

# TETRA ASSOCIATION

## An Overview of TETRA

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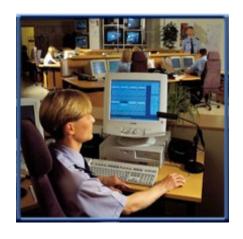
## Goals set during TETRA standard creation





#### Users:

- Features
- Choice
- Competition



#### Regulators:

- Spectral efficiency
- Harmonisation

#### Operators:

- Desired features
- Data services
- Competition
- Cost effectiveness



#### Manufacturers:

- Open market volumes
- IPR to ensure open standards, the ETSI IPR policy stipulates patented solutions to be made available on fair and reasonable terms



## What is TETRA?

International digital radio standard

Designed specifically for public safety professionals and for those who work and need to communicate in groups

Evolving, open, ETSI-standard







Instant push to talk, group voice communications

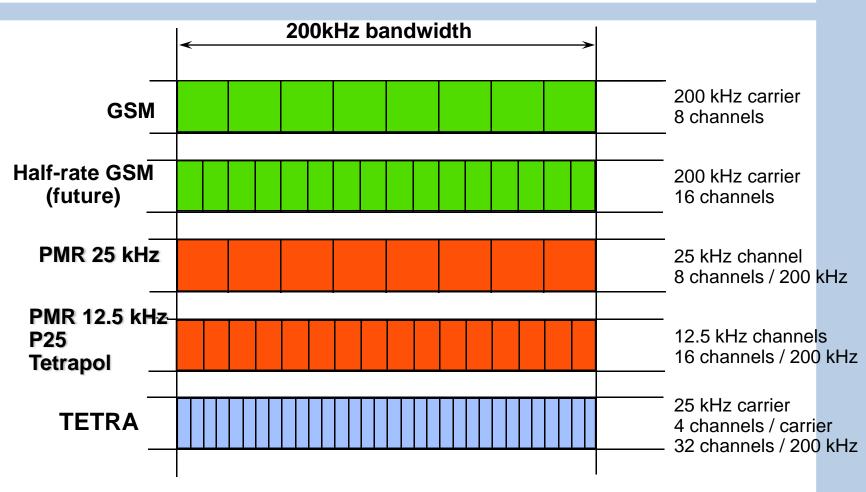
Pre-emptive communications system

End to end, secure voice and data transmission

TETRA Release 2 provides 3G-like data rates

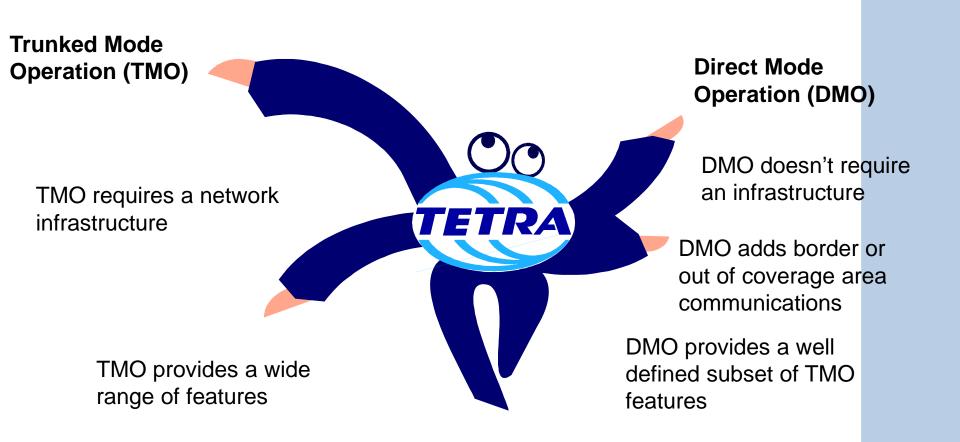


## TRA spectrum efficiency





## **TETRA operation modes**





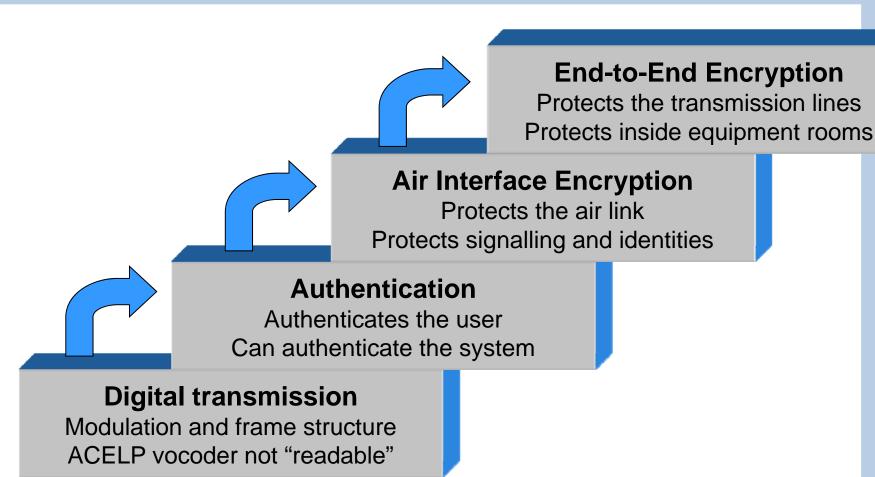
# TETRA is "feature rich" including:

