



## **Incident Command**

The Regional IC Zone protocol provides a common use talkgroup zone for each of the six Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) regions within Alaska. The benefit of having these zones programmed into ALMR radios is that regions will have access to mid-level ICS channels during a regional incident or event. In addition, the Incident Commander has assignment authority of the Regional IC Zone in coordination with the COML and incident Dispatcher.

Use of the Regional IC Zone channels must be tracked by the On-Scene Commander(s) if assigned to agencies during an incident. Once an Incident Commander is assigned to assume responsibility for coordinating the response, the method and assignments of the Regional IC Zone talk groups must be passed on by the On-Scene Commander(s) for further coordination and assignments.

Channel one of all Regional IC Zones will be a hailing talk group that is monitored by the primary regional Dispatch Center. Channel eight (8) of all the regional IC Zones will have a simplex narrowband conventional frequency (140.6125 MHz) for short-range interoperable communications and provides the same service as Channel 8 of the Statewide IC Zone. Channels two through seven and nine through fifteen are available for assignment on an as needed basis by regional Incident or On-scene Commander(s), as well as the primary regional Dispatch Center. Channel 16 is an all-call talk group which permits simultaneous communications to all IC channels in that particular Regional IC Zone.

The common naming convention for each of the six Regional IC Zones is: The first letter represents the TICP Region followed by an underscore or a space, and the talk group “name” cannot exceed four characters as shown in the Regional IC Zone chart that follows:

### **ALMR – Statewide ICS Protocol:**

The ALMR Statewide ICS Communications Protocol requires that all ALMR subscriber units have, at a minimum, the following Statewide ICS common-use talk groups programmed into their radios and, just as important for radio users, is the awareness of where the talk groups are located (which Talkgroup Zone) within the radio. The Statewide ICS common use talkgroups are shown in the following chart:

**Statewide IC Zone**

<b>Statewide IC Zone</b>	
<b>HAIL</b>	<b>Monitored by AST Dispatch D</b>
S TAC 1	South Zone Tactical Responder Talk Group
S TAC 2	South Zone Tactical Responder Talk Group
S TAC 3	South Zone Tactical Responder Talk Group
N TAC 1	North Zone Tactical Responder Talk Group
N TAC 2	North Zone Tactical Responder Talk Group
N TAC 3	North Zone Tactical Responder Talk Group
TAC SX	Conventional Talk-Around

Statewide IC Zone	
HAIL	Monitored by AST Dispatch D
CMD 1	Command Talk Group
CMD 2	Command Talk Group
CMD 3	Command Talk Group
CMD 4	Command Talk Group
CMD MG	Command Multi Group
S TAC MG	Multi Group
N TAC MG	Multi-Group
DYN RGP	Dynamic Regroup

Other elements and functionality of the ALMR Statewide IC Zone that should be implemented during incident response on an as needed basis follows:

**Statewide IC Zone Command Multi-Group Calls:** In certain situations, an Incident Commander can direct that either all Command level radio users or all units and agencies involved in a response move to the IC Zone Multi-Group common use talkgroups for “all-call” transmissions.

- Statewide IC Zone CMD MG – Allows communications to/from all ALMR radio Command level users
- Statewide IC Zone S TAC MG – Allows communications to/from all ALMR radio Command and Responder level users during South Zone IC operations
- Statewide IC Zone N TAC MG – Allows communications to/from all ALMR radio Command and Responder level users during North Zone IC operations

**Statewide IC Zone Channel 8:** Channel 8 within the IC Zone is a conventional VHF simplex frequency (140.6125 MHz) that allows point to point communications within a small or confined area. In addition, if for any reason a team response extends beyond the ALMR System coverage area, IC Zone Channel 8 can be used for internal “walkie-talkie” level communications.

**Statewide IC Zone Hail Channel:** Will be monitored by Regional area Dispatch Centers for the following purposes:

- Allows ALMR radio users a common use and monitored talkgroup to report incidents that may not normally be reported through established procedures.
- Provides deployed incident support responders utilizing ALMR with a common use and monitored talkgroup the ability to receive further coordinating instructions as they enter the incident area.

