

THE IMPORTANCE OF POLICE RADIO STATIONS.

Police Radio Stations are vital installations which have been established for providing uninterrupted communication for law and order and internal security. They are required to provide uninterrupted communication under all circumstances, particularly when there is a state of emergency and the normal P&T facilities have broken down. It is, therefore, essential that those who are charged with the running of these stations keep this in mind and they should leave no stone unturned to maintain the stations at a high level of efficiency and arrange for its security.

2. Police Radio Stations are licensed wireless installations and the licence to operate them has been issued under the condition that:-

- (i) the wireless equipment is placed in charge of a responsible person;
- (ii) no unauthorised person or persons will have access to the licensed wireless equipment and associated apparatus;
- (iii) no unauthorised message can be transmitted on the licensed wireless network;
- (iv) all spares and standby wireless sets are kept in safe custody and duly accounted for;
- (v) Complete logs of communications are maintained;
- (vi) Secrecy of correspondence is observed i.e., no message or messages which are not authorised by the licence are allowed to be intercepted. If unauthorised messages are intercepted accidentally, their contents are not made known to any person
- (vii) the operating characteristics of the licensed wireless system is not made known to unauthorised persons.
- (viii) the transmissions are in accordance with national and international standards. For this purpose, the frequency has to be absolutely correct, the harmonic radiation has to be negligible, the call sign has to be given out at prescribed intervals and the power has to be maintained below the prescribed level.
- (ix) Only law and order message are passed or such other messages are passed which are permitted from time to time.

3. Radio Station Officers/Radio Maintenance Officers and Head Operators I/C of wireless stations who are holding charge of radio station/workshop will be deemed to be 'Responsible Persons' referred in para 2(i) above. They will comply with the instructions given above and will be responsible for bringing to my notice if any of the conditions mentioned above are violated.

4. Radio transmitting and receiving equipment will not be moved from one place to the other without orders of the competent authority. Whenever such movement takes place, whether it is receipt or despatch, a report should be made in the General Diary of the Police Lines mentioning clearly the authority for the movement, the type and serial No. of the equipment, the name of the officer responsible for safety in transit and the place to which the movement is going or from which it has come. This will also apply to the radio equipment removed from a station to a regional workshop for maintenance. However, movement of charging engines, chargers; batteries etc. need not be entered in the General Diary of the Police Lines. At those stations where a General Diary of the Police Department is not available, these entries will be made in the Station Log Book.

5. All movements of equipment from one station to the other must be intimated to the Asstt. Radio Officer concerned. Any change in the authorised holding of the equipment at a station will not be done without proper sanction of a gazetted officer. Permanent increase in the holding of a station will be done only by the undersigned.

6. It will be the duty of the Radio Station Officer/Head Operator I/C of the radio station to maintain the daily log book of communication and other prescribed communication records. He will sign these records every day.

7. The Quartz crystals at a radio station will be handled with care and will be locked up when the station is closed. The containers of these crystals will not be opened at the radio station under any circumstances.

8. The Radio Station Officer/Head Operator I/C of a station should know the licence number of his transmitting station. He should keep a copy of the licence at the radio station.

9. All Inspecting Officers and, in particular, Range Maintenance Officers will check and ensure that the instructions given above are being followed. Non-compliance should be reported to Asstt. Radio Officer, Maintenance immediately.



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