

Policy for Regional Communications System Use by Non-Member Public Safety Organizations

The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for decisions made by member jurisdictions of the Region 2000 Radio Communications Board (“Board”) pertaining and related to the use of the Regional Emergency Communications System (“System”), owned by Virginia’s Region 2000 Local Government Council (“Council”), by non-member public safety organizations, to include volunteer agencies, and to guide agreements with the Council for System use.

The Board states the following:

1. The Region 2000 Radio Communications Board was established to maintain, support, and manage a regional emergency radio communications System.
2. The Region 2000 Radio Communications Board desires that accountability and financial responsibility be hallmarks of the managed System.
3. The Region 2000 Radio Communications Board recognizes that mutual aid is a necessary and critical component of emergency services delivery and that interoperability is desirable.
4. The Region 2000 Radio Communications Board states that transparency and mutual awareness of system activities are additional goals of the Board.


Further, the Board states the following:

1. Access to the system must be based on a true and real public safety operational need.
2. System use by non-member public safety organizations may only occur at the approval of a member jurisdiction.
3. Non-member utilization of the System that has been determined as true and real, and subsequently approved by a member jurisdiction, must be appropriately reported to the entire Board for incorporation into the minutes of the Board’s next meeting after such determination has been made.
4. Approved use of the System by non-member public safety organizations must be reflected by report of a member jurisdiction to the Board. The necessity of a formal agreement with the Council will be at the discretion of the Board or upon recommendation of the Council.
5. Defining, and the approval, for specific talk groups are to be the responsibility of the approving member jurisdiction. Access to any other member jurisdiction’s talk groups must be established with written approval of said member jurisdictions or it’s designee.
6. The expectation of the Board is that non-member public safety use of the System be considered a minimal participation. Should the needs of an approved non-member public safety organization expand, it shall be the recommendation of the Board that they be counseled to become a customer user of the system.

7. All devices operating on the System must meet or exceed the standards of those devices currently utilized by of member jurisdictions. The Board reserves the right to consult with anyone it chooses to assist in this determination and reserves the right to reject any non-members participation as it deems in the best interest of the System integrity.
8. All programming shall be granted by specific approval of the Board and all programming services shall only be provided by a vendor appointed by the Board.
9. LID number identification is to be provided by the member jurisdiction authorizing and approving the non-member participation. LID numbers shall be used in concert with established maintenance programs and inventory control efforts.
10. Use of the System related to this policy is to be limited to public safety emergency services/response in conjunction with and for the benefit of member jurisdictions of the Region 2000 Radio Communications Board and there shall be no use of the System in non-member jurisdictions without approval and authorization from a jurisdictional Board member.

ADOPTED by the Region 2000 Radio Communications Board this 4th day of May, 2018.

Attest:



Matt Perkins, Clerk to the Board