



# AGENDA

## LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY (“AUTHORITY”)

### JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL REGULAR COMMITTEES MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, • 1:30 p.m.

LA-RICS Headquarters  
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Large Conference Room  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

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Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (the “Authority”)

#### AGENDA POSTED: June 12, 2025

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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS		ALTERNATES	
1.	<b>Leslie Luke</b> , County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office	1.	<b>Bennett Cummings</b> , County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
2.	<b>Todd Denerson (Vice-Chair)</b> , County of Los Angeles Fire Department	2.	<b>Grant Grunbaum</b> , County of Los Angeles Fire Department
3.	<b>David Sum (Chair)</b> , County of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department	3.	<b>Robert J. Weber</b> , County of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department
4.	<b>Adam Martinez</b> , County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services	4.	<b>Alfred Reyes</b> , County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
5.	<b>Michael Alegria</b> , Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association	5.	<b>Michael Browne</b> , Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
6.	<b>Mike Cizek</b> , Los Angeles County Police Chief’s Association	6.	<b>Paul Villalobos</b> , Monterey Park Police Department
7.	<b>Joshua Nelson</b> , California Contract Cities Association	7.	<b>Vacant Seat</b> , California Contract Cities Association
8.	<b>Ric Walczak</b> , At-Large Seat #3	8.	<b>Antonio Zavala</b> , At-Large Seat #3
9.	<b>Jeff LaGree</b> , At-Large Seat #2	9.	<b>Paul Devlin</b> , At-Large Seat #2
10.	<b>Chris Nigg</b> , At-Large Seat #4	10.	<b>Brandon Coatney</b> , At-Large Seat #4

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS		ALTERNATES	
1.	<b>Leslie Luke</b> , County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office	1.	<b>Bennett Cummings</b> , County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
2.	<b>Scott England (VC)</b> , County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department	2.	<b>Grant Grunbaum</b> , County of Los Angeles Fire Department
3.	<b>David Sum</b> , County of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department	3.	<b>Robert J. Weber</b> , County of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department
4.	<b>Lipin Tan</b> , County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services	4.	<b>Adam Martinez</b> , County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
5.	<b>Michael Alegria</b> , Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association	5.	<b>Michael Browne</b> , Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
6.	<b>Ted Pao (Chair)</b> , County of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department	6.	<b>Nancy Yang</b> , County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department
7.	<b>Joshua Nelson</b> , California Contract Cities Association	7.	<b>Vacant Seat</b> , California Contract Cities Association
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OFFICERS	
<b>Scott D. Edson</b> , LA-RICS Executive Director	
<b>Beatriz Cojulun</b> , LA-RICS Committee Secretary	

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)**

**A. May 20, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Agenda Item A

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

**VI. REPORTS (B – D)**

**B. Regional Interoperability Update – Ted Pao and Lt. Robert Weber**

Agenda Item B

**C. LMR Network Operation Status and Issues – Ted Pao**

Agenda Item C

**D. Interoperability Exercises Update**

Agenda Item D

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – NONE**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE**

**X. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

Joint Operations and Technical Regular Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., LA-RICS Headquarters, 2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Large Conference Room, Monterey Park, California 91754.

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# **JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025, • 1:30 p.m.**

<b>OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>
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Todd Denerson, County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Adam Martinez, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Michael Ciszek, Los Angeles Police Chiefs' Association
Jeff LaGreek, At-Large Seat #2

<b>OPERATIONS ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>
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Bennett Cummings, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Robert J. Weber, (Chair), County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Antonio Zavala, At-Large Seat #3
Brandon Coatney, At-Large Seat #4

<b>OPERATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT:</b>
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Michael Alegria, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association
Joshua Nelson, California Contract Cities' Association

<b>TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>
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Scott England, County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department
Lipin Tan, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Ted Pao, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Jeff LaGreek, At-Large Seat #2

<b>TECHNICAL ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>
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Bennett Cummings, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office
Robert J. Weber, (Chair), County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Antonio Zavala, At-Large Seat #3
Brandon Coatney, At-Large Seat #4

