

UCAN TALK GROUPS**Region Talkgroups****Primary Monitoring Agency**

SL Region	Salt Lake UHP
Davis Region	Davis County
Tooele Region	Tooele County
Utah Region	Utah County
Weber Region	Weber Regional
Summit/Wasatch Region	Summit and Wasatch Counties

**Definition-Purpose of Region Talkgroups**

Region talkgroups are system wide talkgroups that are allowed on every trunked site in the UCAN system. This means they will talk from one end of the system to the other (Wendover to Evanston, and Gunnison to Tremonton). The purpose of the Region Talkgroups is to provide a channel that all system users can use to contact a public safety dispatch center without needing a local area talkgroup.

These talkgroups are **NOT intended to be major incident or event talkgroups.** With the following exception;

- **A rapidly moving incident that will, or is likely to involve multiple agencies, areas and dispatch centers"**. Such as;
  - A chase that is going to, or likely to involve multiple areas and multiple dispatch centers. Although not mandatory, most dispatch centers have a policy to pass the control of this type of incident from one center to another as the dispatch jurisdiction changes, but they can continue to monitor the incident and track their officers. The rationale for using region talkgroups for this purpose is
    1. The relative ease of all officers involved being able to get to their region talkgroup.
    2. The wide area coverage these talkgroups provide
    3. The availability of these talkgroups to all dispatch centers
  - The region in which the incident starts determines which region talkgroup is used. If the incident starts in Weber County, the officers would **switch to or be patched to** the Weber Region and stay on that talkgroup (Even if they end up in Utah County). The dispatch centers and officers along the way would switch to the Weber Region Channel and the whole incident would stay there until resolved.

The dispatch centers listed above have agreed to monitor the local area region talkgroup, and route or pass information as appropriate. It is recommended that all dispatch agencies locate these six talkgroups in their console so they are easily retrievable.

**Operation Talk Groups (purpose - Intra-County Mutual Aid)****(For Specific Incident Assignments, small or large, involving agencies from within the local area)**

- Each County/Region has 6 to 12 talk groups for specific incident assignments.
- All agencies within the County/Region have the Ops talkgroups in their radios.
- Some regions have assigned specific Ops Talkgroups to individual dispatch centers.
- Each dispatch center should have all area Ops Channels available for use on their consoles and can use any one of them if needed. In other words, if a center needs to "borrow" from another center within their region they can do that.

**Event Talk groups (Purpose - 800 MHz System wide Mutual Aid)**

**For Specific Incident Assignments, small or large, involving agencies from outside the local area (inter-county).**

- The 16 Event Talkgroups are programmed in all UCAN system radios that have the capacity.
- One of the purposes of these talkgroups is for events, large or small, such as the an explosion in Spanish Fork Canyon, a Torch Run, or any other event requiring interoperability of **multiple agencies from multiple areas (inter-county)**. These talkgroups allow any agency from anywhere in the system to have common mutual aid talkgroups.

Example 1: The University of Utah has asked that they be allowed to use one of these talkgroups during their athletic events, allowing officers from outside Salt Lake County to be on a compatible talkgroup.

Example 2: A Major incident occurs and the Incident Commander requests assistance from outside area resources. The Dispatcher should automatically coordinate the assignment of one or more Event talkgroups for **coordination of responding agencies, staging, and or any other purpose required.**

**Pre-Assigned EVENT TALKGROUPS can be used at the discretion of the Dispatch Center but UCAN recommends that they be reserved primarily for immediate emergency use.**

As a general rule Event talkgroups are for inter-county mutual aid use. These talkgroups are to be used after coordination with the monitoring dispatch center.

**EVENT TALKGROUP ASSIGNMENT**

Event 1 Weber/Morgan County Areas-  
 Event 2 Davis County Area  
 Event 3 Salt Lake County Area  
 Event 4 Summit County Area  
 Event 5 Wasatch County Area  
 Event 6 Utah County Area  
 Event 7 Tooele County  
 Event 8 South Western Utah

**MONITORING DISPATCH CENTER**

**WEBER**  
**DAVIS**  
**SALT LAKE UHP**  
**SUMMIT**  
**WASATCH**  
**UTAH**  
**TOOELE**  
**ST.GEORGE/CEDAR CITY**

The above listed talkgroups would be the first talkgroup chosen by that particular area when an emergency occurs.

**For Planned/Scheduled Events** (training, planned law enforcement, fire or emergency management incident, or any other use that can be scheduled) or **when additional talkgroups are required for an emergency incident** the following procedure should be followed.

