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MEMORANDUM:

TO: FLORIDA EMS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN, VOLUME 1 RECIPIENTS

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DATE: March 17, 2011

SUBJECT: FLORIDA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS PLAN, VOLUME 1
Fourth Edition

The Florida Emergency Medical Services Communications Plan, Volume 1 has been revised as a Fourth Edition and is now available online at:

http://dms.myflorida.com/suncom/public_safety_bureau/radio_communications/radio_communication_plans.

This edition includes updates, clarifications, and new text. On each revised page, a vertical bar ("|") in the left margin identifies lines of text that have been modified since the previous issue of that page. Re-formatting or other minor irregularities corrected that resulted in no substantive change to the information are not identified. Specifically, the changes include; but are not limited to the following:

- Regionalized MEDCOM
- Updated narrowbanding deadline from 2018 to 2013
- Volume 2 hardcopy or electronic format in permitted vehicles
- Consistent reference to minimum notification distance for LMC coverage
- Incorporated APCO/NPSTC channel naming standard (ANS 1.104.1-2010)
- Incorporated references to additional communications plans and guides
- §5.2.3 added to define LMC communications coverage contour
- Re-organized §4.7.1 and §5.3 to remove duplication
- Introduced Project 25 requirements for digital radio equipment
- Deleted non-essential information in Mobile Data section
- Replaced Appendix A with Plans and Committees functional relationship chart
- Revised Appendix B to include references to multiple communications policies
- Deleted non-essential acronyms and definitions

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This edition is being made available to all organizations and individuals identified per Section 1.3 of the Plan. To ensure that you receive future revisions for Volume I and Volume II, please verify that the name and email address on file with the Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services is correct.

I thank the personnel in the Division of Telecommunications, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the EMS Communications Committee, the Agency of Health Care Administration (AHCA), and others that provided input toward this revision. More than ever, this plan is intended to meet the expectations of EMS agencies on a statewide basis.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this edition, please contact Carlton Wells at (850) 922-7426 or via email at carlton.wells@dms.myflorida.com.

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