SECTION 32. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

32.15 EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Section is to address the radio technology services for Seminole County and all municipalities and agencies in Seminole County which operate on the emergency telecommunications network(s) and communication systems along with anyone else seeking to occupy space on any of Seminole County's radio towers.

B. GENERAL.

(1) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications Division will be the administrator of the radio technology, application interfaces, and features associated with the radio program for Seminole County.

(2) Seminole County may build, acquire, renovate, and administer RF tower sites, portable radios, mobile radios, RF repeaters, and other equipment necessary to accommodate an interoperable radio communication system to serve law enforcement, fire/rescue, government, security/safety, and other support entities.

(3) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications are members of the State of Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force V and members of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative for Central Florida.

(4) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications will ensure mutual aid channels will operate with regional and State partners.

(5) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications will establish policies, procedures, and standards to be incorporated into a comprehensive management plan for the use of the countywide radio communications system.

(6) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications will attend executive groups and committee meetings as they relate to RF infrastructure and equipment for First Responder agencies.

(7) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications shall bear the overall responsibility for the design, engineering, acquisition, and implementation of the radio communications system(s) to include mutual aid systems, PSAP and 911 dispatch centers, microwave systems, third party application and interfaces, radio system networks architecture, and Cybersecurity program.

(8) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications is responsible for ensuring the proper operation, maintenance, and preventative maintenance of all communication system equipment countywide.

(9) Seminole County may rent or lease space on any tower under its control and refuse to lease space on any tower at any site.

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C. EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS FEES.

(1) Seminole County Emergency Telecommunications will validate and audit all funds received through paid traffic citations as directed in Section 318.21(9), Florida Statutes.

(2) Rental space on a radio tower will be done through a negotiated rate with the agency, organization, or RF provider. A non-refundable application fee will be equal to the first month rent of the tower site paid by any entity interested in co-location on the Seminole County radio tower. Application fee will be applied to rental fees, if agreement is entered.

D. AUTHORITY. Resolution 2023-R-118 adopted October 24, 2023