



# Private Mobile Radio - Critical Communications -





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## **Summary**

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## **1. TETRA principles & Advantages**

TETRA Private Mobile Radio represents mobile communication networks for special applications for the police, fire brigades, rescue and emergency medical services.

Other areas of application are airports, military, oil & gas and transportation, wherever public safety is of concern.

Such networks need to operate independently of Public Communication Networks.

They provide a slightly different set of features, such as point-to-multipoint communication, push-to-talk, closed user groups and coverage of large areas.

Popular standards to implement such networks are Tetra (in Europe) and P25 (in North America).



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## 2.Tetra Technology advantages

- > A multi-vendor market
- Shareability & affordability
- > Conceived jointly with users
- A unique feature set tailored for PMR us
- High security
- > Reliability
- > Future proof
- > Advantageous over other technologies

- TETRA is an open standard developed by ETSI
- Interoperability Certification Process
  - driven by the TETRA Association
  - supervised by independent Certification Authority
  - produces interoperability certificates publicly available on the web
- As a result...TETRA is a multi-vendor market
  - Competitive prices
  - Competitive quality
  - Innovation
  - Wide choice of solutions & applications

- Authentication
  - Radio terminal & network authentication (to prevent access from clones)
  - Authentication key distribution & management
- > Multiple overlapping encryption schemes
  - Air Interface Encryption (for all information exchanged on the air)
  - End-to-End Encryption (for voice & data throughout the system)
  - Encryption keys distribution and management
- > Disabling of stolen radios
  - Temporary disable (radio "stun")
  - Permanent disable (radio "kill")

Users that take advantage of these technologies are spread over many sectors of both public services and private companies, that need mobile communications to support their workforce





## **3.Benefits of a smooth migration to the latest Tetra version**

| Market need   | Issues  | <b>TETRA User Requirements</b>  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Mission critical<br>multimedia data for<br>multiple users                                 | TETRA Release 1 can handle some<br>multimedia (e.g. slow scan video),<br>but with capacity implications   | High Speed Packet Data (TEDS)   |  |  |
| Roll-out of nation<br>wide networks   | Don't want to have to install extra<br>sites when upgrading to TETRA 2       TETRA R2 backwards compatible         Continue to use TETRA 1 radios       Operate inside TETRA R1<br>frequency bands. |   |  |  |
| Air to ground & linear<br>utilities   | Small proportion of applications<br>operate over much larger distances.   | Enhance coverage  |  |  |
| Deploy TETRA for<br>special operations  | Specialist users want full duplex telephony to own networks   | NATO codec  |  |  |
| Complement 3G in Need to optimise for 3G -compatible services, provisioning, roaming etc. |   | High Speed Packet Data (TAPS or TEDS)<br>AMR codec, SIM evolution<br>Spectrum efficiency, Network capacity, system<br>performance, QoS, terminal optimisation |  |  |

|                            | TETRA 1<br>single slot<br>circuit data | TETRA 1<br>SDS | TETRA 1<br>Single slot PD | TETRA 1<br>multislot PD | TETRA 2<br>High Speed<br>Data |
|----------------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Database search            |  | *              | *                         |                         | *                             |
| AVL                        |  | *              | *                         | *                       | *                             |
| Email                      |  |                | *                         | *                       | *                             |
| File transfer              |  |                | *                         | *                       | *                             |
| Limited slow<br>scan video |  |                |                           | *                       | *                             |
| QoS managed<br>video       |  |                |                           |                         | *                             |



## 4. Tetra connectivity





## **5. Value Added Services (VAS)**

#### Supplementary Services -Public Safety priorities

Call Authorised by Dispatcher CAD Area Selection AS Access Priority AP Priority Call PC Late Entry LE Pre-emptive Priority Call PPC Discreet Listening DL Ambience Listening AL Dynamic Group Number Assignment DGNA

#### Direct Mode Communications

- Allows direct terminal to terminal communication without using the network.
- Can also be arranged so that terminals remain in contact with the network either directly or via a gateway.
- Emergency Services value this facility (e.g. for possible 'fireground' use) and have actively supported its development.

#### Extending the Network

- Making full use of the possibilities offered by direct mode communications and associated repeaters and network gateways.
- Difficult/costly to cover terrain becomes accessible to network users.
- Areas around national borders, where network coverage from either side may be poor, can be made operationally accessible to security/public safety services.

#### **Open Channel**

- The traditional method of operation for some Emergency Services for many years.
- The option of dedicating a resource (radio channel) will always exist even if it causes problems.
- TETRA can offer "pseudo" open channel by combining supplementary services and retaining network control of the resource.

#### Video

- Increased data rates, the ability to concatenate resources, advances in picture formatting and coding, make quality video a realistic option.
- This opens up new applications opportunities for police, fire, paramedic and other services.

#### **TETRA Security Features**

#### Aliasing

Authentication
 Air-Interface Encryption
 End-to-End Encryption mechanisms
 Lawful Interception
 Features include:

 > Time Stamping
 > OTAR
 > SIM ME Encryption.



## 6. Exploitation, Administration & Maintenance

We can provide all daily operations from the "Handle incident ticket", to the "Close ticket" :

→ On the infrastructure network (from antennas to the core network switches)
 → On end-users terminals



QoS\*, TTR\*,... must be jointly defined to deliver high level of services on a PMR network, and for each services.

A monthly report will allow you to analyze the traffic, and to check SLA.







SLA: Service Level Agreements QoS : Quality of Service TTR : Time to Repair







## 7. Method of calculating charges (royalty fees)

Based on :

- national board of frequency bands distribution
- a formula calculation (allocated bandwidth, covered area, frequencies number,...)
- by assigned frequency.

Annual fees consist of a combination of a management fee ,and a provision fee.

We can also accompany Communication Regulatory Commissions in different countries to define theses fees, if it is not already done.











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