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Matt May  
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Dear Mr. May:

This letter grants your request, dated November 2, 2009, on behalf of the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee of the Kansas City region, for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees who are employees of local government entities to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee of the Kansas City region will be holding an exercise on November 7, 2009. You state that this exercise will test the communications capabilities of emergency management officials in the event of a multi-tornado touchdown in the region. The drill will be held at a variety of sites throughout the nine-county Kansas City metropolitan area.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following amateur licensees, who are employees of local government entities, to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with the exercise:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Employer</b>
Edwin Rust	KD0BKH	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Betty Amos	KD0CDP	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Leslie Still	KD0CEG	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Joel Thornton	KD0GSP	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Alan Hancock	W0SED	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Merle McCullough	N0VDR	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Michael Baughman	KC0VVP	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Larry Eker	WA0YQM	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Bob Evans	KC0VVQ	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Cleburne Webb	KC0VVT	Wyandotte County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Matt May	KC4WCG	Johnson County, Kansas, Emergency Management
Michael O'Neal	KC0YSO	Platte County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office
Phillip Campbell	KC0ZNI	Miami County, Kansas, Sheriff's Office
Stan Swaggart	KC0ZLC	Cass County, Missouri, Emergency Management
Frank Goetzfridt	KB0HMR	Independence, Missouri, Fire Department
Mark Widner	KC0UMZ	Independence, Missouri, Fire Department

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the November 7 public safety exercise by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed amateur employees on behalf of their employer during the November 7, 2009, exercise, and immediately prior to the exercise for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee of the Kansas City region, dated November 2, 2009, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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