Configure Emergency Responder and RedSky—National E911 Service Provider

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RedSky or Intrado E911 Service Integration with Emergency Responder—Overview

E911 comprises of two parts: Location Conveyance and Call Completion. Cisco Emergency Responder (Emergency Responder) integrates with National E911 Service Provider like RedSky for automated Location update, MSAG (Master Street Address Guide) for a User input location and Call Completion. For location with visibility on infrastructure (On-premises), Emergency Responder can send automated ERL-ELIN information or updates to RedSky. For location where there is no visibility on associated infrastructure (Off-premises), Emergency Responder can help send user input location against User DID to RedSky.

Emergency Responder automatically finds and tracks the dispatchable locations of all your devices as they move throughout the enterprise so you can comply with E911 regulations.

Emergency Responder tracks Cisco IP Phones through Switch Port or Access Point or IP Subnet or Manually configured. Emergency Responder maintains the status of the phones (On-premises, Off-premises, unlocated), and passes on any ALI or ELIN information to RedSky. Phone users rely on Unified CM to route their emergency calls to RedSky and the designated emergency provider.

For Off-premises phones, if the user's phones current location has not been previously defined, the user is directed to the Emergency Responder Off-Premises User web page to create a new location. After the new location has been defined and the address has been validated, emergency calls placed from off-premises phones will then be completed through the RedSky.

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Note

RedSky Integration is supported when Emergency Responder system is enabled in FIPS mode.
Set Up and Test RedSky or Intrado E911 Service Connectivity

After you have received confirmation that your company’s emergency service account has been created with RedSky, you must configure Emergency Responder to communicate with the RedSky service for On-premises or Off-premises phones.

You must complete the tasks described in the following procedure before creating Intrado ERLs.

Important
Although Emergency Responder uses the name Intrado for all configuration tasks, both Intrado and Redsky are approved 3rd party National Emergency Calling Service Provider with Emergency Responder. Any specific reference to Intrado should be understood to mean either Intrado or Redsky, depending on your chosen provider.

Note
You must configure the IP address of the DNS server to resolve the URLs provided by RedSky before completing these tasks. See Cisco Unified Operating System Administration Web Interface for Emergency Responder.

Procedure

Step 1
Configure the following items in the Intrado VUI Settings page:
  • Upload the certificate provided by RedSky.
  • Validate the certificate.
  • Configure RedSky Account Information.

Step 2
Configure Route Patterns for routing calls to RedSky on the Emergency Responder server.

Step 3
Configure Route Patterns and gateway for routing calls to RedSky on Unified CM server.

Step 4
Create Intrado ERL and verify the validity and consistency of the ALI data in the RedSky database.

Step 5
Assign Intrado ERL to the phones discovered under IP subnet.

Configure Emergency Responder for RedSky E911 Service Integration

Use the following workflow to guide you through the setup of your RedSky E911 Service feature.
Set Up Intrado VUI Settings

Before you can configure Intrado VUI settings, you must have your account information and a certificate from RedSky.

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Set Up Intrado VUI Settings

To continue emergency service support when there is a failover to the Emergency Responder subscriber, you must upload the same certificate file to the Emergency Responder subscriber separately.

Procedure

Step 1 From Emergency Responder, choose System > Intrado VUI Settings.
Step 2 Click Upload Certificate.
Step 3 Use the Browse button to locate the RedSky certificate file, highlight the file, and click the Upload button.
Step 4 Enter the Certificate Password and the VUI URL specified by the provider.
Step 5 Click Test and Validate.
   A successful result means Emergency Responder was able to establish a secure connection to RedSky’s location update service.
Step 6 Enter the Account Information.
   • VUI Schema URL
   • RedSky Account ID
Step 7 Click Test Connectivity to verify whether Emergency Responder can successfully connect to the customer specific account through the Intrado VUI.

On the ‘Test Intrado Connectivity’ pop-up window, the Test Results section should show status “200 OK” after pressing the Connect button. This response indicates that both the certificate and account information are valid. If the above steps are successful, then Intrado related ERL, search list etc. is unlocked.

For more information about the Intrado VUI settings, see Intrado VUI Settings.
Set Up a RedSky Route Pattern

Before any emergency calls can be completed by RedSky E911 Service, you must configure at least one route pattern for routing emergency calls to RedSky. Since all emergency calls that are routed to a National Emergency Calling Service provider use the same path, only 1 Intrado route pattern is needed. Connection redundancy is accomplished through Unified CM route list and route group configuration, so defining additional Intrado route patterns is not required.

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Configure Emergency Responder and Unified CM for RedSky E911 Service Integration for On-premises Phones

Use the following workflow to guide you through the setup of your RedSky E911 Service feature for On-premises devices after you have confirmed your emergency service support with RedSky.

