

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## Standard Operating Procedures

**90.03.02**  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION REGULATIONS



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**Purpose:** Procedure for information on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations.

**References:** FCC regulations, Part 90, 47 CFR, Chapter 1  
FCC 90.403C  
FCC 90.403D  
FCC 90.403E  
FCC 90.405

### **Procedure:**

1. Communications on all dispatch and public safety frequencies are guided by FCC regulations, Part 90, 47 CFR, Chapter 1. The following selected regulations are cited for information:
  - a) Communications Brevity (FCC 90.403C): Each licensee shall restrict all transmissions to the minimum practicable transmission time and shall employ all efficient operating procedures to maximize the utilization of the spectrum.
  - b) Message Priority (FCC 90.403D): Communications involving the imminent safety-of-life or property are to be afforded priority by all licensees.
  - c) Harmful Interference (FCC 90.403E): Licensees shall take reasonable precautions to avoid causing harmful interference. This includes monitoring the transmitting frequency for communications in progress and such other measures as may be necessary to minimize the potential for causing interference.
  - d) Permissible Communications (FCC 90.405): Stations licensed under this part may transmit only the following types of communications:
    - i. Any communications related directly to the imminent safety of life or property.
    - ii. Communications directly related and necessary to those activities that make the licensee eligible for the station license held under this part.
    - iii. Communications for testing purposes required for proper station and system maintenance. However, each licensee shall keep such tests to a minimum and shall employ every measure to avoid harmful interference.
  - e) Radio Monitoring: The FCC randomly monitors all assigned radio frequencies for compliance with rules and regulations.

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2. Violation of FCC Regulations: Any District personnel that knowingly violate those regulations as set forth by the Federal Communications Commission shall be subject to disciplinary actions.