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**Communications Requirements.**

(A) All licensed MTO dispatch centers shall be equipped with a base station capable of two-way communications with associated mobile radios on an assigned frequency. This channel will be used exclusively for dispatch and tactical communications and shall be independent of any involvement in the Ohio emergency radio network. The base station shall demonstrate and maintain a voice communications linkage with the radios used in the licensed ambulance(s) within the declared service area.

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

(2) A hand held battery operated base station used as primary source of communication is prohibited.

(B) All licensed ambulance(s) and non-transport vehicle(s) shall be equipped with two-way communications which shall have the capability to communicate with the licensed MTO's dispatch center and with medical control in the licensed MTO's service area.

(1) All two-way communications used in licensed ambulance(s) and non-transport vehicle(s) shall have the ability to provide voice communication with the licensed MTO's associated base station(s) within the area the licensed MTO serves or proposes to serve;

(a) The MTO shall be capable of two-way communication with all the ambulance(s) or non-transport vehicle(s) radios and/or cellular telephones;

(i) All two-way communication devices shall maintain either a 110 volt or 12 volt power source backup for each communication device;

(b) All MTOs shall maintain a detailed radio log that documents the following:

(i) Location of call;

(ii) Nature of call;

(iii) Initial dispatch time;

(iv) Enroute time;

(v) On-scene time;

(vi) Departure from scene time;

(vii) Arrival at destination time.

(2) Radio equipment used in licensed ambulance(s) and non-transport vehicle(s) shall meet the requirements specified in paragraph 90.203 of the federal communications commission rules and regulations.

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