- Very, very, very clear digital speech
- Group calls, personal calls, telephony, direct mode
- Fast call set up times
- Seamless roaming
- Equipment interoperability (Product Compliance)
- Operational and administrative interoperability and flexibility
- Total management
- Privacy and security
- Spectrum efficiency TDMA Trunking
- Voice and data up to 600+ kbits with TETRA release 2

As much as you want or as little as you want



## The most secure PMR technology in the world

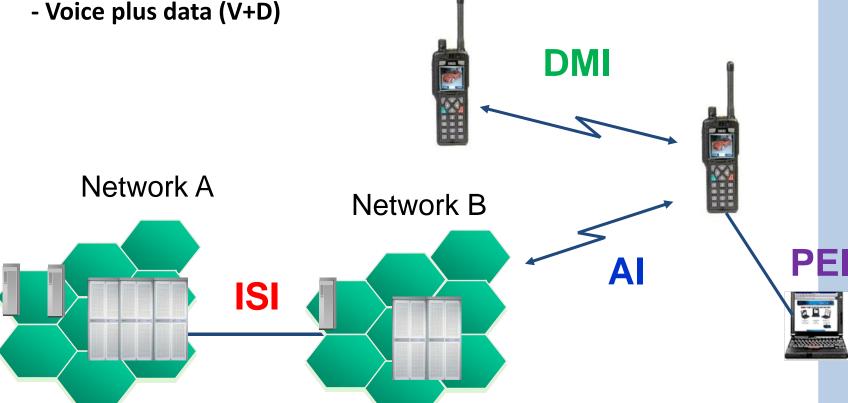




#### **Core TETRA standards and** standard interfaces

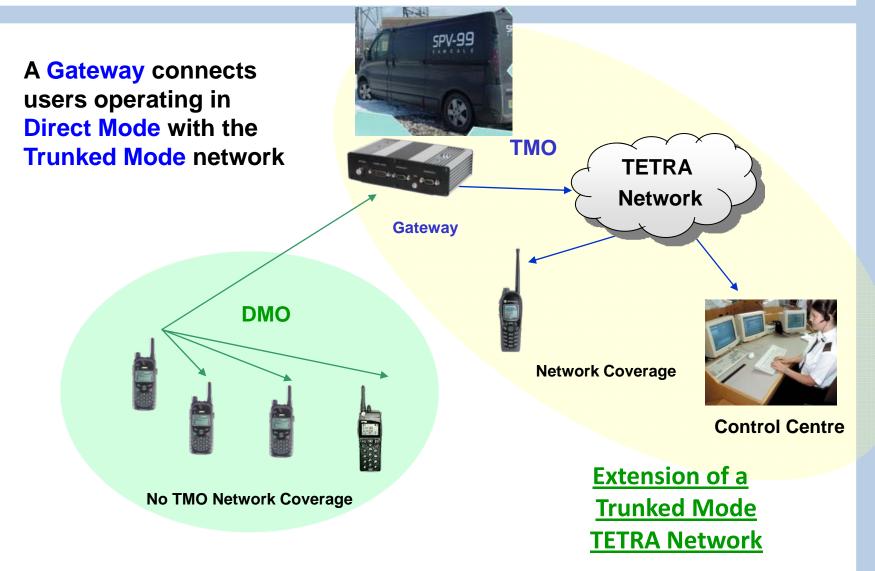
- Air Interface (AI)
  - Voice plus data (V+D)
- **Direct Mode Interface (DMI)** 
  - Voice plus data (V+D)

