



Texas Department of Public Safety (TX DPS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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History

- **Federal Communications Commission adopts Part 90 Subpart B – Public Safety Radio Pool Rules in 1997**
 - Nationwide interoperability and mutual aid channels established
 - Dedicated frequencies
 - Part 90 License required to utilize
 - State/regional advisory committees required
- **77th Texas Legislature (2001)**
 - Interagency Radio Work Group (IWRG)
 - State agency communications network
- **IWRG mandates that state agency communications network be expanded to include all public safety agencies in the state**
- **TxDPS issues first MOU (2003)**
 - Participants may utilize the state-licensed frequencies
 - BRA executes MOU
- **BRA Board of Directors adopts National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the protocol to be used in responding to emergencies (2006)**



Obligations of BRA

- Use interoperability frequencies for the intended purpose of coordination between emergency response agencies
- Prioritize use of the interoperability frequencies, versus other frequencies, during an emergency response
- Participate in joint training exercises
- Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the protocol to be used in responding to emergencies or disaster incidents
- No fee required to utilize interoperability frequencies





BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Public Safety for use of the Department of Public Safety's multiband radio communication frequencies.



Brazos River Authority



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