

# EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

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## A. POLICY STATEMENT

Most P25 capable subscribers on the market today have the ability to divide their channel address space into zones or banks. This is typically accomplished through an "ABC" switch on a portable unit which switches through each zone. By having the switch in position "A" the user has access to channels 1-16, by moving to position "B" the user now has access to channels 17-32, position "C" for channels 33-48. Other channels and zones can be accessed through front panel menus or a combination of button presses.

Member agencies have significant flexibility given the number of talkgroups to insure they have sufficient talkgroups for agency specific use, as well as interoperability talkgroups. In order to insure regional interoperability, the EBRCSA adopted the following policy:

1. Establish a common interoperability zone to be included on all public safety radios on the EBRCSA system;
2. The zone will be designated as the interoperability zone and will include the talkgroups recommended by the Bay Area Fleetmap developed by the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) for the Bay Area.