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Part 1
General Provisions

63H-7a-102 Utah Communications Authority -- Purpose.

- (1) This chapter establishes the Utah Communications Authority as an independent state agency.
- (2) The Utah Communications Authority shall:
 - (a) provide administrative and financial support for statewide 911 emergency services; and
 - (b) establish and maintain a statewide public safety communications network for all state, city, county, and local governmental entities.

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63H-7a-103 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "911 account" means the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account, created in Subsection 63H-7a-304(1).
- (2) "911 call transfer" means the redirection of a 911 call from the person who initially receives the call to another person within the state.
- (3) "Authority" means the Utah Communications Authority created in Section 63H-7a-201.
- (4) "Backhaul network" means the portion of a public safety communications network that consists primarily of microwave paths, fiber lines, or ethernet circuits.
- (5) "Board" means the Utah Communications Authority Board created in Section 63H-7a-203.
- (6) "CAD" means a computer-based system that aids PSAP dispatchers by automating selected dispatching and record-keeping activities.
- (7) "CAD-to-CAD" means standardized connectivity between PSAPs or between a PSAP and a dispatch center for the transmission of data between CADs.
- (8) "Dispatch center" means an entity that receives and responds to an emergency or nonemergency communication transferred to the entity from a public safety answering point.
- (9) "FirstNet" means the federal First Responder Network Authority established in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 1424.
- (10) "Lease" means any lease, lease purchase, sublease, operating, management, or similar agreement.
- (11) "Public agency" means any political subdivision of the state dispatched by a public safety answering point.
- (12) "Public safety agency" means the same as that term defined in Section 69-2-102.
- (13) "Public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means an entity in this state that:
 - (a) receives, as a first point of contact, direct 911 emergency communications from the 911 emergency service network requesting a public safety service;
 - (b) has a facility with the equipment and staff necessary to receive the communication;
 - (c) assesses, classifies, and prioritizes the communication;
 - (d) dispatches the communication to the proper responding agency; and
 - (e) submits information as described in Section 63H-7a-208.
- (14) "Public safety communications network" means:
 - (a) a regional or statewide public safety governmental communications network and related facilities, including real property, improvements, and equipment necessary for the acquisition, construction, and operation of the services and facilities; and

- (b) 911 emergency services, including radio communications, connectivity, and 911 call processing equipment.

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63H-7a-104 Relation to certain acts.

- (1) The authority is exempt from:
 - (a) Title 51, Chapter 5, Funds Consolidation Act;
 - (b) except as provided in Subsection (5), Title 63A, Utah Government Operations Code; and
 - (c) Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (2) The authority is subject to:
 - (a) Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act;
 - (b) Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act;
 - (c) Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code;
 - (d) Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act; and
 - (e) Section 67-3-12.
- (3) The authority, the board, and the committee members are subject to Title 67, Chapter 16, Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act.
- (4) The board shall adopt procedures, accounting, and personnel and human resource policies substantially similar to those from which the authority is exempted under Subsection (1).
- (5) Subject to the requirements of Subsection 63E-1-304(2), the authority may participate in coverage under the Risk Management Fund created in Section 63A-4-201.

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