



## GREATER BOSTON POLICE COUNCIL

**\*\*BAPERN\*\***

# Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network

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## Policy and Procedure

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## BAPERN Policy and Procedure

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### Definitions

*Greater Boston Police Council (GBPC)* - A consortium of over 300 law enforcement and public safety agencies from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other New England states. The "backbone" of the GBPC is the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPERN), which was designed, built, and maintained by the GBPC. In addition to overseeing the BAPERN system, the GBPC offers simulation-based incident command system training programs that provide police personnel with the special organization skills and decision making abilities necessary for managing a critical incident. In partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the GBPC also administers a cooperative purchasing program for items such as police cruisers, medium and heavy duty trucks, motorcycles, hybrid vehicles, and numerous other industry specific commodities.

*Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network (BAPERN)* - The communications element of the GBPC, providing regional and inter-departmental communication capability to over 165 federal, state, local and private member public safety agencies (herein after referred to as "M.A."). BAPERN was conceived and implemented in the early 1970's after a series of large scale incidents occurred in Cambridge and Chelsea that highlighted the inability of police officers from many responding agencies from communicating with each other on scene. It was this lack of interoperability that highlighted the need for one radio system that could be utilized by all area law enforcement agencies. Today, it is the only regional public safety inter-operational radio system in Eastern Massachusetts used on a daily basis for interagency communications, and the only system capable of both wide-area and district-wide interoperable radio communications during an emergency incident.

### Policy

It is the policy of the Greater Boston Police Council to provide and maintain a reliable and effective radio communication system for its M.A., capable of interagency communications on both a wide-area and district-wide mode.

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### BAPERN Radio Channel Plan

The BAPERN System provides for interoperability between M.A. police departments/agencies through the use of nine radio channels.

These channels and their authorized users are outlined below. All M.A. shall have their portable radios, cruiser radios and consoles programmed in the manner described below. Standardizing the position on all radios will ensure that each channel is assigned the same channel number on every radio connected to the BAPERN System.

- ! **Channel 1** - Reserved for each individual M.A. to use as their primary channel.
- ! **Channel 2** - – Recommended for the district channel or for a second local channel (e.g., local fire department).
- ! **Channel 3** - "Area-Wide 3" is a system-wide channel reserved for specific and relevant law enforcement notifications that are of interest beyond a local district. This channel can be heard by all M.A.. In an emergency situation, such as a major crime, pursuit, officer in need of assistance, etc., Area-Wide 3 should be used. This ensures the most coverage and agencies that have 'scanning' mobiles will also be notified. Agencies should always scan AW3.
- ! **Channel 4** - "Area-Wide 4" is a system-wide channel reserved to provide communication for investigative operations, special events, and to serve as a back-up to Area-Wide 3, the District Channels, and local systems. Permission from GBPC is required prior to using Area-Wide 4 for scheduled special events and as a back-up for local systems.
- ! **District Channels** - M.A. are divided into seven Districts for the purpose of providing communications for specific and relevant law enforcement notifications that are of interest within a local district only. Agencies should always scan their District Channel. The seven District Channels are:
  - ! **Channel 5** - North District
  - ! **Channel 6** - South District
  - ! **Channel 7** - West District
  - ! **Channel 8** - Central District
  - ! **Channel 9** - Northwest District
  - ! **Channel 10** -Southeast District
  - ! **Channel 11** – Southwest District (*in development*)

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### Radio Programming Guidelines

To provide for standardization of all radios connected to the BAPERN system, all M.A. shall have their cruiser and portable radios and their dispatch consoles programmed as indicated in the previous section, BAPERN Radio Channel Plan.

- ! Any additional channels available for programming are to be used at the discretion of the individual M.A..

For Police Officer safety, mobile and portable radios shall be programmed to revert to the department's primary channel, BAPERN Channel 1, when the emergency button is pressed.

In an effort to prevent the BAPERN radio channels from being "hung up," all M.A. must assess their portable and mobile radios to determine if that have a "time-out capability." If so, this "time-out" is to be set for no longer than ninety seconds.

Push-To-Talk ID transmission shall be programmed to occur at some point during the transmission. For direct/simplex operation, this function should be disabled, if possible, in order to reduce annoyance.

### BAPERN Monitoring

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All M.A. are required to simultaneously monitor Area-Wide 3, as well as their respective District Channel.

