

New ALMR Interoperability Zones for Dispatch

What does it mean to you?

ALMR has changed the Incident Command (IC) Zones from the old nine zones to three new geographic Interop Zones - North, Central, and Southeast. North will be for dispatch centers North of Cantwell, Central for everything south of that on the road system, and Southeast will be for all locations south of Cordova.

Each of the three new Interop Zones has six talkgroups that will be on your screen:

- 1 Regional "CALL" (Dispatch HAIL/ALL CALL) talkgroup
- 5 Command talkgroups
- 1 Multigroup talkgroup
- Then 9 Simplex/Conventional channels (not monitored by dispatch, for on scene use)

Every dispatch center operates a little differently, but the bottom line is each dispatch center will continue to monitor the Regional "CALL" (Dispatch HAIL/ALL CALL) talkgroup and, with concurrence from the incident or on-scene commander, can still assign the other command talkgroups, as needed for incidents.

The talkgroups will be changed over to the new names on January 20, 2021. What that will mean on the Motorola consoles is that the current names will change and the extra talkgroups will disappear. Consoles operators will want to change or redesign their screens at that point. The ALMR System Management Office (SMO) will be happy to provide assistance, and plans on checking with every Dispatch office, before and after the change. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ALMR Helpdesk.

