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CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO SYSTEM
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1. GENERAL.

- a. The Governor's California Emergency Management Authority (CAL EMA) is the primary emergency warning control point for the State of California and the system manager for the California Law Enforcement Radio System (CLERS). The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is the alternate control point if CAL EMA is unable to function as the primary control point.
- b. The CLERS communications system is used by the emergency warning control point for coordinating emergency activities and exchanging vital information with the responsible local government agency for the emergency incident.
- c. During a major catastrophic event, the public switched telephone system network may be the first public communication infrastructure to either fail or be overloaded with telephone traffic, which could result in the blockage of essential communications between public safety agencies. The CLERS is a dedicated and reliable statewide system that utilizes the state public safety microwave system and is not dependent on the public switched network.

2. CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO SYSTEM POLICY. Any CHP communications center (CC) may be called upon to be the alternate emergency control point for CAL EMA. All CHP CCs shall be ready to assume that role.

3. CLERS TESTING AND TRAINING.

- a. Responsibility. Each CHP CC is equipped with CLERS for communicating with various city and county law enforcement agencies during disasters or for exchanging non-emergency information on a daily basis.
- b. Testing and Training.
 - (1) Each CC must develop testing and a daily use procedure and training program to ensure that all communications personnel are trained and familiar with the operation of CLERS. Communications Centers Support Section will assist with setting up an initial training program on the use of CLERS, if needed.

(2) Each CC should have a designated and qualified Public Safety Dispatcher to be the resident expert and trainer for CLERS.

(3) It is imperative that each CC routinely test their CLERS and be familiar with system operation in case of emergency.

4. CLERS OVERVIEW.

a. The CLERS was developed and installed in the late 1950s and expanded in 1976. It has also been known as Inter-City or Law-Net, and some allied agencies may still refer to CLERS by these former system names.

b. The CLERS consists of several local systems throughout the state. Each of the local CLERS serves more than one county. All agencies within the same county, except for San Bernardino and Kern counties, are served by only one CLERS. Due to their terrain and geographical size, San Bernardino and Kern counties are served by two different systems. The Golden Gate and Fresno CCs have access to two CLERS each.

c. Nearly all of the CLERS area boundaries coincide with the service boundaries of each CHP CC. This permits CHP CCs to make local calls to most of their allied law enforcement agencies that have CLERS equipment and capability.

5. CLERS CALL PROCEDURES.

a. Local Call Mode.

(1) No dialing is required.

(2) Push the transmit key and announce the call. If the call is a priority call, preference the call appropriately, e.g., "Placer County, Sacramento CHP" or "Nevada County, Sacramento CHP Priority Traffic." Release the key to hear.

(3) After completion of the call, sign off with the appropriate Federal Communications Commission call sign.

b. Long Distance Call Mode.

(1) Because of technical limitations and anomalies, CAL EMA is contemplating discontinuance of long distance CLERS functionality. Documentation to support CLERS long distance calls is, therefore, removed from this manual.

ANNEX A

CLERS LOCAL AREA SYSTEMS LIST BY CHP DIVISION AND CCSS

NORTHERN DIVISION

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| Humboldt | Del Norte and Humboldt Counties. |
| Redding | Shasta and Trinity Counties. |
| Susanville | Lassen County. |
| Yreka | Siskiyou County. |

Note: Modoc and Plumas Counties are in separate CLERS areas not associated with a CHP CC.

VALLEY DIVISION

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| Chico | Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba Counties. |
| Sacramento | El Dorado (West), Nevada (West), Placer (West), Sacramento, Sierra, and Yuba Counties. |
| Stockton | Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties. |
| Truckee | El Dorado (East), Nevada (East), and Placer (East) Counties. |

GOLDEN GATE DIVISION

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| Golden Gate | North Bay: Marin, Napa, San Francisco, and Sonoma Counties. |
| Golden Gate | South Bay: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Solano, and Santa Clara Counties. |

CENTRAL DIVISION

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| Bakersfield | Kern (West) and Tulare Counties. |
| Fresno | Fresno (North) and Kings Counties. |
| Merced | Madera, Mariposa, and Merced Counties. |

SOUTHERN DIVISION

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| Los Angeles | Los Angeles and Orange Counties. |
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BORDER DIVISION

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| El Centro | Imperial County. |
| Indio | Riverside (East) County. |
| Orange County | Orange and Los Angeles Counties. |
| Border | San Diego County. |

COASTAL DIVISION

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| Monterey | Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. |
| San Luis Obispo | San Luis Obispo County. |
| Ventura | Ventura County. |

Note: Santa Barbara County is in a separate CLERS area not associated with a CHP CC.

INLAND DIVISION

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| Barstow | Kern (East) and San Bernardino Counties. |
| Bishop | Alpine, Inyo, and Mono Counties. |
| Inland | San Bernardino (South) and Riverside (West) Counties. |

Calls placed to those agencies located in the CLERS Local Area System for each CC are local. Some geographical areas have been broken up due to their size, e.g., east, north, south, west.

There are some exceptions to local county access for some of the CC. Personnel need to become familiar with the CLERS accessibility for their specific area boundaries and surrounding locations.

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