



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DA 10-1312

Arthur F. Carlton, Administrator
Pinal County Office of Emergency Management
P.O. Box 727
Florence, AZ 85132

Dear Mr. Carlton:

This letter grants your request, dated July 2, 2010, on behalf of the Pinal County Office of Emergency Management (County) for a waiver to permit an Amateur Radio Service licensee to transmit communications on behalf of his employer during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that the County will be holding a communications drill on July 20, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The drill is conducted to test and confirm communication channels and equipment that resides in health care facilities and public safety operation centers. The drill will be held in Pinal County.

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 County employee Joseph Urban, N0ZFN, to transmit communications on behalf of his employer in connection with this exercise.

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 July 20, 2010, public safety exercise by permitting the specified amateur licensee to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by Mr. Urban on behalf of his employer during the July 20, 2010, exercise, and immediately beforehand for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Pinal County Office of Emergency Management, dated July 2, 2010, 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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