<b>TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/VACANT:</b>
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Michael Alegria, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association
Joshua Nelson, California Contract Cities' Association

<b>OFFICERS PRESENT:</b>
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Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director
Marissa Bosque, LA-RICS Project Team Member for Committee Secretary, Beatriz Cojulun





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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Operations Committee Alternate Chair Lieutenant Robert Weber called both the Joint Operations and Technical Committees meetings to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL**

Marissa Bosque took roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present for both Joint Operations and Technical Committees.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber welcomed the Joint Operations and Technical Committees Members and proceeded with Approval of the Minutes.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (A)**

**A. February 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked the Joint Committees for approval of the minutes. Joint Committee Alternate Member Brandon Coatney motioned first, seconded by Technical Committee Member Scott England.

Operations Committee:

Ayes (8): Cummings, Denerson, Weber, Martinez, Ciszek, Zavala, LaGreek, Coatney

Technical Committee:

Ayes (8): Cummings, England, Weber, Tan, Pao, Zavala, LaGreek, Coatney

**MOTION APPROVED**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

There was no public comment.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE**

There were no Consent Calendar items.

**VI. REPORTS (B – E)**



**B. Regional Interoperability Update – Ted Pao and Lt. Robert Weber**

Operations Lead Lieutenant Robert Weber greeted the Committees and presented Agenda Item B.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported LA-RICS is moving forward with Interoperability, and all Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) agencies are now programmed into the regional channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported LA-RICS is slowly moving forward with interoperable Talkgroups, and retired Lt. Communications Coordinator / Radio Programmer Paul Villalobos has been very helpful in that regard with the ICI agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say LA-RICS continues with ongoing discussions with the City of Los Angeles (City) Police Department (LAPD). Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared LA-RICS plans for intermediary interoperability; LA-RICS has shared IDs; working on the Inter-Subsystem Interface (ISSI); and continues to work with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI) and all agencies in the region to establish all ISSI connections that were slated in the funding cycle. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further shared he anticipates seeing progress in the coming months.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated further interoperability discussions on the South Bay agencies will be held later in the meeting.

This concluded the Regional Interoperability Update report with no additional discussion.

**C. LMR Network Operation Status and Issues – Ted Pao**

Technical Lead Ted Pao reported that LA-RICS would continue with preventative maintenance work on various components of the LMR infrastructure. Technical Lead Pao shared Enclosure 1, which reflected the statistical breakdown of preventative maintenance activities, specifically for Radio Frequency (RF) subsystems: Digital Trunked Voice Radio Subsystem (DTVRS) – Ultra High Frequency (UHF) and 700 megahertz (MHz), Analog Conventional Voice Radio Subsystem (ACVRS), and Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communication Subsystem (LARTCS). Technical Lead Pao also reported a statistical breakdown of preventative maintenance activities for non-RF systems, specifically generator, fire protection services, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and direct current power. Technical Lead Pao mentioned this data was updated as of April 30, 2025, and the preventative maintenance activities should be above 90% complete. Technical Lead Pao further shared all preventative maintenance work should be complete by the end of May.



Technical Lead Pao shared that progress has been made in every subsystem and infrastructure component. Technical Lead also shared that after one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1,854) hours of generator runtime at site East Sunset Ridge (ESR), utility power was restored on April 23, 2025. Technical Lead Pao further shared that site ESR went on generator power on February 5, 2025, when Southern California Edison (SCE) equipment failed. Technical Lead Pao went on to say SCE pinpointed the failure at an underground vault next to a damaged tower that is next to LA-RICS' tower.

Technical Lead Pao stated that due to safety concerns of its personnel, SCE has held off on the repair until the tower crew removes the damaged portion. Technical Lead Pao further stated that although the owner of the damaged tower attempted to remove the damaged section, it was not successful in removing it; however, it appears the tower crew was able to secure the damaged component enough to allow the SCE crew to access the vault and restore power on April 23, 2025. Technical Lead Pao reported that, overall, approximately three thousand (3,000) gallons of diesel fuel were consumed, one thousand seven hundred (1,700) gallons were delivered to the site on April 18, 2025, and another one thousand five hundred (1,500) gallons are scheduled for delivery on May 2, 2025.

