

What is the GATEWAY channel?

The GATEWAY channel operates on all five tower sites simultaneously. The frequency that radios in the field receive on for the GATEWAY channel is the same frequency Iowa County uses for paging. This is why you will receive pages when your radio is set to this channel. Another frequency has been added to the GATEWAY system to allow field units to talk back to dispatch or to other field units.

The Gateway Channel is unique in that it is a completely separate system from the digital trunking/hybrid system. Because of this the GATEWAY channel gives the communications system some redundancy as well as helping to provide coverage.

Dispatch monitors the GATEWAY channel constantly. GATEWAY should be your third choice when fighting a coverage issue.

Digital Trunking 1st  
Hybrid 2nd  
GATEWAY 3rd

GATEWAY is also an excellent way for out of county field units to communicate with dispatch or other county field units. Field units will find that they will be interrupted by paging on this channel.

**Reminder to Command Officers.** If you are working with units that are using the Gateway channel, you can request a patch between Gateway and IOFIRE1 to hear and talk to those units directly from the talkgroup.