- ! The GBPC understands that not all agencies are fully equipped to always monitor multiple channels. The organization will continue to work towards assisting all agencies with reaching that goal.
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## BAPERN Policy and Procedure, continued

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### BAPERN Roll Call Procedures

In an effort to ensure that BAPERN equipment is operational and to ensure familiarity with the system, two types of BAPERN Roll Calls of M.A. are conducted:

- ! Area-Wide 3 Roll Call
- ! District Channel Roll Call

#### **Area-Wide 3 Roll Call**

The District Coordinating Departments are responsible for conducting the Area Wide 3 Roll Call for their District, once every six weeks on a rotating basis with the other Districts. The District Coordinating Department will:

- ! Conduct the Roll Call on Area Wide 3 on the Monday of its designated week at approximately 1030 hours.
- ! Call each M.A..
- ! Forward a report of each roll call conducted to each M.A. and the GBPC Director of Planning and Operations.

This Roll Call may be delayed or canceled at the discretion of the District Coordinating Department.

#### **District Roll Calls**

The District Coordinating Departments are responsible for conducting one scheduled and one random District Roll Call per month on the District Channel. The District Coordinating Department will:

- ! Schedule one roll call at their discretion after notifying each of the District M.A..
- ! Conduct a random roll call at any time at their discretion.
- ! Forward a report of each roll call conducted to each M.A. and the GBPC Director of Planning and Operations.

The Coordinating Departments for the BAPERN Districts are:

- ! North District - Hamilton Police Department
  - ! South District - Norwood Police Department
  - ! West District - Wellesley Police Department
  - ! Central District - Arlington Police Department
  - ! Northwest District - Bedford Police Department
  - ! Southeast District – Marion Police Department/Plymouth County Sheriff's Department
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### Failure to Respond to Roll Calls

After a third missed roll call, the Chief of the District Coordinating Department may contact the executive officer of the agency failing to comply with this policy. If that agency continues to fail to comply, the Chief of the Coordinating Department may ask GBPC to send a letter to the executive officer informing him or her of their agency's obligation to participate in these roll calls.

M.A. that consistently fail to answer roll call will be contacted in a manner to be determined by the GBPC to:

- ! Advise the agency of their failure to participate;
- ! Determine the reason for the failure; and
- ! Institute a plan for resuming consistent monitoring.

### Use of interagency BAPERN Channels 3 through 11

It is the responsibility of each M.A. to properly instruct their personnel in the legitimate uses of BAPERN channels 3 through 9 and to prevent any negligent or willful misuse. Dispatch personnel have the responsibility for monitoring BAPERN use, and the authority to contact the offending agency regarding any misuse of the Network.

- ! Any misuse of BAPERN should be immediately reported to GBPC for investigation.

To ensure the availability of a frequency in times of emergency, radio discipline must be maintained.

Each M.A. will ensure its users utilize plain English at all times during radio transmission on BAPERN. No agency-specific "10-codes" or discipline specific jargon or language shall be used.

All transmissions on BAPERN channels 3 through 11 must use a call sign including the city/town, agency, and user assigned ID.

Each M.A. will ensure that its users will not utilize the BAPERN channels 3 through 11 on a regular basis as a secondary radio network to supplement the daily operations of their agency, except in the case of failure of their primary radio system.

- ! In the case of a local system failure, Area Wide 4 is the preferred channel to be used. A courtesy notification to the Brookline PD Dispatch should be made to advise of the channel usage and ensure there are no other agencies scheduled.

**Notifications of police details are prohibited on BAPERN channels 3 through 11.**

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### Use of interagency BAPERN Channels 3 through 11 (continued)

When using BAPERN channels 3 through 11, the following procedures shall be used:

#### Control/Dispatch Communications

Message concerning stolen motor vehicles, missing persons, felons, etc. shall be dispatched by the originating authority Control.

Example:

Step	Action
1	(short burst of a signal tone) "WAKEFIELD CONTROL ON AREA-WIDE 3 WITH A GENERAL BROADCAST TO ALL AGENCIES FROM WAKEFIELD."
2	Wakefield Control transmits message.
3	"WAKEFIELD CONTROL CLEAR ON AREA-WIDE 3."

#### Mobile/Portable Communications

Example:

Step	Action
1	Absent exigent circumstances, on Channel 1, the mobile/portable unit shall request authority from its Control (dispatch) to go to the appropriate BAPERN channel.
2	Mobile/portable unit switches to the requested channel.
3	"WAKEFIELD 3-1-1 TO SAUGUS CONTROL ON AREA-WIDE 3."
4	Saugus Control acknowledges.
5	"WAKEFIELD 3-1-1 IN PURSUIT OF ***** PROCEEDING SOUTH ON ROUTE 28 TOWARDS SAUGUS."
6	At conclusion of incident: "WAKEFIELD 3-1-1 CLEAR ON AREA-WIDE 3, RETURNING TO CHANNEL 1."