Technical Lead Pao said the access road for site Frost Peak (FRP) opened after Mountain High Ski Resort shut down for the ski season. Technical Lead Pao shared Authority staff went onsite to survey any additional winter damage and assess the scope of repair from the previous winter and fire damage because of the Bridge Fire. Technical Lead Pao went on to say that there were new damages to one of the antennas, generator grip strut roof, and fence. Technical Lead Pao mentioned that damage was most likely caused by the fallen ice or ice-loaded antenna with wind, as Authority staff continues to work with a contractor to restore the site.

Regarding the site security enhancement project, the door access control and surveillance camera, Technical Lead Pao reported that LA-RICS continues with implementation efforts at various sites. Technical Lead Pao further reported that in the last week, the pace of tower camera installation has picked up with the addition of new contracted tower crews. Technical Lead Pao went on to say that LA-RICS continues to be on a very tight schedule for installation completion by the end of the month. Technical Lead Pao said LA-RICS is constantly working out issues and monitoring the progress. Technical Lead Pao stated when the camera and door access



installation have been completed; the LA-RICS staff would need to perform the final configuration and the camera's analytic capability.

Technical Lead Pao shared Enclosures 1-7, which included a video and a few images demonstrating camera functionality.

Technical Lead Pao concluded his report with no additional discussion.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned this was a major security upgrade for the remote LMR sites, and the upgrade would be beneficial for the system in regards to tracking individuals, including contractors, who visit the site for maintenance.

#### **D. INTEROPERABILITY EXERCISES**

Operations Lead Lt. Weber acknowledged Chief Luke Hellinga of the City of Palos Verdes Estates PD (RPVPD), Officer Adam Cook of the City of Redondo Beach PD, who attended the meeting via teleconference, and Officer Michael Drohan of the City of El Segundo PD who attended the meeting in-person.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported the majority of the South Bay has the interoperable regional channels and mutual aid Talkgroups programmed into their radios, and the idea of these exercises is to talk about what an exercise would look like in the South Bay soon to test the interoperability these agencies have with the new South Bay agencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber presented different possible scenarios (Enclosures 7, consisted of 13 pages) to determine what radio Talkgroups will be used and to explore recommendations on how to respond to these scenarios regarding interoperability with larger agencies such as the LAPD. Operations Lead Lt. Weber reiterated one can connect to an agency Talkgroup, and for large operations such as those that involve the LAPD, one can connect or patch into the regional channels.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated all County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) stations have regional channels in their division zones for communications; Operations Lead Lt. Weber reiterated this was probably the best way to handle a larger operation.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned the focus would need to be having regional channels programmed into the radios and provide training on how to use these channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned in the event



of an officer involved shooting, a deputy most likely would not want to change off a channel, at least not immediately; a deputy can connect to the channel via patching in, or many times with LASD, once the main frequency is stabilized, then the deputy can move to a tactical channel.

Technical Lead Pao asked how the notification process begins with the surrounding agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated this should begin from one dispatch center to the other; discussions have been had regarding a broadcast channel just for dispatch centers to send out information while enabling an agency to have the Talkgroup in the background; this would make interoperable communications easier. Operations Lead Weber mentioned at this time; most agencies simply make a phone call; this is what LASD is currently doing.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated if everyone in the dispatch centers have Talkgroups programmed into their radios, then communications would simply be a push of a button.

Technical Committee Member Scott England asked if the Authority would incorporate the dispatch centers and would the National Interoperable Field Operations Guide (NIFOG) be incorporated as well, and wondered if there was a scenario or some type of synopsis to utilize this.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated there was not a scenario or synopsis yet available, but the purpose of this exercise was to discuss possible scenarios with the South Bay agencies since they now have most of the connections. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated these scenarios have been discussed in ad-hoc meetings.

