

Title: **Gateway Policy**

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1. Purpose

- a. The purpose of this document is to provide structure and guidance for the request for and use of Conventional Channel Gateway (CCGW) for connection to the PCWIN trunked radio system.

2. Background

- a. "Gateway" systems interconnect channels of disparate systems (whether on different frequency bands, radio operating models or networks) using audio gateway devices (CCGW) thus permitting users to connect their radios and channels with the channels of others outside of their agency.
- b. CCGWs were purchased as part of the PCWIN system and are housed in various locations throughout the network.
- c. The use of CCGWs without the proper knowledge of the networks interconnected by these devices can be harmful to the normal operations of those networks.
- d. Users of CCGWs are limited to the range of their home system, and will not have access to the PCWIN coverage footprint.
- e. Once an agency is connected to PCWIN via a CCGW its connected talkgroups are available to the entire PCWIN network unless the agency makes specific provisions to control access.

3. Policy Statement

- a. Circumstances may necessitate the need to interconnect disparate radio systems to facilitate public safety operation of a member. A CCGW may be used after a technical review determines that the use of a CCGW is appropriate.
- b. CCGW use may be temporary or permanent per the direction of and approval of the PCWIN Board of Directors.
- c. Non-PCWIN members must authorize the talkgroup or conventional channel they own for the purpose of interconnection via a PCWIN CCGW.
- d. For frequencies licensed outside of the PCWIN system, request to interconnect with PCWIN via CCGW shall be accomplished through the PCWIN Executive Director or the Network Managing Member in the event of an emergency.

- e. In the event that any CCGW request requires the purchase of hardware to accomplish connectivity, the requesting agency shall be responsible for those costs upon approval.
- f. The Network Managing Member is responsible for programming and testing CCGW resources.

4. Applies to

- a. All users of the PCWIN 800 MHZ trunked radio system and agencies requesting the use of CCGW

5. Supporting Rules

- a. PCWIN Business Plan Governance Document

6. Conditions for Exemption or Waiver

- a. None