggs@pito.pnn.police.uk.