MEMORANDUM
For Immediate Release

Date: July 2, 2018

To: All AWIN Users & Authorized Radio Programming Shops

From: AWIN

Re: AWIN Baseline Interoperability Template

In an effort to ensure appropriate access and use of the shared interoperability talkgroups on AWIN, the two templates formerly known as *Command and Control* and *ASUG (Arkansas State Users Group)* have been revised and streamlined into a single template, the "AWIN Baseline Interoperability Template (ABIT)."

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the ABIT template shall be used to program all new radios added to AWIN.

The use of   the *Command and Control* and *ASUG* templates is suspended permanently for all new radios added to AWIN. ABIT will be used as the foundation template from this date forward.

This directive is not retroactive. Radios already active on the AWIN system are not required to be touched solely for the purpose of converting to the new basic template.

The ABIT, or *Baseline,* retains the vital statewide and regional interoperability talkgroups (MAC channels), EMS and LAW Common talkgroups, as before, while scaling back a number of outdated or agency-specific talkgroups that do not belong on a statewide template. Additionally, a dozen new FIRE Common talkgroups have been created to provide enhanced interoperability throughout the state, as well as a new zone for the National Interoperability Channels.

Please contact AWIN.Operations, or 501-683-1798, for questions related to the new template.