



Peoria Police Department	
Policy and Procedure Manual	
Policy 8.01.A	Interoperable Communications/Regional Law Enforcement Services



I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Peoria Police Department that all employees abide by the rules and regulations governing the use of regional law enforcement services among agencies through cooperative agreements regarding the use of the statewide interagency radio system-

II. PROCEDURE

A. Interoperable Radio Systems – (81.2.10). The department has access to two different interoperable radio systems. The Arizona Interagency Radio System (AIRS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) Radio System.

1. AIRS is designed to provide interoperable communications capability to first responders of police, fire, and EMS agencies as well as other personnel of municipal, county, state, tribal and federal agencies and approved non-governmental organizations performing public safety activities.
 - a. In Maricopa County, AIRS is monitored by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO). Direct communication on this frequency is available on our UHF channel eight (8), nine (9) or ten (10). This system allows the channel to be cross-patched with a VHF Interagency channel. Other agencies will refer to these channels by ‘name’ not channel number as they are different channel assignment for each agency.
 - b. The Peoria portable radios have the following programming:

Channel	Channel Name	Agency
1	PEORIA 1	Peoria PD – repeated
2	PEORIA 2	Peoria PD – repeated
3	PEORIA 3	Peoria PD – repeated
4	PEORIA 4	Peoria PD – repeated
5	PEORIA 5	Peoria PD - simplex
6	PEORIA 6	Peoria PD - simplex
7	PEORIA 7	Peoria PD - simplex
8	UAIRES_D	UHF Interagency - Direct/Simplex
9	AIRS1	UHF Interagency - Repeater (Regional Tone)
10	AIRSAZ	UHF Interagency - Repeater (Statewide Tone)
11	UCALL	UHF Narrowband Interoperability Calling Channel (Repeater)
12	UCALL_D	UHF Narrowband Interoperability Calling Channel (Direct/Simplex)
13	UTAC1_D	UHF Narrowband Interoperability Tactical Channel (Direct/Simplex)
14	DPS D-8 C-C	AZ Dept. of Public Safety - District 8 Car-to-Car (Direct/Simplex)
15	DPS D-12 C-C	AZ Dept. of Public Safety - District 12 Car-to-Car (Direct/Simplex)
16	DPS WEST TAC	AZ Dept. of Public Safety - West Tactical Channel (Repeater)

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- c. Definitions for some of the AIRS channels are as follows:
- (1) **UAIRS_D** = UIA D(irect), UHF Interagency Simplex, UHF Interagency T/A, UHF Interagency Talk-around, Interagency 2
 - (2) **AIRS1** = UIA R(egional), UHF Interagency "Regional" Repeater, UHF Interagency Repeater with regional tone
 - (3) **AIRSAZ** = UIA S(tatewide), UHF Interagency "Statewide" Repeater, UHF Interagency Repeater with statewide tone, UHF Interagency, Interagency 1, Interagency
- d. Most police agencies in the County have interagency capability. Since, the set-up by the agency may take from a few to 20 minutes, interagency operation should not be relied upon for pursuit situation communication with another agency's field unit.
- (1) Do not use radio codes; speak in plain English.
 - (2) Officers will advise the Communications Specialist when switching direct to the interagency frequency and the reason for the switch. Example: "(unit identifier), switching to interagency for (incident)." After acknowledgment, switch to the interagency channel.
 - (3) Clearing on this frequency alerts the MCSO interagency monitoring Communications Specialist who will determine the requesting unit's needs and evaluate the requested agency's radio capabilities.
 - (a) All resulting communication will be monitored by the MCSO Communications Specialist.
 - (b) Communication with a Peoria Police Communications Specialist will not be possible.
 - (c) Example: "Peoria (unit identifier)" (pause for MCSO Communications Specialist to acknowledge). "Peoria (unit identifier) requesting communication with (police agency) for (incident and location)."
 - (4) The MCSO Communications Specialist will either set-up the connection or explain the other agency's inability to operate on interagency.
 - (5) Upon completion of the operation, the officer will inform the MCSO Communications Specialist.
2. PSAP Patch Channel
- a. The Department of Justice provided additions to radio system to Maricopa County to be used for interoperability amongst the valley agencies. The radio system has two portions to it, the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) Call Channel and the PSAP Patch Channel. The PSAP Call channel allows all of the dispatch agencies within the county to talk to each other via the radio system. The PSAP Patch Channel allows identified agencies to be patched together.
 - b. The PSAP Call channel will be enabled through PRWN/TOPAZ control stations linked to the dispatch consoles of the following public safety agencies in the Phoenix regional area – bold agencies currently have equipment:
 - (1) **Apache Junction Police Department**
 - (2) Arizona Department of Public Safety
 - (3) Arizona Department of Transportation
 - (4) **Arizona State University Police Department**
 - (5) **Avondale Police Department**
 - (6) **Chandler Police Department**
 - (7) **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

- (8) **Gila River Indian Community**
 - (9) **Gilbert Police Department**
 - (10) **Glendale Police Department**
 - (11) **Goodyear Police Department**
 - (12) **Luke Air Force Base**
 - (13) **Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)**
 - (14) **Mesa Police Department**
 - (15) **Paradise Valley Police Department**
 - (16) **Peoria Police Department**
 - (17) **Phoenix Fire Department**
 - (18) **Phoenix Police Department**
 - (19) **Scottsdale Police Department**
 - (20) **Sky Harbor International Airport**
 - (21) **Surprise Police Department**
 - (22) **Tempe Police Department**
 - (23) **Tolleson Police Department**
- c. Agencies that have the capability of being patched to the other agencies are:
- (1) Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
 - (2) Chandler Police Department
 - (3) Gila River Indian Community
 - (4) Glendale Police Department
 - (5) Peoria Police Department
 - (6) Scottsdale Police Department
 - (7) Tempe Police Department.
- d. Purpose of the PSAP Call Channel and PSAP Patch Channels is to assist in coordinating the response to an emergency between PSAPs. This coordination can include broadcasting critical information, providing updates from units, assisting on their progress to the scene of an incident, and other significant events. The list includes but is not limited to:
- (1) Pursuits
 - (2) Emergency Interagency Request for Assistance
 - (3) Acts of Terrorism
 - (4) Critical incident of interest to the safety of citizens or public safety personnel

- (5) Officer down – suspect not in custody
- (6) Amber Alerts
- (7) PSAP Equipment Failures
- (8) PSAP Evacuation
- e. The PSAP Call Channel shall be monitored by Communications at all times.
- f. PSAP Patch Channel may be requested to be used by an officer when an incident will involve one of the previously identified agencies.
 - (1) The Communications Supervisor will determine if the patch can be established at that time. The availability of frequencies and personnel will assist with this determination.
 - (2) Communications shall determine which channel is patched and advise the involved officers. The patch will be established by Communications personnel.
- g. Complete clear speech shall be used when operating with patched frequencies.
- h. “Peoria” shall be stated in front of each person’s call sign
- i. The Incident Commander or officer in charge of the incident shall notify Communications when the radio patch is no longer necessary.
- j. The patch capability will only allow radio coverage where the Peoria radio system provides coverage. For example, if officers are in the City of Scottsdale working with them on an incident, the patch could be initiated but the Peoria radio coverage would not consistently reach the Peoria officers in Scottsdale

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