

Mission:

The SEWCRSG is enhancing public safety communication systems by facilitating regional peer networking of emergency service providers. This is being accomplished through:

- Regular dialogue and information sharing
- Training
- Interoperability advancement
- Coordination with other related state/local initiatives

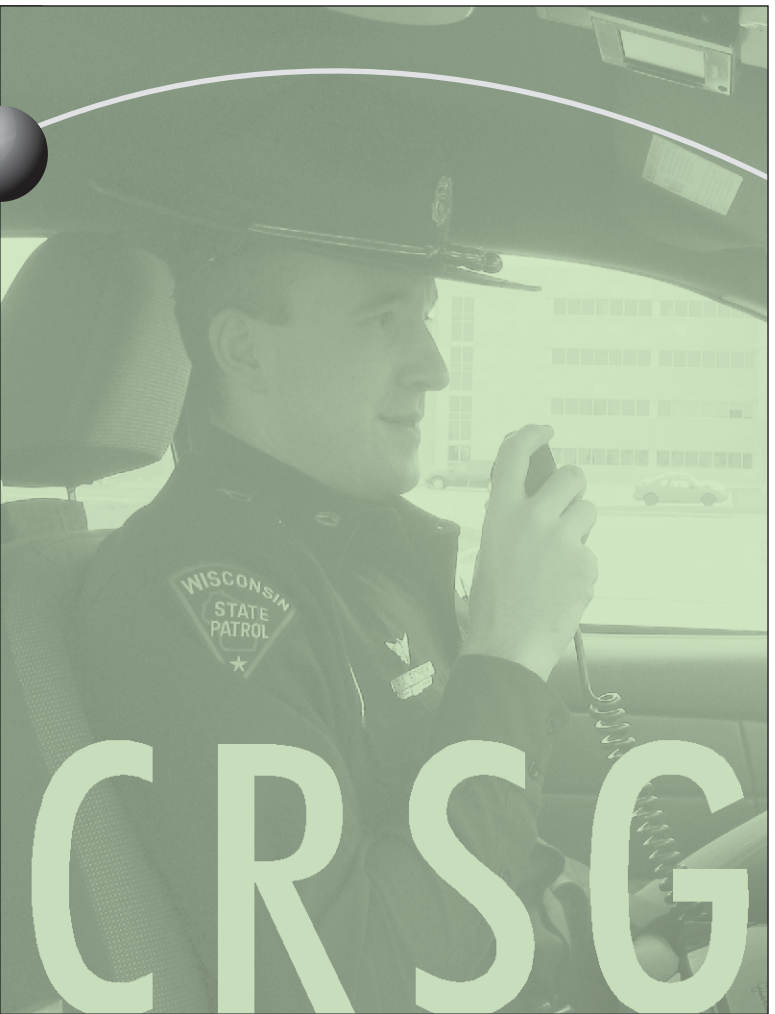
Immediate-Term Initiatives:

A sampling of the immediate-term projects the SEWCRSG is working on include:

- Implementation of the Wisconsin Interoperability System Exchange, a Web-based mutual aid tool
- Providing ongoing support to the Wisconsin Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce
- Raising of awareness/outreach for the need to improve public safety communications
 - Continued training programs for dispatchers

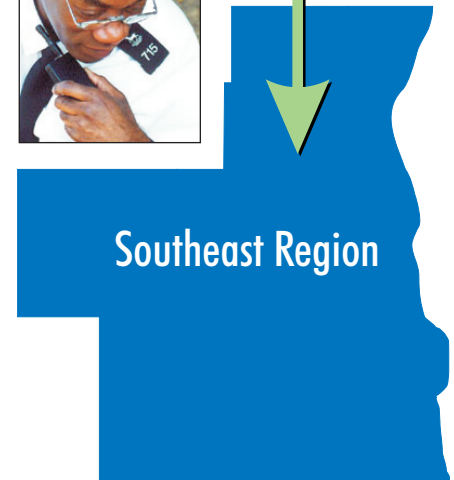
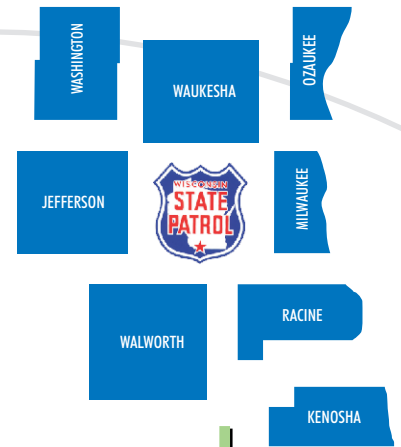
Background:

Since 1999, the SEWCRSG has met regularly to discuss individual agency needs and the resources that could be shared to help one another. Over the years, a number of challenges emerged that the group successfully addressed. For example, through pooling of resources, the group provided numerous dispatcher training programs at no cost to participating agencies. Other more complex issues have and continue to be discussed. These include: homeland security issues; communications during traffic incidents and major disasters/WMD; and emerging wireless 9-1-1 and VOIP issues. Probably the most important question that the group is working to address is, "Why can't we talk when lives are at stake?" This complicated issue of communication interoperability has a direct impact on public safety and is one that can best be addressed through regional cooperative efforts such as the SEWCRSG.



Interoperability

is the ability of public safety agencies and service agencies to talk within and across agencies and jurisdictions via radio and associated communications systems, exchanging voice, data and/or video with one another on demand, in real time, when needed, when authorized.



SEWCRSG Participants:

Multiple Public Safety Agencies from:

- Jefferson County
- Kenosha County
- Milwaukee County
- Racine County
- Ozaukee County
- Walworth County
- Washington County
- Waukesha County

and Other Agencies Including:

- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Trauma Advisory Council
- Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program
- Wisconsin ARES/RACES
- Wisconsin Department of Corrections
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Division of Public Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
- Wisconsin Emergency Management
 - Wisconsin State Patrol
 - Others