The Statewide IC Zone will be implemented by the Incident Commander during a major incident when:

- The span of control of the incident exceeds the Regional IC Zone capabilities
- Approved for use by the controlling State agency



- State and Federal agencies are deployed for incident support
- Planned for use by the incident COML and ready for implementation

**Statewide Admin Talk Group Zone:** An Admin talkgroup zone can be programmed into ALMR radios for use by agencies that are providing support functions to an incident such as logistics, finance and administration. In most cases, the Admin talkgroups can be used, when assigned, by EOC personnel or those deployed to an Incident Command Post and would be activated by the IC to minimize any confusion between “forward incident operations” and “rear area” support as well as to maintain chain of command and assist with continuity of incident operations. However, if for any reason that an incident’s communication requirements exceed both the Regional and Statewide IC Zone capabilities, assignment of the Statewide Admin Talkgroup Zone is advised. During many incidents, the standard means of incident support communications within an EOC are wire line telephone, cellular phones and e-mail and should always be used when available to maximize the effective and efficient use of the ALMR System by first responders and on-scene support personnel.

The Admin talkgroups are provided to minimize any confusion between “forward incident operations” and “rear area” support as well as to maintain chain of command and assist with continuity of incident operations. The IC in coordination with the COML can assign Admin talkgroups if required and for “minimal use”. The available Admin talkgroups are as follow:

**Statewide Admin Zone**

Statewide Admin Zone
ADMN 1
ADMN 2
ADMN 3
ADMN 4
ADMN 5
ADMN 6
ADMN 7
ADMN 8
ADMN 9
ADMN 10
ADMN 11
ADMN 12
ADMN 13
ADMN 14
ADMN 15
ADMN 16

**Statewide Conventional IC Zone (OP):** Statewide OP channels are intended to be programmed into every ALMR and legacy system radio statewide to provide routine interoperability on an as needed basis during the ALMR transition period and for



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communications during an incident. Use and management of the OP Zone during an incident will be accomplished by the Incident Commander in coordination with the

Assigned OP Zone talkgroups are:

Statewide OP Zone		Owning agencies are not required to monitor these channels. Available for statewide use. Conventional Wideband Channels Expire Jan 1, 2012
LE SX	Law Enforcement Simplex Channel 155.25	Non P25 wideband conventional (wide)
CnC	AK Command and Control Channel 155.295	Non P25 wideband conventional (wide)
EMS	AK Emergency Medical Services 155.16	Non P25 wideband conventional (wide)
CH 6	Marine Ch 6 156.3	Marine Frequencies (Programmed into DOD radios as Receive Only)
CH 16	Marine Ch 16 156.8	Marine Frequencies (Programmed into DOD radios as Receive Only)
CH 17	Marine Ch 17 156.85	Marine Frequencies (Programmed into DOD radios as Receive Only)
CH 22A	Marine Ch 22A 157.1	Marine Frequencies (Programmed into DOD radios as Receive Only)
VCALL10 (conventional)	National Incident Calling Plan VHF Channel 155.7525 (NAC 293)	Federal Calling Plan Channel National P25 Channel (narrow)
VTAC11 (conventional)	National Incident Tactical Plan VHF Channel 151.1375 (NAC 293)	Federal Calling Plan Channel National P25 Channel (narrow)
VTAC12 (conventional)	National Incident Tactical Plan VHF Channel 154.4525 (NAC 293)	Federal Calling Plan Channel National P25 Channel (narrow)
VTAC13 (conventional)	National Incident Tactical Plan VHF Channel 158.7375 (NAC 293)	Federal Calling Plan Channel National P25 Channel (narrow)
VTAC14 (conventional)	National Incident Tactical Plan VHF Channel 159.4725 (NAC 293)	Federal Calling Plan Channels National P25 Channel (narrow)
ASTT	Alaska State Trooper Talkgroup (trunked)	Coordinate use of this channel with Alaska State Troopers
EMST	Emergency Medical Services Talkgroup (trunked)	Coordinate use of this channel with AK Emergency Medical Services
DECT	Dept of Environmental Conservation Talkgroup (trunked)	Coordinate use of this channel with AK Dept of Environmental
DNRT	Dept of Natural Resources Talkgroup (trunked)	Coordinate use of this channel with AK Dept of Natural Resources