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Previous Policy(s): ETS-13-001P, Sections 8.0.2, 8.0.3, 8.0.4
Effective Date: April 10, 2018
Revised:

Access to the DuPage Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Subscriber Unit System (DEDIRS) Encrypted Talk Groups

Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with State of Illinois STARCOM21 and DEDIRS requirements for use and access of DEDIRS talk groups for the purpose of interoperability for emergency communications.

Additional Authority:
Public Act 100-002
OEX-003B-89 Amending Section 40-20 of the DuPage County Code Pertaining to the Emergency Telephone System Board

Goal:
It is the goal of the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County (DuPage ETSB) to provide one seamless method of interoperable communication for use by agencies on DEDIRS for non-member agencies.

Scope:
This policy shall apply to all Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the DuPage ETSB 9-1-1 System, including all Telecommunicators and other employees of the PSAP, user agencies or DuPage ETSB staff, contracted vendors or other authorized agents, DEDIRS users and agencies receiving approval to access DEDIRS talk groups.

I. Policy Statement

DuPage ETSB leases a portion of the Motorola Solutions, Inc. STARCOM21 network in Illinois as an integrated component of its emergency dispatch telephone system. The system permits communication between telecommunicators and the first responding personnel they dispatch in response to calls placed to 9-1-1. The system also permits personnel from public safety agencies throughout the County to communicate with each other during emergency joint response situations.

DuPage ETSB acknowledges that there may be legitimate reasons that non-sworn personnel may need access to encrypted talk groups on the DEDIRS subscriber unit system. Some of these reasons may include membership on a task force by non-sworn personnel, or membership on a task force by members of an agency that are not a participating member of DEDIRS.

This application for access to DEDIRS encrypted talk groups should be completed and submitted to the PAC for consideration and approval. DuPage ETSB is not responsible for any fees for programming of the subscriber unit, and monthly airtime fees will be the responsibility of the requestor or the sponsoring agency or task force that is requesting access or the non-member agency.

II. Application Procedure

Any agency that determines it has a need to provide a non-sworn member with access to an encrypted talk group may apply to DuPage ETSB for access.

Applicant Responsibilities

Application: The applicant must make application to the ETSB and supply the following documents with the application:

1. A brief cover letter/email explaining the need for access, type of anticipated use (daily, mutual aid, auto aid, task force etc.) and any other pertinent information including which DEDIRS members the requestor will mostly likely communicate;
2. A completed DuPage ETSB DEDIRS Access Application, unless this is a subscriber unit already active on DEDIRS;
3. A completed DuPage ETSB Application for Access to DEDIRS Encrypted Talk Groups for Non-Sworn Personnel form;
4. A completed DuPage ETSB Confidentiality Agreement for Use of STARCOM21 Subscriber Unit System form.

The rights of the Applicant and the ability to utilize the DEDIRS system will rest with the Applicant and DuPage ETSB and is neither transferable nor can it be expanded upon without permission.

Each Applicant will be responsible for those fees incurred on its behalf. All subscriber fees charged by Motorola for an Applicant's subscriber unit maintenance or operations are the responsibility of the Applicant. The PAC, DuPage ETSB or any of its member agencies are not responsible for any equipment or losses directly or indirectly associated with this system or agreement.

DuPage ETSB Responsibilities

Before an Applicant is approved for use of encrypted talk groups, all member police and fire agencies shall be notified with a fourteen (14) notification window. The process of notification will be outlined below.

DuPage ETSB and/or Motorola may disable a subscriber unit or units at any time with or without notice to the requesting agency. DuPage ETSB may disable any subscriber unit or units which adversely impact the performance of the DEDIRS or suspend or revoke the agreement with the Applicant if, in DuPage ETSB's opinion, the Applicant's continued usage on DEDIRS adversely impacts the system or safety of the public safety personnel.

