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In APAA...

Incident Commanders can perform "dynamic regrouping" within the 7.17 trunked environment to remotely change a radio's talkgroup.

If a responder is on the wrong talkgroup, the IC can place that responder back into the correct one by clicking the "Regroup" button.

New! Tactical Alert Messages

SDI rolled out its newest release for the APX™ Personnel Accountability Application (APAA), which includes the **Tactical Alert Message (TAM)** capability.

TAMs enable Incident Commanders (ICs) to instantly alert one or multiple responders in the event of changing conditions, such as an evacuation, or to simply perform a roll call. The new TAM feature supports up to 16 customizable alert messages that can be sent to an individual or an entire talkgroup.

This capability is supported in both trunked and conventional radio environments.

How does it work? The IC chooses to send a message to either all responders present or a select subgroup of responders. The IC then selects the specific message to send (see default list below).

When responders press their Push-to-Talk button (or other programmed radio button) to acknowledge receipt of the alert, APAA automatically updates the display to indicate receipt and, by contrast, responders who have yet to respond.



"Evacuate" Tone	"Emergency" Tone
"Mayday" Tone	"Mayday" Voice
"Roll Call" Voice	"Emergency Traffic" Voice
"Defensive" Voice	"Offensive" Voice
"Report to Rehab" Voice	"60 Minutes" Voice
"50 Minutes" Voice	"40 Minutes" Voice
"30 Minutes" Voice	"20 Minutes" Voice
"10 Minutes" Voice	"Incident Terminated" Voice

Have more questions about Tactical Alert Messages? Contact SDI to schedule a demo.

Spotlight on SDI Deployments



SDI is pleased to announce its latest deployment of the APAA/EasyStaff® system in December 2016 to the New Jersey Fire Department, Borough of Monmouth Beach.



Less than 10 miles down from Monmouth Beach, SDI will also be deploying to Asbury Park Fire Department in March 2017.

Upcoming Map View Option in APAA

On SDI's development roadmap for later this year, we will implement a new way to visualize an incident geographically. This will be via a new Map View option within the APAA Accountability screen.

Especially useful in the event of outdoor actions (e.g., forest fires), the Map View will depict an incident across a geographical area. A key target feature is to provide a geofencing capability to include/exclude radios within a predefined or customizable area of interest.

SDI Accountability on Display

Stop by and see us at Booth #223 at the Long Island Fire, Rescue, & EMS Mega Show on February 18-19, 2017.

We'll be demonstrating our latest applications and answering questions about our Fireground Accountability solutions.



Other upcoming tradeshow include:

- Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) – April 24-29, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN
- Fire-Rescue International (FRI) – July 26-29, 2017 in Charlotte, NC

Did You Know?

- Your department may apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFGs) to help fund your accountability system, including APAA and EasyStaff®. The grant application process can take up to a year, so start your application now for the next grant cycle. SDI can assist with grant development or point the way to grant preparation forms and consultants. Contact SDI's Kimberly Davis for more information (davisk@systemsdefinition.com, 703-717-0222 x117).
- Motorola Solutions has produced another short, but informative video which features Motorola's Mark Krizik explaining the latest and greatest functionality of the APAA system. Go to www.systemsdefinition.com and select "News>Videos" to watch. User guides, quick start guides, FAQs, videos, and the latest news from SDI are all available on our website.



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Tips & Tricks

APAA is now compatible with the new Motorola Solutions version 7.17 trunked radio system.

For trunked users, upgrading to Astro 25 version 7.17 is the first step to get your Department set up to use SDI's advanced personnel accountability solutions.

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