Officer Adam Cook of Redondo Beach PD shared that police agencies in the South Bay outside of the City of Redondo Beach, the City of Torrance, and the City of RPV operate on South Bay Regional Communication Center (RCC) which is a reason for a delay in communications. Officer Adam Cook clarified that RCC agencies for the City of Redondo Beach, the City of Torrance, and the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes Estates do not share the same dispatch centers which result in a lag time in communicating.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated that is a good reason to go over the scenarios, and the idea is to open conversation regarding how to address an issue such as this and how to train users to deal with this type of issue.

Officer Cook further shared there are also delays with the Talkgroups. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said this was the purpose of having the regional



channels programmed into the radios; it is through the ISSI connection with ICI. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed the importance for all agencies to be on the same page regarding how and when to use the regional channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further expressed that most South Bay agencies work amongst themselves, unless they need additional resources outside of their agency. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say that during a larger event, the LASD would most likely be the next biggest agency to assist, and if LAPD is needed, LASD can communicate with them using the regional channels, either by patching or switching over to the regional channel.

Regarding a flash mob scenario (Scenario #2) in a shopping mall in the city of Torrance, Operations Lead Lt. Weber suggested that while the City of Torrance PD radios work inside the shopping mall, other responding agencies' radios may not work as well and would most likely need to switch to Torrance PD's Talkgroups initially; however, if LASD is involved, it would be harder for LASD deputies to switch over to Torrance PD's Talkgroups; this is one reason why it is recommended for agencies to use the regional channels, especially if it involves a larger agency response.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned another issue to discuss are bi-directional amplifiers; sometimes, agencies have their own bi-directional amplifiers set up in their own buildings for their Talkgroups, and this may not necessarily work for outside agencies; outside agencies may need to patch into the regional channels to assist.

Chief Luke Hellinga asked Operations Lead Lt. Weber to expand on the difficulties that LASD has when switching over to municipal agencies' frequencies or Talkgroups.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber said LASD has it in their zone, but it is not something LASD generally does. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated that it would be better for overall command and control to use the regional channels.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subject Matter Expert (SME) Dana Gower if most agencies on ICI are on the LA-RICS System, to which LMR SME Gower stated that IDs would first need to be activated. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said the IDs would be activated soon, however, the regional connections are available, and believes that would be how LAPD would connect in the future.





Operations Lead Lt. Weber emphasized the need for all agencies to use the regional channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed LA-RICS encourages the County Fire Department (LACoFD) and City of Los Angeles Fire Department to use the regional channels as well, because agencies that are using the regional channels would make them interoperable; this is to bridge the communications gaps.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated LA-RICS encourages all agencies to program their radios with the other mutual aid Talkgroups such as the L-TAC (Local Tactical) channels and metro channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated LASD is currently working on this with their radios.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say there are other events and mutual aid Talkgroups, and there is a list of agencies that are setting up their radio programming. Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked Officer Drohan of El Segundo PD if they have all agencies on the list programmed into their radios, to which Officer Drohan confirmed as so. Operations Lead Lt. Weber encouraged programming radios into the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications Subsystem (LARTCS) channels, which are the legacy-style Ultra High Frequency and national interoperability channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared the National Guard used some of those LARTCS channels during the most recent wildfires. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed the LA-RICS system was built to assist other agencies in that regard, and that patching onto the trunked system is possible if necessary.

Regarding Scenario #3, an active shooter situation at a South Bay college campus that is between the City of Torrance and an unincorporated part of the County, Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated that Torrance PD and LASD would most likely be the first agencies to respond right away, which emphasized the need for agencies to use the regional channels; each agency would most likely use their own Talkgroups or tactical channels initially.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated another issue to investigate is how LA-RICS can connect with a specific college; for instance, El Camino College is on an ICI type of system while it's sister college, Cerritos College, is on the LA-RICS system; how can LA-RICS connect to their Talkgroups. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said El Camino College's system may work better on campus because of Big Data Analytics (BDAs) or something similar.



Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed that, in this case, LACoFD has the LA-RICS Talkgroups programmed into their radios, and therefore, LASD can directly communicate with them on the L-TAC and metro channels; patching onto the regional channels may be the best option.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber further expressed the need for interoperable communications, and having the regional channels programmed into radios is the best option, especially in larger incidents.

There was further discussion between on the South Bay agencies' connections with El Camino College, to which Operations Lead Weber mentioned he believed El Camino College was on a trunked-type system, and its sister college, Cerritos College, was on the LA-RICS system. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further mentioned he wanted to ensure that El Camino College could patch into South Bay agencies' dispatches or the LA-RICS system or, at the bare minimum, program their radios to the regional channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber went on to say Torrance PD would most likely have a better understanding of this, and it would be investigated.

Sergeant Alvaro Sierra said it was his understanding that El Camino College uses P25 digital and conventional channels, as Cerritos College uses digital channels. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said this would be discussed further and that, hopefully, training would be set in place for the South Bay agencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked Officer Cook if his agency has the regional, L-TAC, and Metro channels programmed in. Officer Cook confirmed all channels are programmed onto their radios, and Torrance PD has these channels programmed in as well. Officer Cook mentioned El Camino College was on a conventional P25 encrypted system and was not on a trunked system. Operations Lead Lt. Weber said LA-RICS can find a way to patch them onto the system.

There was further discussion regarding ideas on how dispatch centers in the South Bay can connect to the regional channels.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated the bottom line was the importance of agencies' having the regional Talkgroups programmed into radios and training dispatchers to patch into these Talkgroups.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that LA-RICS recently signed a User Agreement with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), an agency that LA-RICS interfaces with, and he hopes for LA-RICS to have greater





interoperability with them as they move to the California Radio Interoperability System. Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed he believed shared IDs would be put in place in CHP's helicopters soon which would be helpful. Regarding Scenario #4, which was a pursuit of a car crossing multiple jurisdictions, Operations Lead Lt. Weber said LA-RICS would like to have some sort of a "red channel" that would allow all agencies to connect to; however, at this time, LA-RICS would connect to the handling agencies' Talkgroups or patch them into the regional talkgroups. Operations Lead Lt. Weber mentioned that moving into the agencies' Talkgroups or having the Regional Talkgroups programmed in would be helpful, and LA RICS would include something similar in their training exercises.

Regarding Additional LA-RICS Recommendations page in Enclosure 7, Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated that, ideally, to benefit the Mutual Aid Coordinator (EOB), LA RICS recommends programming of the station L-TACs, metro talk-groups, and trunked mutual aid Talkgroups. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further stated all agencies should program LARTCS analog channels for wide-scale emergency use; LA-RICS can provide a list of these channels.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed LA-RICS looks forward to having a training exercise with the South Bay agencies and plans to have more conversations with them prior to any training scenario.

Officer Cook expressed that having a "red channel" was necessary and a good idea that would also be beneficial for officers in the field or end users to switch to a channel that everyone would be familiar with. Officer Cook further stated his agency would connect to LA-RICS in the next few months, and they are encouraging other agencies to program the new Talkgroups into their radios. Officer Cook went on to say his agency welcomed any ideas on how to encourage other agencies to program their radios to these Talkgroups.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed that all the South Bay agencies are encouraged to program these new Talkgroups, and having the regional channels enables them to communicate with each other.

The conversation concluded with Technical Lead Pao confirming that LA-RICS would share the list of Talkgroups for the South Bay agencies to use; Operations Lead Lt. Weber expressed that LA-RICS would invite the South Bay agencies to participate in the training exercises next month.