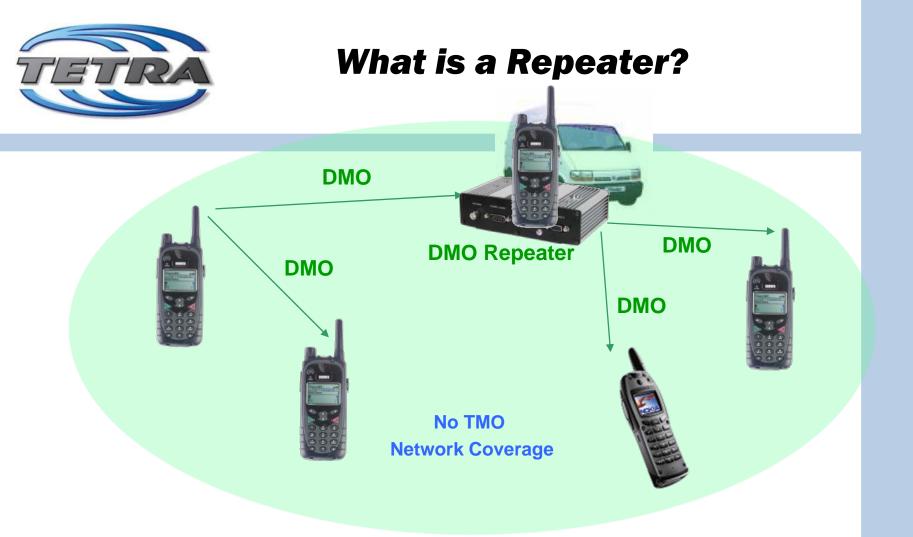
- Inter-System Interface (ISI)
- Peripheral Equipment Interface (PEI)





#### What is a Gateway?





#### A Repeater extends coverage between DMO users

Typically a vehicle mobile strategically placed acts as a DMO Repeater to extend communications within a closed group.



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PD Prioritisation

# Standard TETRA Data Capabilities

High priority applications are

| guaranteed access                          |
|--|
| Up to 4 times throughput                   |
| Flexible resource allocation               |
| Guaranteed grade of service                |
| Greater efficiency Greater data throughput |
| Reliable communication Resource efficient  |
| Simultaneous Voice Data Communication      |
| Fast pre/defined messages                  |
|  |

**Advanced** 

**Basic** 



## **Status Triggered Functions**

- Remote Control of Radio functions
- Authenticated Service
  - Examples include Paging, I/O Switching,
- Remote Control of DMO Gateway functions
- Macro capability allows actions to be linked
- Available in TMO, DMO & Gateway Mode (always available)

Status Messaging – provides so much more than just a simple status indication



## **Short Data Messaging**

- SDS (Text messaging)
- Concatenated SDS (typically up to 1000 Characters)
- SDS Store and Forward (Delivery or re-direction)
- Individual and Group messaging
- Available in TMO, DMO and Gateway Mode (always available)

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#### **TETRA Release 2 - TEDS**

#### TETRA Enhanced Data Service = TEDS

- The Standard is complete
- InterOperability Profiles and test cases being written
- Product Compliance (IOP) Testing underway
- First orders placed
- First terminals launched (TWC 2010)
- First live trials underway



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### **Specialised TETRA terminals**

Gateways and Repeaters



- TETRA Surveillance Products
- ATEX terminals for hazardous environments
- Modems



PDAs (Dedicated or linked by Wireless)



Telemetry devices





### Covert radio – User Requirements

- Light and small
- Accessory connectors screw connections
- GPS
- Large range of accessories (audio, control units ...)
- Battery (duration and easy to change)
- E2EE (option)





## Typical body worn Radio

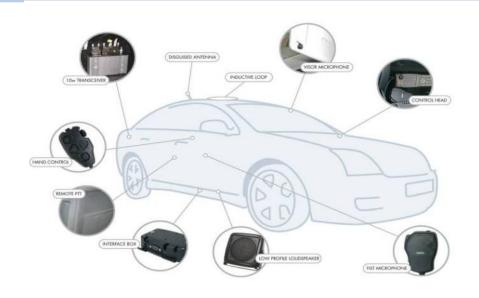








# Typical Covert Car & Motorcycle











#### **Hazardous Areas**

#### **Definition of Hazardous Areas**

Area with possible presence of a **potentially explosive atmosphere**An **explosive atmosphere** is defined as a mixture of:

- flammable substances (gases, vapours, liquids, mists or dusts)
- with air
- under atmospheric conditions

in which, after ignition, the combustion spreads to the entire unburned mixture

An atmosphere, which could become explosive due to local and/or operational conditions, is called : a **potentially explosive atmosphere**.



#### **TETRA Equipment for Hazardous Environments**



Products currently available from four manufacturers

#### **Examples of ATEX certification:**

II 2G EEx ib IIC T4 II 3D Ex tD A22 IP54 T85°C X













#### Ferrari uses Atex TETRA





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# What is Interoperability (IOP)?

• IOP ensures that TETRA equipment from one manufacturer functions (interoperates) with TETRA equipment from another manufacturer.





