

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS

- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide Upper Merion Township Police Department employees with guidelines on the operation of the Montgomery County Emergency Communications System.
- II. **POLICY:** To effectively carry out its mission, it shall be the policy of the Upper Merion Township Police Department to provide essential employees with a mobile and/or portable radio for use during their tour of duty. Radios will be used in compliance with applicable Department policies.
- III. **CROSS-REF:** POLICY #850, DOCUMENTATION OF OFF-DUTY INCIDENTS
- III. **PROCEDURE:**
- A. MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIOS:
1. All Police Department vehicles shall have two (2) way radio communications by use of a mobile radio when possible.
 2. All police officers shall be issued a portable radio for use during and after a tour of duty.
 3. Essential township personnel shall be issued a portable radio for use during and after their work hours.
 4. All non-essential police personnel shall have access to radio communications by use of a portable radio, whenever available.
 5. All mobile and portable radios shall be equipped with an emergency situation button.

B. RADIO SYSTEM:

1. The Upper Merion Police department shall utilize Montgomery County's 800 MHz radio system on the County-wide 800 MHz Communications System.

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7. All radios will have the ability to receive and transmit on all Regional Channels, County Dispatch Zones.
8. All radios will have the ability to receive and transmit with Montgomery County Fire Departments and EMS on the Public Safety Coordination Channel (PSCORD).
9. The "F" Bank of all mobile and portable radios is reserved for non-County-wide system channels.
10. The "F" Bank consists of local non-repeated and repeated channels including: On-Scene Repeater, Courthouse and Mall channels.

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D. FAILSOFT:

1. Each radio on the County-wide 800 MHz system is preprogrammed with a designated Failsoft Channel. This designated channel is on a single repeater channel.

2. This function provides radio communications during an 800 MHz system shutdown.

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E. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES:

1. All radio communications will be in accordance with Police Communications Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), which shall be available on the Police Computer Network. Refer to the following SOP's:

- a. Broadcasting flash information
- b. Broadcasting on Regional Channels
- c. Emergency Channels
- d. Emergency Identifier
- e. NPSPAC Channels
- f. Police Tactical Channels
- g. Secure Voice
- h. Radio Equipment Problems

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DISTRIBUTION: All police officers
All dispatchers
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