

7418.0400 USE OF COMMON EMERGENCY FREQUENCY.

Subpart 1. **Type of communication permitted.** The statewide common emergency frequency shall be used primarily for emergency communications between police agencies only. For purposes of this part, the term "emergency" means a set of circumstances resulting from natural disaster, accident, civil disorder, national emergency, and criminal activity that requires coordination and cooperation between various police agencies to protect lives and property. Routine interagency exchanges of information and communications regarding activity where life and property are not immediately endangered are not emergency communications for purposes of this part. The common emergency channel may be used on a secondary basis to provide communications to any itinerant police vehicle when the vehicle is beyond communication range of its base station and no other communication medium is readily available. This secondary use shall not cause harmful interference to the primary use of the channel.

Subp. 2. **Type of transmitter.** The state of Minnesota will grant special use authority to any police agency to operate mobile transmitters on 155.475MHz. Any police agency, with the approval of the commissioner of public safety, may operate a base station transmitter on 155.475MHz if the following circumstances exist:

A. the police agency has 24-hour dispatching on its other assigned frequencies, with fully trained communications personnel; or

B. the commissioner of public safety determines that such base station transmitter is necessary to further the purposes of the statewide plan for a coordinated system of police radio communication.

Subp. 3. **Application for authorization.** Application for authorization to operate mobile units and/or base stations on the Minnesota police emergency radio network (155.475MHz) should be made to the commissioner of public safety on a form as set forth in part 7418.9910.

Subp. 4. **Sanction for violations.** A police agency that uses 155.475MHz for purposes other than emergency communications is subject to revocation of its special use authorization by the commissioner of public safety.

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