

	CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures	Initial:
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	Subject: Constable Radio Use	

CONSTABLE RADIO USE

1. Authorization from the Clearfield County Emergency Management / 9-1-1 Center for a constable to have transmit capability on the County's police frequency will not be considered without a letter of request from a Clearfield County Magistrate. Each Magistrate may make this request for a total of (3) three constables at any one time. The constable must be a working constable doing both civil and criminal work within Clearfield County.
2. The constable must be uniformed when on duty.
3. The constable must provide and maintain his/her own radio equipment.
4. The constable must be knowledgeable in the use of the radio and must adhere to the following:
 - a. The only permissible radio transmissions are those made to request assistance when there is a threat to life and/or property.
 - b. When emergency assistance is required, the constable must contact the communications center giving the location and the situation.
 - c. Any constable on the system will use a County-assigned identification.
5. A constable may **not** use the radio:
 - a. To contact another constable.
 - b. To ask the communications center to make telephone calls
 - c. To contact police officers directly except when the officers are in the process of providing assistance to the constable.
6. Status records are not kept for constables. Therefore, there is no need for the constable to radio in when on or off duty.
7. Constables are permitted to state starting and ending mileage when transporting individuals of the opposite sex. Only audio records of this will be kept for a period of sixty (60) days. Constables are permitted to ask the communications center to notify the county jail that they are transporting a prisoner.
8. Clearfield County is the licensee and is held accountable to the FCC. Any abuse, overuse, or trivial use of the radio will be grounds for cancellation of radio privileges. Should problems arise, the County will be the final arbitrator in any dispute and will establish priorities where needed.
9. Constables are **NOT** authorized to request or receive any information from the CLEAN system and are not to ask any communications personnel for such information.
10. Authorized Constables and their assigned county identification numbers will be listed on the bulletin board behind the FIRE console.