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### Radio Procedures

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Transmit and talk only when there is no other traffic on the channel. If you transmit at the same time as another unit, interference will occur and both units may be blocked.

When entering a cruiser with a BAPERN mobile radio turn the portable off. This practice will avoid feedback noise from mobile transmissions and conserve the portable battery.

The ID is sent each time you press the transmit button. Some radios make a sound or tone during the ID transmission to remind you not to speak; others do not make any sound. Anything you say during the ID transmission will not be sent.

- ! **Always remember to pause momentarily after pressing the transmit button to avoid cutting off the beginning of your transmission.**

### Direct/Simplex Mode of Operation

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Many BAPERN radios are capable of direct or simplex operation. The method of switching the radio into this mode depends on the type of radio and programming. The mobile or portable radio still hears all the transmissions on the channel, but its transmissions go directly to the other radios, instead of going through a repeater.

- ! Without using a repeater, the range between radios is limited to ½ to 1 mile depending on terrain and conditions.
- ! Mobile units communicate farther than portables in direct mode because of their higher power and better antennas.

The direct/simplex mode is useful in limited area operations where two or more units need to communicate without disturbing all of the units on the repeater. It can also be used to provide limited communications when the repeater has failed. It should be noted that scanners and other units within range will hear direct or simplex transmissions.

### Patching

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Patching allows first responders to use their existing radios and channels to be interconnected with the channels of users outside of their agency on other systems. Across the BAPERN service area, several M.A. have approved permanent patches in place and patches that are implemented as part of the fixed infrastructure that allow those agencies to patch BAPERN channels with other local/regional channels during both emergencies and planned operations. This section does not apply to those permanent patches.

Any patching that requires operator action to link a BAPERN radio channel to other non-BAPERN systems requires advance coordination with the Brookline PD. This requirement relates to patching capabilities

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### Patching (continued)

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including: in-console patches, patches in mobile command posts or communications centers, and mobile gateways such as ACU-1000s. Currently, the only agencies authorized by GBPC to establish a patch with a BAPERN channel are the Boston Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police. All patch requests must be coordinated with the GBPC via the Brookline PD.

- ! In an emergency, contact the Brookline PD with the patch request. Brookline PD and the GBPC will coordinate the patch.
- ! MA must send a written request/notification to the Brookline PD stating the reason for the patch, the channels and systems that will be patched, the date(s) and times the patch will be in place, and the contact information for the communications personnel responsible for patching the systems.
- ! The Brookline Chief of Police, or his designee, shall notify the requesting agency of its authorization.

### Emergency Switch

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The emergency switch is only to be used in cases of extreme personal danger; when you are unable to transmit your message audibly. Pushing the emergency switch causes the radio ID and an emergency status code to be sent to the Control Center. An alarm is sounded and the ID will flash on and off alerting the dispatcher.

Operation: With the radio on, push the emergency switch and release immediately. Do not wait for radio traffic to clear!

### Criminal Offender Record Information Act (C.O.R.I.)

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The GBPC acknowledges the position of the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB) that, "There is no prohibition in the CORI Law from broadcasting criminal history information over police radio frequencies."

Both the CHSB and the GBPC strongly recommend that broadcasting CORI and Interstate Identification Index (III) data over the air be done with great discretion. (CJIS NEWS file: RADIO, 2/20/02)

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### Use of BAPERN Radio Channel for Special Operations and Local Back-Up

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Any M.A. may reserve the BAPERN system for special events and operations, and as a back-up to their local system, as follows:

- ! Area Wide 4 is the preferred channel for communications during special events, pre-planned operations and failures of a local channel. In special circumstances, use of a district channel may be granted for these events instead of Area Wide 4.
- ! Send a written request to the Chief of Police of the Brookline Police Department describing:
  - o The intended use;
  - o The channel(s) requested;
  - o The start and end dates and times of the event;
  - o If any BAPERN channels will be patched; and
  - o The contact information for the OIC for the event.
- ! The Brookline Chief of Police, or his designee, shall notify the requesting agency of its authorization.
- ! The Brookline Police Department shall broadcast the name of the agency with special authority to use BAPERN, as well as the date and time of use.

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### Use of BAPERN Radio Channels in Emergency Situations

In an emergency situation, M.A. do not need prior permission to use any BAPERN channel. However, a letter should be sent to the GBPC by the M.A. as soon as possible reporting the reason, the channel(s), and the date and time the BAPERN System was used.