## **E. ESCHAT**



Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that ESChat is the Push-to-Talk (PTT) option that LA-RICS is in the final stages of procuring; ESChat provides a direct ISSI connection to the LA-RICS System. Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that users would be able to install the ESChat application into their cell phones and have access to any Talkgroups regardless of cellular service; this would be like MSI's APX Next All-Band P25 Smart Radio which can be used anywhere. Operations Lead Lt. Weber stated this would be a feature added at no cost increase to the existing approved subscription fee for the initial year, and that many federal agencies use ESChat, which was more of a reason to procure this application.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (F)**

### **F. 2025 SCHEDULE OF LA-RICS JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Operations Lead Lt. Weber presented the Agenda Item F, which is the 2025 Schedule of LA-RICS Joint Operations and Technical Committee Meetings shown below.

<b>Regular Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)</b>
June 17, 2025
July 15, 2025
August 19, 2025
September 16, 2025
October 21, 2025
November 18, 2025
December 16, 2025

Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked for a motion to approve. Operations Committee Member Todd Denerson motioned first seconded by Technical Lead Pao.



Operations Committee:

Ayes (8): Cummings, Denerson, Weber, Martinez, Ciszek, Zavala, LaGreek, and Coatney

Technical Committee:

Ayes (8): Cummings, England, Weber, Tan, Pao, Zavala, LaGreek, and Coatney

**MOTION APPROVED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE – NONE**

**X. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

Operations Lead Lt. Weber adjourned the Regular Joint Operations and Technical Committee Meeting at 2:32 p.m., with the next Joint Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., at the LA-RICS Headquarters, 2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Large Conference Room, Monterey Park, California, 91754.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Joint Committee Meeting, to which Technical Committee Member England made a motion.

# Infrastructure Preventive Maintenance Status

RF Preventive Maintenance	Total	Completed	% Completed
DTVRS (UHF & 700 MHz)	103	83	81%
ACVRS	100	74	74%
LARTCS	77	61	79%
None RF System			
Generator	42	41	98%
FPS	58	56	97%
HVAC	52	48	92%
DC Power	59	41	69%

