

EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

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A. POLICY STATEMENT

To ensure consistency between disparate users operating on national interoperability channels, a standardized channel naming convention was developed. This naming convention has been adopted in California and is incorporated in the Cal-IFOG <http://www.calema.ca.gov/TechnologyOperations/Documents/Interoperability/Cal-IFOG%202011%20Final%20cm.pdf>). Some examples of these common interoperability channel names are VFIRE23, CALAW1, etc.

Following these same concepts, the EBRCSA adopted the following policy:

1. To accommodate 8 character subscriber displays, talkgroup names should be limited to eight (8) characters as the standard for naming, with the first four (4) characters reserved for the agency descriptor, the next three (3) for the channel descriptor, and the remaining one (1) character reserved for the numeric ID;
2. Develop standard abbreviations for agencies, channel types and colors;
3. To increase readability in displays with greater than 8 characters, insert a space between the agency, channel descriptor, and number.