

## PVC-DRT Portable Radio Use Guide

- **You MUST have your GMRS License to transmit on a GMRS radio.**
- **Do not lay the radio on the vehicle dashboard!**
- The portable radio, speaker microphone, antenna, leather holster, leather shoulder strap, and sway strap form a radio assembly valued at \$325.00. Maintain awareness of its location at all times.
- If you desire not to wear the radio & harness, secure the radio in the DRT van. DO NOT REMOVE AND LAY DOWN.
- Keep the radio in its pouch at all times.
- Present your GMRS License at Check-In to receive a loaner radio.
- Never key the radio without an antenna attached.
- Use the radio with the provided case and strap as a system.
- Do not change any of the settings on the radio.
- Keep the volume at a level that you can comfortably hear through the speaker microphone. If in a crowded room and others are using the radio, turn your volume down so the communication can be heard clearly without radio feedback.
- Press to talk (PTT), then speak clearly in plain language, and then release the PTT button.
- Maintain awareness of the presence and condition of the radio as if it were your credit card in a store.
- There is a possibility that the radio may get stuck in the keyed open position. Press the PTT button to see if the channel opens up. If not, the team may have to switch to the designated backup channel.
- When talking, announce the receiver, then state the caller. For example, "To Terry from Tony, I need assistance on the outside front of the building."