

December 7, 2012

Dear Ambulance Service Director:

Re: EMS Radio Communication Plans

Radio communications in Minnesota looks a bit different today than it did in 2007 when the "EMS Radio Communications Plan--A Radio Planning Guide for Minnesota EMS & Hospitals" was created. The Statewide Radio Board (SRB) and Department of Public Safety Emergency Communications Networks (ECN) have also matured and made improvements to radio plans and created committees and work groups that did not exist in 2007. In an effort to eliminate duplication and confusion, the Board will be retiring the EMSRB EMS Radio Communications Plan and EMS radio users will be directed to the Statewide Radio Board plans.

This change is supported by the following language passed during the 2012 legislative session.

Minnesota Statutes §144E.103, subdivision 5, provides in relevant part:

Communications Equipment: An ambulance service must be equipped with a two-way radio that is programmed and operating according to the most recent version of the statewide radio board shared radio and communication plan...

The EMSRB has confirmed with the Minnesota Emergency Communications Networks (ECN) that the following documents referenced in the statute constitute the most recent version of the "statewide radio board shared radio and communication plan". (Click on these links to view the following plans [ARMER Plans](#) and [Minnesota EMS Communications Plan](#))

- Emergency Medical Services Communications Plan (1/26/12)
- Changes to ARMER Conceptual Plan (3/4/2008)
- Public Safety Statewide Radio Project-Project Plan and Scope Statement (12/2002)
- Conceptual and Logical Architecture for A Statewide Wireless Communications Plan (July 2002)
- Land Mobile Radio VHF Interoperable Frequency Plan (9/28/12)

How will ambulance services demonstrate to the EMSRB that they have met the statutory requirements?

- 1) Ambulance Services will be asked to sign and return the "[Ambulance Service Verification of Requirements for Radio Communications](#)" form (**attached**) by March 31, 2013.
- 2) Demonstrate, upon request, the ability to communicate per Minnesota Rules, part 4690.2000 and Minnesota Rules, part 4690.0100, subpart 10, as explained in the attached form.

Please note that with the new statutory language, Minnesota Rules, part 4690.1900 and part 4690.2600 are no longer in effect and will not be enforced. These rules will remain on the Minnesota Legislative website until they can be repealed.

Thank you for your support of EMS and keeping the people in Minnesota safe.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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