

# FAQ for the Memorandum of Understanding for the Texas Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan

## WHO Should sign the MOU:

Ideally, the County should integrate all emergency management (EM) plans into a single emergency action plan (EAP) and then sign for everyone.

- Q: If a fire department (FD) resides in a City but is not part of a City, and the City does not have its own EM plan and is part of the County EM plan, can the Emergency Service District (ESD) sign independently?
  - Answer: Yes, unless the ESD is covered in the County's EM Plan, then the County could sign for the ESD.
- Q: The City can sign for its police department (PD), but because it has no jurisdictional authority over the ESD, is it true that the City cannot sign for them?
  - Answer: Correct
- Q: If all FDs, including VFDs, all fall under one Fire Chief Association, could they sign that way or is it recommended that the County sign for County and all VFDs since they fall under our EM plan, and just allow the City FDs and ESDs to sign independently?
  - Answer: Yes, the County can sign for all jurisdictions under their EM plan, while the City and ESD signs for all jurisdictions under their EM plan
- Q: Independent School Districts (ISDs) are on our radio system and their radios include NPSPAC frequencies as well, does each ISD have to sign an MOU or can the County incorporate them into the County signing?
  - Answer: If they fall under the County EM plan, then yes, the County can sign for them. If the ISD(s) have their own plan, then they should sign individually.
- Q: If a City has their own EAP, and the Fire Department usually updates that plan. Does the Mayor of that City sign the MOU? I say this because financially, only the City can sign a document that requires a service that will cost the city for personnel, etc.
  - Answer: The mayor could sign for the PD, FD and any VFD or ESDs that are covered in their EAP.
- My agency is a user on a large regional radio system, do we need to do our own MOU, or does the Regional System cover us?
  - Answer: Your agency will need to provide your own agency MOU.

## Listing Dual Band Radios

- Q: Our 700 MHz radios also have 800MHz in them with all of the mutual aid frequencies (for both 700 and 800) how should they be listed? For example, if I list 250 700 MHz, and then turn around and list the same number for 800 MHz, it will double the number radios that I have.

- Answer: No, the number of radios capable of transmitting on each of the bands are counted separately. Since each of your radios could potentially all be on 700 or 800 at the same time, you would need to list them all for both 700 and 800.