**Assignment of the remaining Event Talk-groups will be on an as needed basis and will be assigned by the VECC Dispatch Center Supervisor @ (801-840-4026 or the Main VECC Phone Number @ 801-840-4000 and asked for the supervisor.**

Event 9 Assigned as needed  
 Event I0 Assigned as needed  
 Event I 1 Assigned as needed  
 Event I2 Assigned as needed  
 Event I3 Assigned as needed  
 Event 14 Assigned as needed  
 Event I5 Assigned as needed  
 Event 16 Assigned as needed

Each primary dispatch center should monitor/police their assigned Event Talkgroup for unauthorized use. There should be no traffic on these talkgroups unless it is authorized by the controlling dispatch center. These talkgroups should not be allowed to become an un-policed car-to-car talkgroup.

**Landing Zone Channels**

**LZ Channels are NOT TO BE USED AS INCIDENT TALKGROUPS**

**LZ 1, LZ 2 = Helicopter Landing Zone Talkgroup**

There are a number of helicopters being used at emergency and non-emergency scenes. Because main incident talk groups are often chaotic and confusing, the intent is that radio traffic associated with helicopter landings should normally occur on LZ 1 or 2.

**LZ 1 = Primary/Landing Zone Channel (LZ) Air to Ground Communications**

- Un-congested talkgroup for helicopter landings at various incidents

**LZ 2 = Second/Optional Landing Zone Channel (LZ) Air to Ground Communications**

- For use in the event of Multiple Unrelated Scenes

**LZ 1 and LZ 2 are not to be used as a dispatch or incident talkgroups, other than as needed for helicopter scene coordination.**

It is becoming routine to land multiple helicopters at the same scene. Normally, those aircrafts prefer to be in communication with each other as well as the ground personnel in charge of the LZ. Landing more than one helicopter at the same scene does not require the use of multiple talk groups.

**Talkaround, Direct, Simplex. (Synonymous)**

There are 5 talk-around channels programmed in most radios programmed by UCAN. These channels are the output side of the State Repeater Channels. They can be used to talk radio to radio whenever the need exists.

Some user radios lack channel capacity and therefore don't have all conventional channels. Most radios have these channels located in Zone 5.

St T/A 1 (Primarily Law Enforcement)

St T/A 2 (Primarily Law Enforcement)

St T/A 3 (General Use)

St T/A 4 (Primarily Fire Ground)

St T/A 5 (Primarily Fire Ground)

**Conventional Repeated Channels**

There are ten Conventional repeater channels located in all UCAN radios that have the capacity. In a standard (recommended template they are located in Zone 5. There are some agencies that chose to locate them elsewhere in their radios.

There are 5 National Mutual Aid Repeaters known as ICALL, and ITAC 1-4. There are 5 State Mutual Aid Repeater Channels known as ST Rptr 1 – ST Rptr 5. The State Mutual Aid Repeater channels are mainly for deployable repeaters for special operations and coverage.

**National Mutual Aid Channel names and locations**  
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<b>NAME</b>	<b>SITE NAME</b>	<b>Primary/Secondary Dispatch Center</b>	<b>Status</b>
ICALL	Dutch John	Vernal	
ICALL	Steamboat	Vernal	
ICALL	Toquerville	For Coverage Testing	
ITAC 1	U of U	None	
ITAC 1	Cedar Mt.	Price	
ITAC 1	Utah Hill	St George	
ITAC 1	Bald Mtn	Summit	
ITAC 1	Logan Peak	None	
ITAC 1	Asphalt Ridge	Vernal	
ITAC 1	White Pine	TBD	Pending
ITAC 2	Frisco Peak	Cedar	
ITAC 2	Green River	Price	
ITAC 2	Grizzly Ridge	Vernal	
ITAC 3	Tabby	Vernal	
ITAC 3	Abajo Peak	Price/San Juan	
ITAC 3	West Mtn	None	
ITAC 3	Lewis	None	
ITAC 3	Barney Top	Richfield	
ITAC 3	Bruin Point	Emery/Price	Pending
ITAC 4	Webb Hill	St George	
ITAC 4	Bald Mesa	Price/Grand SO	
ITAC 4	Clayton	None	
ITAC 4	Monroe Peak	Richfield	
ITAC 4	Little Mt. (Vernal)	Vernal	
ITAC 4	Horn Mountain	Emery/Price	Pending
St Rptr 2	Herd	None	
St Rptr 4	Humpy	None	