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Set Up RedSky ERLs

Before you begin

You must first configure Intrado route patterns before you can add any Intrado ERLs.
Intrado ERLs differ from conventional ERLs in the following ways:

- You can only select route patterns from a preconfigured list in the Telephony Settings web page.
- You can query and validate ALI data from Intrado by using Intrado VUI (Validation & Update interface).
- You must submit ALI data (TN Update) to Intrado by using Intrado VUI before an emergency call can be successfully routed.

Procedure

Step 1 From Emergency Responder, choose ERL > Intrado ERL > Intrado ERL (Search and List).
Step 2 Click the Add New ERL button. Emergency Responder opens the Add New ERL window. See Find Intrado ERL for a detail explanation of each field.
Step 3 Fill in the ERL Information.
Step 4 Click ALI Details. Emergency Responder opens the ALI Information window.
Step 5 Enter the ALI Information. The "ALI Information section", Cisco Emergency Responder Administration Web Interface Appendix A, contains detailed explanations of each field.

Note To help match Emergency Responder ERL names with the corresponding RedSky Location entry, fill in the Comments field of the ALI record with the ERL Name.

Note The ALI Location field must be less than 20 characters to be accepted by RedSky. All entries longer than 20 characters is rejected.

Note Query from Intrado and Pre-validate from Intrado are not supported with RedSky.

Step 6 After entering the ALI Information, make the Add New ERL window the active window if it is not, and click Insert.
Emergency Responder saves the ERL and its ALI to the local database.

What to do next

Important In case you have existing ERLs and need to migrate the existing conventional ERLs to RedSky ERLs and vice versa, use the ERL Migration Tool page to migrate the ERLs.

Add Scheduled Intrado Updates

To ensure consistency between Emergency Responder’s Intrado ERL’s and the National Emergency Calling Service Provider, you can create ALI and Secondary Status update schedules between Emergency Responder
and Intrado. A scheduled ALI update sends newly created TN records to Intrado. A scheduled Secondary Status update sends queries to Intrado requesting information about records with errors that have been corrected.

**Procedure**

**Step 1** Choose ERL > Intrado ERL > Intrado Schedule from Emergency Responder.

**Step 2** Choose the days of the week and the time of day that you want to schedule an update.

**Step 3** Check the Enable Schedule check box if you want to activate this schedule.

**Step 4** Choose either ALI Update Schedule or Secondary Status Update Schedule.

**Step 5** Click Add to add the schedule to the list of schedules.

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**Update Scheduled Intrado Update**

**Procedure**

**Step 1** From Emergency Responder, choose ERL > Intrado ERL > Intrado Schedule.

**Step 2** Click the Edit link adjacent to the schedule that you want to update.

**Step 3** Choose the days of the week and the time of day.

**Step 4** Check the Enable Schedule check box to activate this schedule.

**Step 5** Click Update to change the schedule on the list of schedules.

Emergency Responder should be configured using traditional tracking methods and the ERL/ELIN will be delivered to RedSky or Intrado over the customer defined transport (SIP or PRI). Basically, by selecting the Intrado or RedSky, ERL sends the call to Intrado or RedSky.

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**Configure Emergency Responder and Unified CM for RedSky E911 Service Integration for Off-premises Users**

Use the following workflow to guide you through the setup of your RedSky E911 Service feature for Off-premises users after you have confirmed your emergency service support with RedSky.

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### Set Up RedSky Off-Premise ERLs

You must first configure RedSky route patterns before you can add any RedSky ERLs.

**Procedure**

1. **Step 1**  
   From Emergency Responder, choose **ERL > Intrado ERL > Off-Premises ERL (Search and List).**

2. **Step 2**  
   Click the **Add New ERL** button.

   Emergency Responder opens the Add New ERL window. See **Off-Premises ERL** for a detail explanation of each field.

3. **Step 3**  
   Fill in the ERL **Name** and **Description** Information.

4. **Step 4**  
   Select the Route/Translation Pattern defined for reaching RedSky and any user that should be notified when an Off-premises call has been placed.

   **Note**  
   When configuration the Off-Premises ERL, there is no option to set an ELIN. This is because the calling party number is the calling party’s number. By passing the user’s calling party, RedSky can uniquely identify the caller and their specific location.

5. **Step 5**  
   Click **Insert**.

### Configure a Phone

Perform these steps to update a phone to in Unified Communications Manager to send the location selection service to phones when they are Off-premise.

**Note**  
This setting is only applicable to Cisco IP Phones. Soft clients (like Cisco Jabber and Webex App) cannot use this procedure.

**Procedure**

1. **Step 1**  
   From Cisco Unified CM Administration interface, select the phone that is Off-premise.
Associate Devices to End User

Any user with devices that will be using the Off-premises feature must be defined in Unified CM with the devices that are assigned to the user. All devices should be associated with the user on both the Owner ID field and in the End User page as Controlled Devices.

