

Title: **Media Access Policy**

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1. Purpose

- a. The purpose of this policy is to define the policy permitting media access to the PCWIN network

2. Background

- a. PCWIN is a radio communications network that supports both public safety and public service operations. While PCWIN acknowledges the desire for media access to newsworthy information, procedures and safeguards must be in place to protect the operations of the PCWIN members and the integrity of the PCWIN network
- b. This policy does not supersede individual agency policy regarding the release of public information

3. Policy Statement

- a. Media Agencies will be permitted to access specific, pre-approved talkgroups on the PCWIN network
- b. The media must purchase their own equipment and have it programmed as receive only by the PCWIN maintenance providers
 - i. This may require a contract with the maintenance providers for this service.
- c. The PCWIN Executive Director is responsible for oversight of media access to the PCWIN radio network and is the sole point of contact for media agencies requesting access to voice radio transmissions
 - i. The PCWIN Executive Director will maintain a list of approved talkgroups for media monitoring access
 - ii. Encrypted talkgroups or channels shall not be programmed into media radios

4. Applies to

- a. All agencies operating radios on the PCWIN network

5. Supporting Rules

- a. Media Access Procedure

6. Conditions for Exemption or Waiver

- a. None