**ENCLOSURE 1**

# RIH 3 Hikers Walking Full Video



# RIH 3 Hikers Full View



**ENCLOSURE 3**



# RIH 3 Hikers Medium Zoom



**ENCLOSURE 4**



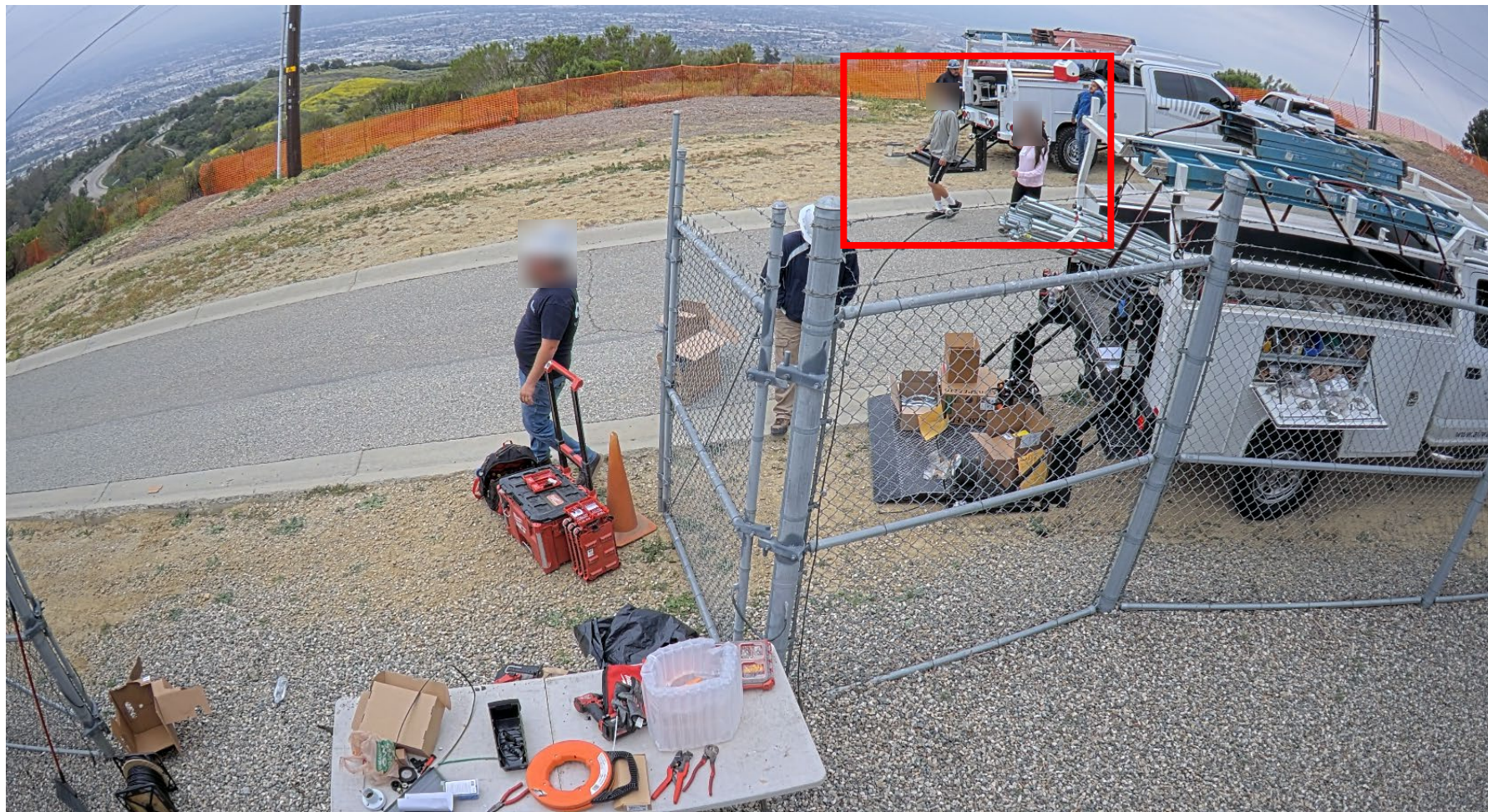
# RIH 3 Hikers Close Zoom



**ENCLOSURE 5**



# RIH Front Gate Camera Example



**ENCLOSURE 6**





# JOINT OPERATIONS + TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

HOW THE LA-RICS SYSTEM  
CAN ASSIST **SOUTH BAY AGENCIES**

MAY 20, 2025

**ENCLOSURE 7**



## AGENDA

- ◆ SCENARIOS
- ◆ RECOMMENDATIONS
- ◆ Q+A
- ◆ CLOSING

# SCENARIO #1 – ARMED ROBBERY



Gardena PD responds to a call of an armed robbery in progress at Jay's Liquor Store at the corner of Walk and Don't Walk.



As officers from Gardena PD arrive, the lone suspect shoots at them but does not hit them.

The officers return fire but do not hit the suspect.



The suspect gets into a vehicle and a vehicle pursuit with the officers ensues.



The pursuit crosses multiple jurisdictions and the suspect crashes in Redondo Beach business district.

The suspect refuses to exit the vehicle.

**ENCLOSURE 7**

# SCENARIO #1 – COMMUNICATION PROCESS



Initial notification received.



Notification starts from handling agency to the impacted agency.



## LA-RICS RECOMMENDATION:

- Use handling's agency's talk group, if available.
- For larger operations, strong consideration should be given to use of Regional talk groups.
  - Agency's tactical channel could be patched in to Regional talk groups for greater interoperability.

This is a recommendation only.

LA-RICS welcomes open discussion for this topic.

**ENCLOSURE 7**

# SCENARIO #2 – FLASH MOB



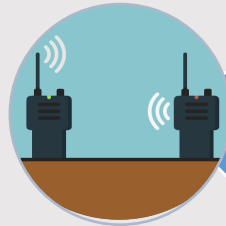
City of Torrance local shopping mall is taken over by a flash-mob that was instigated by social media posts.