#### **IOP Teams**

#### **Technical Forum (TF)**

- Manages Interoperability Process
- Creates TIPs (TETRA Interoperability Profiles) and Test Plans

Any Member of the Association is welcome to join

## Operator and Users Association - OUA

- Creates usage scenarios for features
- Sets IOP TETRA feature priorities

Not open to manufacturers



### Do I need Interoperability?

## One Supplier

- makes life easier for operative ser
- the supplier ensures Ratinfrastructure & terminals operate together
- No one supplier provides ev
- Dependent on one supplier
- Features not always release at same time
- Locked in watch the price

When you buy your cell page supplied the





## Benefits of an open multi-vendor market

#### User benefits

- wide choice of compatible terminals 10+ suppliers
- specialised products for special needs
- continuous and fast product development & innovation
- genuine competition, hence lower prices (c.f. P25)
- reduced dependency on a single supplier

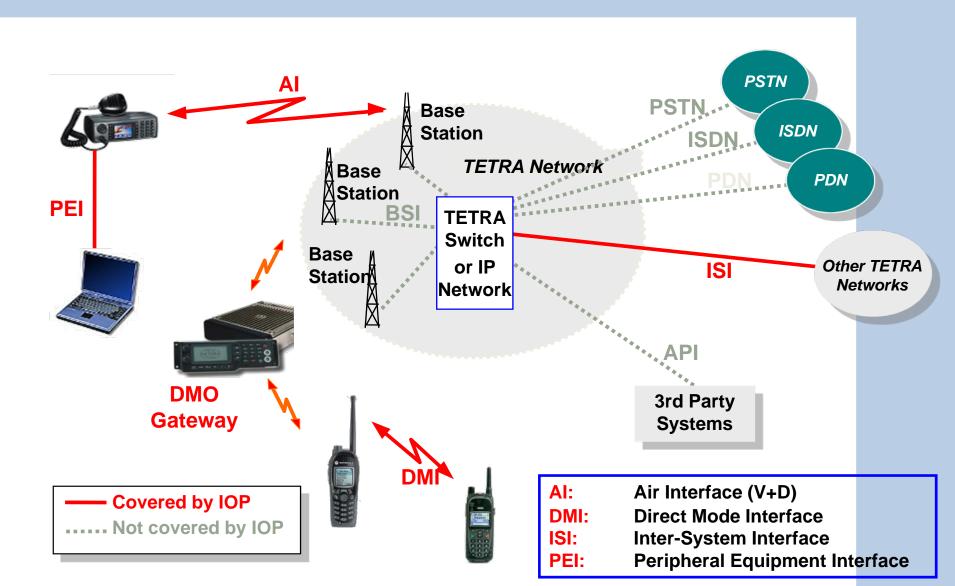
### • Industry benefits

- larger market, greater volumes
- increased possibility to invest faster product creation
- Market longevity

The TETRA Association created the IOP certification process to guarantee an open multi-vendor market



## Interfaces Covered by IOP Process





## How does the IOP Process work?

#### Common Standard





Define Rules for Implementation

Practical Equipment Tests





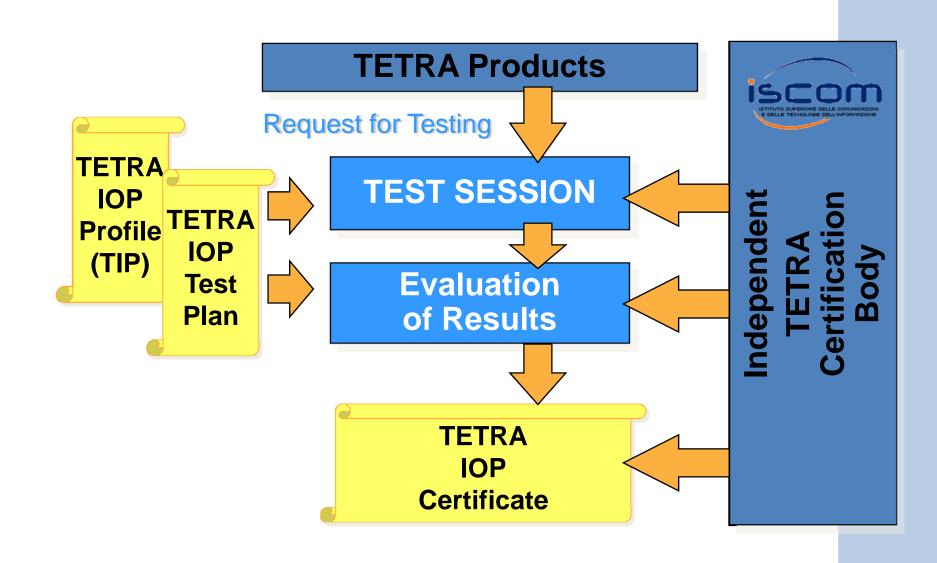


IOP
Specification Process

IOP
Certification Process



## **IOP Certification Process**





### What is Tested?





#### **IOP Certificates**



- Over 350 Certificates issued
- Certificates available
   for download:
   www.tetra-association.com

→Using TETRA

→ Interoperability

IOP is a mature well established process
& A key factor behind the Worldwide
Success of TETRA







(Free)

















## **Thank You - Any Questions?**



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