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### Termination of Agency Access to BAPERN

GBPC in its sole discretion may terminate a M.A. access to BAPERN at any time, with or without prior notice, for failure to adhere to the policies and procedures described herein.

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## Addendum A      **BAPERN POINTS OF CONTACT**

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### **Area Wide 3 & 4 Issues and Requests:**

#### **Brookline Police Department Dispatch Supervisor**

Brookline Police Department  
Attn: Kevin Lessard, Dispatch Supervisor  
350 Washington Street  
Brookline, MA 02445  
Phone: 617-730-2222  
Fax: 617-264-6488  
E-Mail: [klessard@brooklinema.gov](mailto:klessard@brooklinema.gov)

#### **Chief of Police, Brookline Police Department**

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Brookline, MA 02445  
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E-mail: [doleary@brooklinema.gov](mailto:doleary@brooklinema.gov)

### **District Channel Issues and Requests:**

#### **BAPERN District Coordinating Departments**

##### **North District - Hamilton Police Department, Chief Russell Stevens**

Contact: Dispatcher Keith Holloran, 978-468-4421,  
[kholloran@hamiltonma.gov](mailto:kholloran@hamiltonma.gov)

##### **Northwest District – Bedford Police Department, Chief Robert Bongiorno**

Contact: Dispatcher Jeff Vinciulla, 781-275-1212, x129,  
[jvinciulla@police.bedfordma.gov](mailto:jvinciulla@police.bedfordma.gov)

##### **Central District – Arlington Police Department, Chief Fred Ryan**

Contact: Captain Julie Flaherty, 781-316-3942,  
[JFlaherty@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:JFlaherty@town.arlington.ma.us)

##### **South District – Norwood Police Department, Chief William Brooks**

Contact: Dispatcher Jim Maroney, 781-440-5100,  
[jmaroney@norwoodma.gov](mailto:jmaroney@norwoodma.gov)

##### **West District – Wellesley Police Department, Chief Terrence Cunningham**

Contact: Deputy Chief Jack Pilecki, 781-235-0062,  
[jpilecki@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:jpilecki@wellesleyma.gov)

**Southeast District – Marion Police Department, Chief Lincoln Miller**

*(Radio tests are conducted by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department)*

Contact: Chief Lincoln Miller, Marion PD, (508) 748-1212,  
[chiefmiller@marionpolice.org](mailto:chiefmiller@marionpolice.org)

**GBPC and BAPER  
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Issues and  
System-Level  
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## Addendum B

### BAPERN Member Agencies by District and Agency Type

<b>Member Agency</b>	<b>Agency Type</b>	<b>BAPERN District</b>
Abington Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Alcohol Beverages Control Commission	BAPERN:State Agency	Central
Amesbury Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Andover Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Arlington Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Ashland Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Avon Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Babson Campus Police	BAPERN:College/University	West
Bedford Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Bellingham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Belmont Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Bentley College Police Department	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Beth Isreal Public Safety	BAPERN:Private	Central
Beverly Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Billerica Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Boston College Police Department	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Boston Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Boston University Police Department	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Boxford Town Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Braintree Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Bridgewater Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Bridgewater State College	BAPERN:College/University	Southeast
Brockton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Brookline Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Bunker Hill Community College	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Burlington Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Cambridge Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Canton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Carlisle Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Carver Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Chelmsford Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Chelsea Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Cohasset Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Concord Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Danvers Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Dedham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Dover Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Dracut Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Drug Enforcement Administration	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Central

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Dunstable Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Duxbury Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
East Bridgewater Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Emerson College	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Essex County Sheriff's Department	BAPERN:Sheriff's Department	North
Essex Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Everett Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
FBI	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Central
Federal Reserve Police	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Central
Foxboro Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Framingham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Franklin Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Georgetown Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Gloucester Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Groton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Groveland Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Halifax Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Hamilton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Hanover Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Hanson Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Harvard University Police	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Haverhill Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Hingham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Holbrook Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Hull Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Ipswich Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Lasell College Police Department	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Lawrence Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Lexington Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Lincoln Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Littleton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Lowell Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Lynn Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Lynnfield Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Malden Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Manchester Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Mansfield Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Marblehead Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Marion Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Marshfield Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency	BAPERN:State Agency	West
Massachusetts General Hospital Police	BAPERN:Private	Central

