



Santa Cruz Consolidated
Emergency Communications Center

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COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE
POLICY/PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT: STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT

1. The Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center was established on July 1, 1991, by approval of an Agreement between the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville pursuant to the provisions of Title I, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article I, commencing with Section 6500 (et seq) of the California Government Code. Such an Agreement is a Joint Powers Authority Agreement and the governmental agency thereby created is commonly known as a JPA.

2. The County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Watsonville are designated by the agreement as Parties to the Agreement.

2.1 Subordinate operating Departments under the jurisdiction of the Parties to the Agreement are also referred to in this Policy and Procedure Manual as Member User Agencies.

2.2 Member User Agencies included:

- 2.2.1 Santa Cruz County Sheriff
- 2.2.2 Capitola Police Department
- 2.2.3 Watsonville Police Department
- 2.2.4 Santa Cruz Police Department
- 2.2.5 Santa Cruz County Emergency Services Department
- 2.2.6 Watsonville Fire Department
- 2.2.7 Santa Cruz Fire Department
- 2.2.8 Santa Cruz County Emergency Medical Services
- 2.2.9 Santa Cruz County Fire

3. The Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center is created as a separate and legal public entity under Section 6500 of the California Government Code.

4. The purposes of the Center are:

4.1 to provide public safety dispatching services for the law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical providers of the agreement's Parties (Member User Agencies).

4.1.1 such services will also be provided on a contractual basis to other governmental entities (Associate User Agencies).

4.2 to establish, equip, maintain, operate, and staff a single site, public safety communications facility.

4.3 to provide a 9-1-1 public safety answering point (PSAP).

4.4 to provide a forum for discussion, study, development, and implementation of programs and services of mutual public safety communications interest or benefit.

5. The Center, as a JPA, is authorized in its own name:

5.1 to employ agents and employees and establish salary and benefits.

5.2 to make and enter into contracts.

5.3 to acquire, construct, manage, maintain, and operate any building and improvements.

5.4 to acquire, hold, or dispose of property.

5.5 to incur debts, liabilities, and obligations.

5.5.1 These debts, liabilities, and obligations shall not be construed as those of the Parties to the Agreement (Member User Agencies).

5.6 to accept gifts, contributions, donations, grants, or loans of property, funds, services, or other financial assistance from any person, firm, corporation, or government agency.

- 5.7 to sue and be sued.
 - 5.8 to rent or lease communications services to non-public agencies.
 - 5.9 to invest surplus money in its treasury that is not needed for immediate operation, as the Board determines appropriate, in the same manner and upon the same conditions as other local government entities in accordance with Section 53601 of the California Government Code and under advisement of the County Treasurer (refer Policy No. 311).
 - 5.10 to designate the date on which to commence performance of each of its functions and to inform and coordinate the transition with each Member User Agency and each associate User Agency.
6. Agencies represented on the Users Committee who are not Parties to the Agreement (Member User Agencies) shall be known as Associate User Agencies.
7. Associate User Agencies may contract with the Center to obtain consolidated dispatch and any other service as provided by the Center.
8. Associate User Agencies may be any of the following:
- 8.1 any local, State or Federal Fire or Forest Service entity designated by the County Board of Supervisors as the County Fire Department.
 - 8.2 any fire protection district servicing any portion of Santa Cruz County.
 - 8.3 any State or local government law enforcement or fire entity servicing any portion of Santa Cruz County.
 - 8.4 any other public or private public safety or emergency response entity whose association with the Center is deemed by the Board of Directors to be beneficial to the User Agencies.