



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DA 09-2510

Arl Weinrebe
Murray County Medical Center
2042 Juniper Ave.
Slayton, MN 56172

Dear Mr. Weinrebe:

This letter grants your request, dated November 20, 2009, on behalf of the Murray County Medical Center (a County-owned hospital) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during upcoming government emergency drills.

In your request, you state that the South West Emergency Preparedness Team, which consists of hospitals, clinics, and public health and emergency management officials in southwest Minnesota, will be holding monthly radio-check disaster preparedness drills on December 2, 2009, and January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. You state that the exercises will test radio equipment readiness in the event of a tornado, blizzard, or flooding in the region. The drills will be held at various locations in southwest Minnesota.

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 to transmit communications on behalf of their employers in connection with these exercises:

Name	Call Sign	Employer
Arl Weinrebe	KD0BJW	Murray County Medical Center
Jack Winter	KD0EMJ	Canby Hospital
Peggy Dunblazier	KD0IFT	Tyler Hospital
Cory Jendro	KD0IPC	Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center
Gordy Kopperud	KD0BJZ	Sanford Westbrook Medical Center
Jim Hunt	KD0FTB	Sanford Jackson Medical Center
Brad Anderson	KD0BXG	Windom Area Hospital
LeRoy Reese	KD0HAZ	Murray County Medical Center
Andrew Rosenau	KC0YFY	Granite Falls Medical Center
Tom Balko	KD0FNO	Redwood Area Hospital
Sara Maher	KC0WBS	Renville County Hospital
Doug Olinger	KD0FNP	Renville County Hospital
Dan Anderson	KD0ASX	Nobles County Emergency Manager
Don Williams	KD0BJX	Jackson County Public Health
Lyle Loge	KC0WBT	Affiliated Community Medical Centers (ACMC) Marshall Market St.
L. VanDenEinde	KC0WBJ	ACMC Marshall Bruce St.
Stacy O'Brien	KC0WBN	ACMC Redwood Falls
James Reinert	KD0IGA	Murray County Emergency Manager
Randy Donahue	WB0ZSO	Murray County Law Enforcement

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 December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2 public safety exercises 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 employers during the December 2, 2009, and January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2010, exercises.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Murray County Medical Center, dated November 20, 2009, IS GRANTED. Waivers for additional dates or additional participants must be requested separately.

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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