Procedure

Step 1 From Cisco Unified CM Administration, choose User Management > End User menu option to find the end user.

Step 2 In the Device Information pane, click Device Association.

Step 3 To find all records in the database, Click Find.

Step 4 From the Device association for (this user) pane, choose the devices that you want to associate with this end user by checking the box to the left of the device names.

Use the buttons at the bottom of the window to select and deselect devices to associate with the end user.

Step 5 Repeat the preceding steps for each device that you want to assign to the end user.

Step 6 To complete the association, click Save Selected/Changes.

Configure IP Subnet for Off-Premise Users in Emergency Responder

Use the Configure IP Subnet page to define an IP Subnet for devices that are Off-premise. The IP Subnet should be the IP Address of the Expressway-C inside address or the IP Subnet of a VPN concentrator for client VPN session or Hardware VPN solutions.
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<td>In the ERL Search Parameters, set the find value to <strong>Off-Premise ERL</strong> and click <strong>Find</strong>.</td>
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<td>Click the radio button next to the Off-Premises ERL (defined previously) and click <strong>Select ERL</strong>.</td>
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<td>Click <strong>Insert</strong> to add the subnet on the <strong>Configure IP Subnet</strong> page.</td>
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### Instruct Users to Set and Configure Remote Teleworker Emergency Calling For Off-Premises Locations

#### Add New Location

Before a user can associate a location to their phone or device, the user must first enter a location into Emergency Responder’s Off-Premises User Page. All locations defined in Emergency Responder are user-specific. Each user must add their own locations. When a user has multiple locations, each location must have a unique name to identify that unique location.

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<td>Click <strong>Validate</strong> to verify the address with your National Provider.</td>
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<td>Saving the location does not immediately update the National Emergency Calling Service Provider, but stores the location information in Emergency Responder. When a user selects the location from the device, the stored address information is sent to the National Provider to update the address for the user’s E.164 number.</td>
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### Associate Your Location to Your Phone

After a user defines a location in Emergency Responder, the user should associate and verify that the device is associated to the desired location.
Procedure

**Step 1**  From the Cisco Emergency Responder Off-Premises User page, choose **Phones**.

**Step 2**  To associate a location to a phone, click the corresponding **Assign** link.

*Note*  If there are multiple devices, it does not matter which assign link you select since all of them will associate the address to the DID number listed.

**Step 3**  In the Associate Location page, select the desired location from the **Select New Location** drop-down list. The new location becomes active when you click the **Associate Location** button.

The Status field show displays that the “Location Association Is Successful.” This indicates that the address is valid and has been updated with the National Emergency Calling Service Provider.

**Step 4**  Once the location is associated, the device on the Phones page should display devices that are registered with an IP address that is considered off-premise with a status as **Off Premises** and the Associated Location should match the one that was selected. Additionally, ensure that the Direct Inward Dial (DID) is a properly formatted 10-digit NANP number.

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**Verify the Remote Teleworker Off-Premises Locations in Emergency Responder**

*Note*  If the remote or Off-premises user chooses not to update their current location, the Disclaimer prompts the user to acknowledge that calls may be restricted until the location is updated. Outbound calls and 911 calls will not work until the user associates their device to a configured location.

As the System Administrator, you can configure to select and mandate location update so that the device user has to acknowledge the disclaimer and provide current location information before the device is enabled for normal use. (From Cisco Unified CM Administration, choose **System > E911 Messages** to configure the mandatory location update disclaimer message.)

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**Procedure**

**Step 1**  Reset the phone or device.

After the phone has rebooted and after 2-5 seconds after registering, the device should display the Remote Teleworker legal notification. At this point, the remote teleworker location selection process should start.

**Step 2**  Ensure that the following legal disclaimer message appears on the phone.
Step 3

Click Next.

You will get the details of all the locations added through Cisco Emergency Responder Off-premises URL.

Step 4

Using the toggle buttons on the phone or device, choose a location and press the Select button.

A few seconds later, the phones user interface should indicate the successful settings of the off-premises user’s location.

Any error encountered during the setting of the location from the phone must be resolved through Emergency Responders Off-Premises User Page or working with the system administrator.

What to do next

Administrators should instruct the users on how to validate the accuracy of the E911 address based on the user-defined setting. This process should follow the company’s procedure for emergency address validation. When a user dials 911 as per the company process for validating the emergency dispatch address, the call should be routed to public-safety answering point (PSAP) using the off-premises ERL and the address reported by the PSAP should be the address currently assigned to the device through the Cisco Emergency Responder Off-Premises User Page.

All calls originating from On-premise devices route the National Emergency Calling Service Provider using the Intrado Route/Translation pattern. For On-Premise devices, Emergency Responder sends the ERL for the On-premise location to RedSky or Intrado to reach the correct PSAP for the calling party.
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