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Massachusetts Tactical Channel Plan – MTCP

The 2nd revision of the MTCP represents the channels and talkgroups used for interoperability, command/control, and coordination throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – as well as the United States.

These channels and talkgroups must appear in the exact order listed in each zone, within each radio band template. The channels and talkgroups that appear in **red** print are P25 digital, in some case they may be mix-mode capable and may operate in analog as well. If you have limited channel and/or talkgroup capacity in an existing radio, please consult with a member of the Statewide Communications Unit (COMU) Team and/or the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). In order to prevent the radio channels and/or talkgroups from being ‘hung up’, by accidental PTT or equipment failure, all radios should be programmed with a ‘time-out timer/capability’. This should be set for no longer than ninety (90) seconds.

Programming information can be found in both (*latest versions*) of the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG) and the Massachusetts Interoperability Field Guide (MIFOG). State 7/800MHz trunking programming information and guidance will be provided by the Massachusetts State Police Communications Section or an authorized member of the Commonwealth Trunking Radio System.

Each radio band template provides a minimum number of channels/talkgroups and zones for adequate capacity. This guidance will help during a new investment of subscriber units.

For any additional information and/or guidance, please feel free to reach out to me:

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