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Communication requirements.

[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this Chapter of the Administrative Code, see paragraph (BB) of rule 4766-5-01 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) All licensed AMSO communication centers shall comply with the following:

(1) Shall be equipped with a base station capable of two-way communications with associated radios on an assigned frequency:

(a) The base station must be hard-wired;

(b) Use of a hand held battery operated base station used as primary source of communication is prohibited;

(c) The base station shall be staffed during all phases of aircraft operations;

(d) Assigned frequency shall be used exclusively for dispatch and tactical communications and shall be independent of any involvement in the Ohio emergency radio network.

(2) The communication center shall demonstrate and maintain a voice communications linkage with the radios used in the permitted aircraft within the declared service area;

(3) All in-coming and out-going telephone and radio transmissions regarding medical transports shall be recorded on a system with time recording and playback capabilities.

(a) Recordings must be kept for at least thirty days from the day of recording;

(b) Recordings shall be made available to the board upon request.

(4) An emergency plan for communications during power outages and in disaster situations shall be established;

(5) Service area maps and/or navigational charts or mapping software shall be readily available.

(B) All permitted aircraft shall be equipped with two-way communications capable of communication with the licensed AMSO's communication center, air traffic control, and medical control.

(1) The pilot shall be able to control and override radio transmissions from the cockpit in the event of an emergency situation;

(2) Medical team members shall be able to communicate with each other during

flight. Rotorcraft air ambulance medical personnel shall wear headsets and/or helmets with communication capabilities during medical transports;

(3) If cellular telephones or other such communications are used on board the aircraft, they are to be used in accordance with FCC regulations "47 C.F.R. Parts 20-39, Section 22.925."

(C) All licensed AMSOs shall maintain a detailed radio log that documents the following:

(1) Time call received;

(2) Location of call, requesting agency;

(3) Nature of call;

(4) Initial dispatch time;

(5) Time enroute, as applicable;

(6) Estimated time of arrival (ETA), as applicable;

(7) Time of arrival on-scene, as applicable;

(8) Departure from scene time;

(9) Arrival at destination time;

(10) Souls on-board;

(11) Pilot(s) name(s);

(12) Date of service;

(13) Fuel on-board;

(14) Estimated flight time, as applicable;

(15) Time in-service, as applicable.

(D) Radio equipment used in permitted aircraft shall meet the FCC requirements specified in "47 C.F.R. Part 90, Section 90.203" and all FAA rules and regulations.

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