

**OKALOOSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

Title: 201.00
Policy: UHF Pagers
Purpose: To ensure prompt notification of assignments to OCEMS personal via UHF paging.

Policy:

Each ambulance will be issued two pagers. One is to be carried by each employee. The duty Commander and Lieutenant also will carry a pager. This is to allow audible notification to crews in station and to notify crews not responding to radio traffic.

There are four select channels on the pagers:

- A. South-end EMS paging frequency
- B. South-end EMS paging frequency
- C. North-end EMS paging frequency
- D. North-end EMS paging frequency

It is imperative that the North-end units keep their pagers on Channel C or D, and the South-end units keep their pagers on Channel A or B.

Units who are moved to provide coverage will need to switch to the appropriate channel as they approach Special Forces Way and Highway 85 North to ensure consistent paging ability.

Accountability and Compliance:

- 1) It is the responsibility of each employee to maintain the VHF pagers in an operational manner at all times.
- 2) It is the responsibility of each crewmember to carry the pager on their person at all times when outside of their station.
- 3) If during a shift a crew is noted to not be monitoring the right frequency, the shift commander will document the incident and place it in the employees file for their annual evaluation.
- 4) It is the responsibility of Logistics to maintain an adequate replacement par of pagers in case of failure of one of the in service pagers.

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