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Lucas County Sheriff's Office  
Policy and Procedure



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SECTION: COUNTY WIDE COMMUNICATIONS

**INTER-AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**I. BACKGROUND**

If public safety agencies need to communicate with other public safety agencies, the Lucas County Countywide Communications System (CCS) allows for inter-agency communications. This policy ensures that all inter-agency communications are conducted in a consistent manner, per the individual controls required by RCOG dispatch.

**II. POLICY**

1. Any public safety user, authorized to communicate on the CCS, can engage in direct communications with any other public safety system user.
  - a. The public safety user seeking to communicate with another public safety user not controlled by their RCOG dispatcher, will first contact their dispatcher and make known the need. The requesting unit will ask for the unit or service they seek to communicate with to join them on an Interoperable (IO) talkgroup. After dispatch acknowledgment, they will select the assigned IO talkgroup on Zone 3 [C].
2. At the conclusion of the inter-agency communication, the units communicating on the assigned IO talkgroup will return to their home dispatch channel. Units returning to their home dispatch channel will check in with their dispatcher to report their status. This policy is in CAD for quick reference.
3. In an emergency, a public safety user will enable the Orange Emergency Button on the radio to make immediate contact with an RCOG dispatcher. Upon acknowledgment, they will transmit the reason for the emergency. The user must ensure that their transmission does not impede a "closed air" incident or other immediate incident in progress before proceeding with their emergency transmission.