The flash-mob participants are creating a disturbance and ransacking merchandise from stores in the mall.



City of Torrance requests multi-agency mutual aid assistance from nearby cities and agencies.



Inside the mall, radio coverage is spotty for responding mutual aid agencies.  
LASD and all available South Bay agencies respond.





# SCENARIO #2 – COMMUNICATION PROCESS



Preferred radio talk group use and process:

Emphasis use of Regionals vs. switching to individual agency talk groups.



If the handling agency wishes to stay on their tactical communications, the Regional talk groups should be patched in.

This is a recommendation only.

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**ENCLOSURE 7**

# SCENARIO #3 – ACTIVE SHOOTER

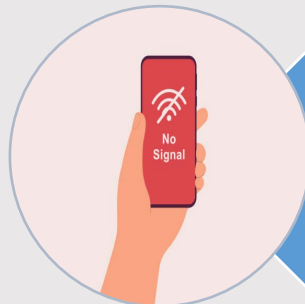


There is an active shooter at a South Bay college campus.



Campus police are responding and requested a multi-agency response as the college campus borders three (3) cities.

Fire and EMS are also responding.



There is no in-building coverage available to the responding agencies.

Only campus police radio system works inside the college building where the shooting is taking place.



# SCENARIO #3 – COMMUNICATION PROCESS



Preferred radio talk group use and process:

Emphasize use of Regionals vs. switching to individual agency talk groups.



Can a South Bay agency patch college talk groups to Regionals?

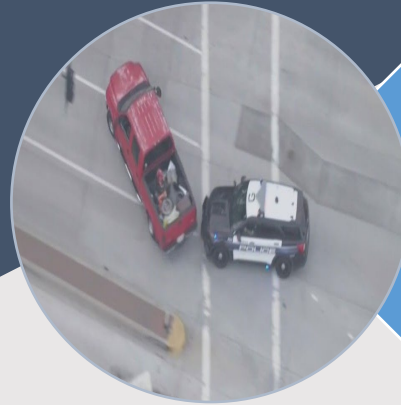
Discuss Conventional vs. Digital options.  
EL CO PD vs. Regional Talk Group.

This is a recommendation only.

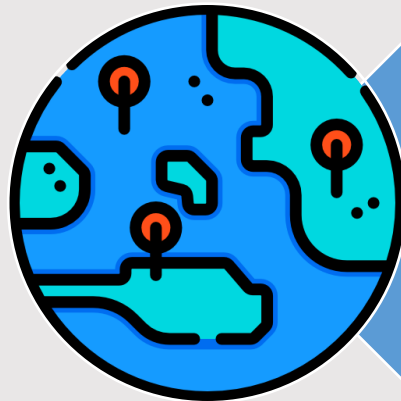
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**ENCLOSURE 7**

# SCENARIO #4 – PURSUIT



El Segundo PD initiates a pursuit in their jurisdiction and the pursuit terminates in Palos Verdes Estates PD.



Preferred radio talk group use and process:

Emphasize switching to individual agency talk groups vs. use of Regionals.

This is a recommendation only.

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# ADDITIONAL LA-RICS RECOMMENDATIONS

IDEALLY, to benefit the Mutual Aid Coordinator (EOB), we recommend programming of the station LTACs, Metro talk-groups, as well as trunked mutual aid talk-groups!

All agencies should also program LARTCS analog channels for wide-scale emergency use.



LA-RICS looks forward to a tabletop exercise with South Bay agencies in the near future.



# QUESTIONS + ANSWERS





THANK YOU

**ENCLOSURE 7**




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**REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY UPDATE**

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the regional interoperability effort.

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**LMR NETWORK OPERATION STATUS AND ISSUES**

The purpose of this discussion item is to update the committees on the LMR Network operation status and issues that may be impacting LA-RICS and/or end users.

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**AGENDA ITEM C**






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**INTEROPERABILITY EXERCISES UPDATE**

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the South Bay agencies' and Los Angeles agencies' interoperability exercises that took place over the last month.

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