



<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Issue: 2.0</b>
<b>Airwave Communication System</b>	<b>Date: 17/03/2011</b>

**Policy Statement**

In common with all UK police forces, other emergency services and Agencies, the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) uses Airwave as a primary radio communications medium. Airwave technology enables interoperability of radio communications leading to more effective and efficient command and control of incidents.

Airwave terminals are to be regarded as work equipment as well as being a primary piece of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The CNC is committed, as far as reasonably practicable, to making best use of Airwave technology and will employ an Airwave Manager to ensure that appropriate processes and procedures are in place for the effective;-

- procurement and maintenance of equipment;
- provision of suitable training for operating the equipment, understanding its capabilities and limitations;
- security and integrity of the equipment and communications.

The CNC Airwave Manager will also ensure, as far as reasonably possible, that the use of Airwave complies with;-

- relevant legislation and any ancillary Codes of Practice;
- Regulations, mandated requirements and national guidance e.g. circulars issued by the Home Office / Scottish Office and Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) / ACPO Scotland (ACPOS);
- record keeping and reporting requirements for asset management and system usage.

**Aims of the Policy**

To ensure that CNC equipment requirements and use of Airwave communications systems is managed effectively through the provision of appropriate processes, procedures and guidance.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC Airwave Procedures Manual

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