MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (MARCS)
Statewide Interoperability Talk Groups (MPP-15.1)

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- **XMCALL 1 thru 4**
  MARCS "Hailing Channel", Zones 1-4 (see map titled “MARCS Zones”) Allows any user to call for help from anywhere in the state. These talkgroups are monitored 24/7 by all OSHP Posts within the physical limits of each Zone. The talkgroups are also monitored 24/7 by ODNR’s Columbus Central Dispatch. (It is preferred the call be directed to the zone the call originates from, but is not required.)

- **XMCOMM 1 thru 4**
  MARCS users generic talkgroups for any user to be able to talk to any other user. These talkgroups are NOT monitored by MARCS base locations. Generally, a dispatcher would direct you to “go to XMCOMM 1 to talk to Officer A,” etc. (While each XMCOMM has statewide capability, the theoretical purpose is for “direct” communications in each geographic Zone.)

- **XECOMM 1 thru 28**
  MARCS users generic “interoperable” talk groups. To be used to talk to any other user when involved in a MARCS-coordinated emergency. At a multi-agency scene, Command/Communications/Control would steer responders to these talkgroups, based on functional work groups. E.g. A MARCS-equipped CCC would direct “All incoming traffic units go to XECOMM 9”, “all incoming rescue units go to XECOMM 11”, “all incoming hot zone units go to XECOMM 12”, etc.) XECOMM 1-19 will be coordinated through the MARCS 24hr Help Desk via XHELPDSK or (866)-646-2727.

- **XSCOMM 1 thru 28 – TOW 5A1**
  These talkgroups are used with TOW 5A1.  See TOW 5A1 definition above, (While these talkgroups are NOT monitored by MARCS base locations. They may be used for state or local emergency coordination if desired.)

- **XSFM-HQ, SFM-OPS 1-5, OFCA1-2, OSFA-1**
  These are the Nationwide Public Safety Interoperable channels. All of these channels are available for emergency communications. These channels should not be used for daily operations. Channels marked with “D” suffix are radio to radio direct (simplex).

- **XHELPDSK**
  This talkgroup is constantly monitored by the Ohio Office of Information Technology/MARCS-dedicated helpdesk, located at the State of Ohio Computer Center in Columbus. The Helpdesk primary purpose is to assist MARCS equipment users with problems encountered with the MARCS voice or data systems statewide. It can also be used as the initial point of contact for MARCS command staff. Helpdesk may also be reached 24/7 @ 1-866-OH-MARCS (1-866-646-2727).

- **National Interoperability Channels (i.e. 9CALL90, 7CALL7LAW)**
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- **XMEDVAC1, XMEDFLT, XCAREFLT, XLF-TAC, XCC-AIR, XPTNOPS, XAIREVAC, XMETROL2, XMETRFOCO**
  These are talkgroups established for contacting “air ambulances” in Ohio. XMEDFLT (MedFlight Columbus) is monitored by their respective Communications Centers. XMEDVAC1 (MedEvac-Cleveland ) and XCAREFLT (CareFlight-Dayton) are not monitored on a daily basis, therefore, it is recommended contact be made via land line with each respective air ambulance. 8TAC92D and 8TAC94D NPSPC recommended by the helicopter entities as a direct radio air to ground talkpath.

- **XMCALL 1 thru 16 – TOW 5A1**
  These talkgroups are used with the standalone MARCS Tower on Wheels (TOW 5A1). To be used to talk to any other user when involved in an emergency or event only when the TOWS are deployed. As with the ECOMMs, units would be “steered” to these talkgroups by state personnel.

- **XSCOMM 17 thru 32 – TOW 649**
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