

5 FAH-2 H-770

DOMESTIC RADIO PROGRAM

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(Office of Origin: IRM/APR/RG)

5 FAH-2 H-771 DIPLOMATIC SECURITY (DS) RADIO PROGRAMS

5 FAH-2 H-771.1 Radio Support

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(State only)

a. DSS Agents on domestic assignments are issued personal radios funded by the Bureau of Information Resource Management's Wireless Branch (IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS) through the office of Defensive Equipment and Armored Vehicles (DS/PSP/DEAV). Agents are personally accountable for radios issued to them and are required to return them to DS/PSP/DEAV upon completion of domestic assignments. Radios issued by DS/PSP/DEAV may only be taken overseas in connection with official temporary duty assignments.

b. The Field Office Radio Program Officer (RPO) (see 12 FAH-3 H-311) or DS Office point of contact will coordinate with DS/PSP/DEAV and IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS to ensure that the field office maintains a supply of extra handheld radios in inventory to replace sets in need of repair. Agents who have problems with their handheld radios should turn them in to the RPO for repair and replacement.

c. The RPO will send all damaged radios to the Department together with a brief description of the problem. The RPO will send the radios United Parcel Service (UPS) insured to the following address:

U.S. Department of State
Defensive Equipment and Armored Vehicles
DS/PSP/DEAV (SA-7A)
7957 Cluny Court
Springfield, Virginia 22153

5 FAH-2 H-771.2 Maintenance for Mobile, Base Station, and Repeaters

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a. If mobile, base radios, or repeaters are in need of repair, the RPO must notify IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS and request authorization for repair. IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS will provide the RPO with an authorization repair number with instructions to send the defective radios to an appropriate service center approved by IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS.

b. The RPO will submit radio maintenance requirements on-line via the Department's SBU OpenNet system at <http://wireless.irm.state.gov>. Upon receipt, IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS will assign a service request authorization number (RAN) and will provide the RPO the RAN and service location via unclassified e-mail. It is the responsibility of each field office to get the vehicle/equipment needing service to the identified service facility.

c. Under no circumstances should field office personnel direct contractors or local service centers to perform work without a valid RAN issued by IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS. Only the designated IRM Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR) can authorize work under Department contracts. If the RPO has any questions, the RPO should contact IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS before work begins.

d. The RPO will forward any requests for additional radio equipment for field office use to DS/DSS/FLD for approval. Once approved, DS/DSS/FLD will request IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS provide the additional equipment to the requesting field office.

5 FAH-2 H-771.3 Digital Encryption Standard (DES)

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a. All new field office radio systems and equipment deployed by the Bureau of Information Resource Management after 2001 are equipped with the Federal Digital Encryption Standard (DES) option. DES is designed to provide adequate protection of Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information from signal interception by unauthorized parties. DES is not approved for the transmission of classified information.

b. The Bureau of Information Resource Management's Systems Integrity Division (IRM/OPS/ITI/SI) maintains sufficient levels of NSA-produced DES keying material dedicated for domestic DS operations. The short title for this keying material is USKAK-55001.

c. To obtain DES keying material, the field office Communications Security (COMSEC) Custodian must submit a memorandum to IRM/OPS/ITI/SI/CSB and request that short title USKAK-55001 be added the field office COMSEC account.

d. DES keying material is classified FOUO/NOFORN and must be handled in accordance with 5 FAH-6. Only the field office's COMSEC custodian or personnel with cryptographic clearances for use issued by IRM/OPS/ITI/SI may handle, issue, load, or destroy DES keying material. Under no circumstances should DES keying material be left unattended in vehicles or hotel rooms. DES keying material may not be issued to outside agencies without prior approval from IRM/OPS/ITI/SI.

e. Radios loaded with DES encryption key may be issued to local, state, and Federal law enforcement officials at the discretion of the Special Agent in Charge or the Supervisor Special Agent.

5 FAH-2 H-772 STATE AND LOCAL POLICE EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORKS

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a. State and local police authorities maintain a network of emergency radio frequencies. They restrict use of such frequencies to emergency situations. Where such frequencies are available, the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) should negotiate with the appropriate regional authorities permission to use these emergency channels when needed. The SAC should make every effort to equip vehicles used for protective and investigative assignments with these emergency frequencies upon securing the necessary permission.

b. The SAC will forward requests for radio equipment, which can operate on local emergency frequencies to DS/DSS/FLD for approval. Once approved, DS/DSS/FLD will forward the request to IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS for technical evaluation. If the requested frequencies are within the same bandwidth as field office equipment (406-420MHz), IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/WLS will coordinate with the field office to arrange for equipment reprogramming.

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