



NORTHEAST HOMELAND SECURITY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

NERAC Radio Programming Initiative

Information for Interested COMLs/COMTs and their Employing Municipalities

The [Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council \(NERAC\)](#)* is seeking interested **COMLs (Communication Unit Leaders) and/or COMTs (Communications Unit Technicians)** to participate in the **NERAC Radio Programming Initiative**. Through this project, approved COMLs/COMTs will be deployed to provide programming and channel organization services to municipal first responder departments in need of technical support to comply with the MA Tactical Channel Plan.

To participate the COML/COMT must be approved by the NERAC Interoperability Committee and meet the following criteria:

- be able to provide proof that they are a trained COML/COMT.
- be an hourly municipal employee eligible to perform overtime work.
- have the program MOU signed by their municipal employer and MAPC*/NERAC.
- receive approval from their employer for each assignment.

Departments of participating COMLs/COMTs will be eligible for backfill/overtime reimbursement of up to \$60/hour for their employee's time spent providing technical assistance through the program.

If you are a COML/COMT (or their employer) interested in providing services through this program or would like additional information, please reach out to NERAC@mapc.org.

To improve interoperability and ensure municipal first responder radios in the region implement the MA Tactical Channel Plan, the **NERAC Radio Programming Initiative** will allow eligible first responder departments to receive programming services at no cost to their municipalities. Municipal first responder departments (e.g., Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Municipal EMS) within NERAC's 85 municipalities that do not have internal personnel capable of aligning their radios with the MA Tactical Channel Plan are eligible to request support.

Requests will be reviewed by representatives from MAPC and NERAC's Interoperability Committee and approved requests will be connected with an available participating COML/COMT. All code plugs developed by the COML/COMT will be reviewed and approved by NERAC Interoperability Committee representatives prior to implementation.

Participating COML/COMT's will be required to seek approval from their department prior to accepting an assignment. Departments will be responsible for compensating their employee for all approved time spent providing services for the NERAC Radio Programming Initiative. Upon completion of the work, the department will be eligible for reimbursement by NERAC for backfill/overtime costs incurred for the COML/COMTs authorized work, at a rate of up to \$60/hour.

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