

Providing Bronze Level Communications Interoperability at Major Incidents

The following common principles for deployment have been agreed:

- “Bronze interoperability radios will be deployed/dispatched to any incident or pre-planned event deemed by the officer in charge/event planner as an incident/event requiring Bronze radio communication”
- TMO will be the default operational mode with DMO used as a back-up where there is no coverage available or there are network problems.
- The National Inter-Service Interoperability Talk Groups will be the primary ones to be used
- The talk-groups should be monitored by the Police on their CCI ports and recorded, during the course of any Bronze (operational) Interoperability incident. It is not anticipated that the groups will be monitored by any other service.
- The talk-groups should only be used for Bronze interoperability communications for health and safety and risk critical information. They are not for same service communication.
- The Terminals will not (at least initially) be enabled for point to point or telephony.
- The emergency button should be enabled.
- The Terminals are not required to be intrinsically safe.
- Radios will be delivered to the incidents complete with all necessary accessories, fully charged, programmed and provisioned.

Forces should work with their local Ambulance and Fire Services to develop an agreement for how the equipment will be deployed. A framework for the agreement is given below.

Please provide full contact details of the person in each of the services responsible for drawing up the SLA, and/or the person who will be responsible for its operational management and maintenance.

Appendix C: Template for local Agreement

Where will you store the Terminals?

What in-force provision will be made for their constant 'state of readiness'?

What level of authority will there be authorizing their dispatch and deployment to scene?

Will you consider some of the Terminals being available permanently on vehicles such as ARVs?

Will some of the Terminals be stored in different parts of your Force area?

Provide a summary of the local tri-partite agreement for the deployment of Bronze interoperability Terminals including their return, records kept procedure for dealing with lost Terminals from the other services etc.

In considering any SLA you should revisit any local contingency plans and address any relevant communication issues. You should also identify the call signs and radio procedures which will be used.

Full cognizance should be taken of any existing agreements you may have with the other services for dealing with Civil Contingencies act, CBRN etc.

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Provide an outline of any local training plan agreed between the three services. You should consider any initial training, and its delivery, and any on-going training etc.

What is your target go live date?

IN ANY EVENT THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY END OF NOVEMBER 2006

Please also refer to the briefing note attached. Further details of process and procurement are attached. It would be helpful if those persons nominated by their Force's to lead on Bronze (operational) interoperability, contacted the UAC Support Office below, in order that any further information can be sent directly.

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