

## **DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER 07-41**

OFFICE of the CHIEF OF POLICE  
REPLACES: General Order 98-07  
SOP 401.07.00

DATE: February 7, 2007

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### **FCC COMPLIANCE**

#### **I. PURPOSE.**

To support a joint communications center that possesses the necessary technology and flexibility to fulfill the needs of the City's emergency service operations, while conducting such operations in accordance with federal regulations.

#### **II. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS.**

All radio communications utilizing Federal Communications Commission assigned radio frequencies shall comply with FCC Rules and Regulations addressing public safety systems (Refer to Chapter 90, Subpart B, FCC Rules and Regulations).

1. Section 90.19 allocates authority to local governments to operate a radio station, stating, "Any city...including a governmental institution authorized by law to provide its own police protection, is eligible to hold authorizations in the Police Radio Service to operate stations for transmission of communications essential to official police activities of the licensee.
2. Section 90.21 provides the same authority to fire departments for transmission of communications essential to fire activities.
3. Section 90.45 requires that each station or system be identified by the transmission of the assigned call sign during each transmission or exchange of transmissions, or once each 30 minutes during periods of continuous operation. The methods of transmitting the call letters may be by voice or non-voice.

4. Section 90.433 states, “No operator license or permit is required for the operation of stations licensed under this section. A station license shall be issued and be responsible for the proper operation of the station at all times. The station license must be retained as a permanent part of the station records but need not be posted. A clearly legible photocopy of the authorization for each base or fixed location shall be posted at every control point of the station.
5. Transmitting false calls, or using profane or other offensive language is prohibited by the FCC.
6. The station may be inspected at any reasonable time by the FCC while the station is in operation.
7. Violations of FCC rules may result in a fine, or the revocation or suspension of the station license.

### III. Compliance Inspections.

While the FCC license to operate a radio base station will remain in the name of the City of Clayton, and it will be the responsibility of the police department to renew same, the manager of the East Central Dispatch Center will maintain actual custody and control of the document. He shall periodically monitor the operation of the communication center to ensure that the proper documentation is posted, and that dispatchers are in compliance with established requirements.

During those periods when ECDC is manned solely by operations staff, it shall be the responsibility of the on-duty supervisor to ensure FCC compliance is maintained.

BY ORDER OF:

THOMAS J. BYRNE  
Chief of Police

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CALEA Reference 81.1.2