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology PD	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Massachusetts Port Authority	BAPERN:State Agency	Central
Massachusetts State Police	BAPERN:State Agency	Central
Mattapoissett Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
MBTA Transit Police Department	BAPERN:State Agency	Central
Medfield Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Medford Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Medway Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Melrose Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Merrimac Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Methuen Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Middleboro Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Middlesex County Sheriff's Department	BAPERN:Sheriff's Department	Northwest
Middleton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Millis Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Milton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Nahant Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Natick Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
National Park Service	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Central
Needham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Newbury Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Newburyport Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Newton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Norfolk County Sheriff's Department	BAPERN:Sheriff's Department	South
Norfolk Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
North Andover Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
North Reading Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
North Shore Community College Police	BAPERN:College/University	North
Northeastern University Public Safety	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Norwell Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Norwood Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Peabody Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Pepperell Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Plainville Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Plymouth County Sheriff's Department	BAPERN:Sheriff's Department	Southeast
Plymouth Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Plympton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Quincy Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Randolph Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Reading Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Revere Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Rochester Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Rockland Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South

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Rockport Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Rowley Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Salem Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Salem State College	BAPERN:College/University	North
Salisbury Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Saugus Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Scituate Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Sharon Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Sherborn Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Somerville Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Stoneham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Stoughton Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department	BAPERN:Sheriff's Department	Central
Suffolk University Police Department	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Swampscott Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Tewksbury Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Topsfield Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Townsend Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Tufts University	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Tyngsboro Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs Police	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Northwest
U.S. Postal Inspection Service	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Central
University of Massachusetts Boston	BAPERN:College/University	Central
Veterans Affairs Hospital Boston	BAPERN:Federal Agency	Central
Wakefield Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Walpole Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Waltham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Wareham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Watertown Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central
Wayland Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Wellesley College	BAPERN:College/University	West
Wellesley Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Wenham Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
West Bridgewater Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
West Newbury Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	North
Westford Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Weston Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	West
Westwood Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Weymouth Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	South
Whitman Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Southeast
Wilmington Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Winchester Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Northwest
Winthrop Police Department	BAPERN:Municipal Police	Central



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Woburn Police Department  
Wrentham Police Department

BAPERN:Municipal Police  
BAPERN:Municipal Police

Northwest  
West

## **Addendum C**

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**BAPERN  
Channel Plan  
(Attachment)**

## Addendum D

### BAPERN Enhancements

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The GBPC has greatly expanded over the last thirty years and continues to operate and direct strategic planning efforts for BAPERN. GBPC's main priority is to enhance and expand the BAPERN system to improve its reliability and provide a seamless radio communication system for its existing and future members. Long before the events of 9/11, GBPC recognized the critical need for interoperability. By implementing design principles intended to provide uniformity, performance, and enhanced officer safety, the BAPERN system has been relied upon for more than 30 years by its users to allow for effective communication and incident command during major events. Significant investments have been made by GBPC through the years to modernize the radio infrastructure equipment and maintain its reliability. The GBPC recognizes that if a major terrorist event occurs in the greater Boston area, it is arguably the BAPERN system that will be called upon and utilized by all responding law enforcement agencies to communicate effectively. For this reason, GBPC is continuously assessing the Network and working towards expanding and upgrading the BAPERN system infrastructure and user communications capabilities.

#### Expanded BAPERN Access for Non-Police Users:

The GBPC is expanding BAPERN access to non-police disciplines for command and control purposes only, during emergency events affecting multiple communities. One such example of this expansion is the distribution of BAPERN programmed portable radios to Board of Health and Public Works Directors across the Northeast Homeland Security Region. The GBPC is committed to ensuring this opportunity for enhanced multidisciplinary communications does not affect the integrity of the Network. The GBPC recognizes and embraces the need for local control of multidisciplinary communications, and is issuing the following oversight procedures with regard to Non-Police User access to BAPERN:

- ! BAPERN usage by Non-Police Users is restricted to "command and control" communication only. Non-Police Users must receive verbal approval from the local M.A. Chief of Police (or his/her designee) to engage in communications over BAPERN.
  - ! Non-Police User access to BAPERN may be granted by the local M.A. Chief of Police (or his/her designee) in the following situations:
    - Multi-Community Event AND
    - Declared State of Emergency or
    - EOC and/or command post is activated or
    - ICS activated
  - ! Non-Police Users may provide a written request to the M.A. Chief of Police for access to BAPERN for special operations and events. The M.A. will follow BAPERN Policy and Procedure regarding Use of BAPERN Radio Channel for Special Operations and will notify the requesting party of a decision.
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**Addendum D**

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- ! M.A. have the responsibility to monitor BAPERN usage by local Non-Police Users, and to enforce the BAPERN Policy and Procedure for Non-Police Users.
  - ! The GBPC requests that M.A. contact their local Non-Police Users to establish a mechanism for including Non-Police Users in roll calls of the local and District channels.
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