

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

MISSION PROFILE			
Summary		State SAR #	
Responsible Agency		Agency Case #	
SAR Base Location		Code for Deceased	
COMMUNICATIONS PLAN SUMMARY			
Primary Operating Channel State SAR	Frequency 155.805 FM	FCC Callsign	
Alternative Operating Channel	Frequency	FCC Callsign	
Command Staff Channel	Frequency	FCC Callsign	
Air-Ground Channel	Frequency	FCC Callsign	
Repeater for State SAR In Use?	Input / Link Freq	Location	
CONTROL OPERATORS			
Dispatch Identifier “ County Sheriff SAR Base”		Location SAR Base (see above)	
Relay Identifier “Relay 1”		Location	
Relay Identifier “Relay 2”		Location	
Identifier		Location	
ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES			
Use / Frequency Air-Ground Civilian / 123.100 AM	SAR Base	Relay 1	Relay 2
Air-Ground Military /			
Civil Air Patrol /			
Sheriff /			
US Forest Service /			
Medical /			
Fire /			

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Use / Frequency	SAR Base	Relay 1	Relay 2
Cellular / Nextel Phone			
COMMUNICATIONS PLAN APPROVAL			
Communications Officer (name)	Approved (signature)		Date / Time
Incident Commander (name)	Approved (signature)		Date / Time

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GENERAL PROCEDURES

- All communications between Operations and the field units will be conducted on the Primary Operating Channel (usually State SAR 155.805) – see above.
- SAR Base (and/or Relay) radio operators will speak for Operations and control the frequency to assure smooth traffic and air time available for emergencies.
- Each unit in the field will be assigned a unique unit number by Operations.
- A specific deceased code will be determined by Operations and provided to all field units when they receive their unit number. See above.
- All “in camp” communications will be conducted on alternative channels, and not on the Primary Operating Channel. See above.

RELAYS / REPEATERS

- If Relay service is provided, relay-to-Base traffic will generally be handled on a different frequency to reduce congestion on the Primary Operating Channel – see above.
- If Repeater service is provided, specifics will be provided – see above.
- Relays and Dispatch generally can provide communications on many secondary frequencies (USFS, sheriff, medical, fire, et al) and telephone service – see above.
- Relays may be able to provide phone patch and radio patch to individuals in the field or in Base camp. For instance, provide medical personnel with access to the trauma system, or a deputy telephone access to their agency. This service generally provided as needed, only for ICS staff.

OPERATIONAL REMINDERS

- Check in with Communications on your radio before leaving Base area on assignment (tests your radio, your status goes in the log)
- Give status/location every 45-60 minutes when in the field.
- Notify Communications when switching to another channel for more than 5 minutes.
- Avoid field-unit to field-unit traffic on the Primary Operating Channel
- Check in with Communications upon return to Base area (be sure your status is in the log).

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