Application Process: The application shall be processed as follows:

- The application, including the four items listed previously, shall be submitted to DuPage ETSB.
- If this application includes a new subscriber unit to the DEDIRS, DuPage ETSB shall review the application with the ETSB-approved subscriber unit vendor to assess the type of equipment the Applicant proposes to use with DEDIRS, its load potential on the system and other technical items associated with the application, including the code plug development. The approved vendor will provide a recommendation whether to approve or deny the application based solely on operational

issues. If the vendor believes that the application should be denied, the vendor shall provide a brief written explanation for PAC and ETS Board consideration.

- DuPage ETSB staff will provide copies of the application to the PSAP Directors. The date that the application is distributed to the PSAPs will start the fourteen (14) day notification window for member review.
- The PSAP Directors will advise their member agencies of the application request. This can be accomplished through their own internal operational process for disseminating information to their agencies (email, committee meetings etc.). PSAPs are encouraged to bring this information through internal committees to promote discussion and consensus.
- The PSAP Directors will advise DuPage ETSB staff via email if there are no objections or of any objections to the application or recommendations within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the application. The objection must be filed in writing by return receipt email to ETSB911@dupageco.org within the allotted fourteen (14) calendar days.
- DuPage ETSB staff shall prepare the application paperwork for the next PAC and ETS Board agendas.

The PAC shall review any application for access. During that review process the PAC shall:

- Assure that all associated paperwork is complete;
- Shall hear a report from DuPage ETSB staff on the status of the fourteen (14) day notification, approvals/objections/recommendations from members and vendor recommendations for the application;
- Shall discuss the application and vote to make a recommendation to the ETS Board to either approve or deny the application and forward the application and recommendation to the ETS Board for its next regular meeting.

In the event the PAC denies the application, the application and brief written explanation by the PAC Chairman, or his designee, shall be forwarded to the ETS Board for their information and discussion. In the event the PAC cannot reach a consensus vote that fact shall be reported to the ETS Board in writing for their information and discussion.

III. Implementation

The Applicant will be notified of the DuPage ETSB decision. If approved, the Applicant may then proceed to program its subscriber unit with the designated encrypted talk groups.

Policy adopted: April 10, 2018

Gary Grasso, Chairman

DUPAGE ETSB
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FOR NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

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Name of operator that will be given access: _____

Agency of operator: _____

Reason for access: _____

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Sponsoring Agency or Task Force: _____

Was a background check completed on the operator: (circle one) Yes No

Did the operator sign a confidentiality agreement: (circle one) Yes No

The sponsoring agency or task force acknowledges that they have conducted the appropriate screening of the operator requesting access and will make that background check available to the PAC or ETSB upon request from one of those agencies.

Name of sponsoring agency supervisor: _____

Signature of sponsoring agency supervisor: _____

Date: _____

DUPAGE ETSB
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
USE OF STARCOM 21 SUBSCRIBER UNIT SYSTEM

As a member of the _____ (name of task force or sponsoring agency), I understand that I may learn of or have access to information over encrypted talk groups of the DEDIRS subscriber unit system which is of personal, safety-sensitive, or otherwise confidential in nature. Such information includes, but is not limited to incident report information, NCIC/LEADS information, Computer Aided Dispatch/RMS information, and other law enforcement or police related information.

I agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information and will not divulge it to anyone for any purpose without the express consent or approval of the task force or sponsoring agency.

I further understand and agree that I am prohibited from using any of this information for my personal use or benefit or for any other non-Police business related purposes.

I understand and agree that my failure to comply with the confidentiality requirement set forth in this Confidentiality Agreement is grounds for discipline, up to and including termination of access to encrypted talk groups.

The restrictions of the Confidentiality Agreement regarding disclosure and use of information shall continue to apply after termination of my relationship with the task force or sponsoring agency.

I have read and understand this agreement and agree to comply with it in every respect.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

_____
Signature

_____
Printed Full Name

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Agency