



# Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center

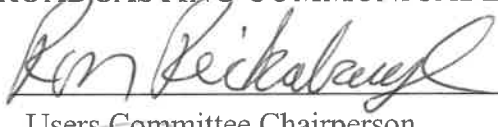


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## COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDIZED RADIO/REPORTING POLICY/PROCEDURE

<b>Policy No.</b> 9320	Date Issued: May 4, 1998
Section: 9300 – Radio Procedures	Date Revised: November 19, 2007
Accreditation Standards: CALEA 6.1.4	
<b>SUBJECT: BROADCASTING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INFORMATION</b>	
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Dispatchers can relay information regarding a subject with a communicable disease to officers. Responders shall be advised to use “Medical Precautions” if a dispatcher becomes aware that the patient has been diagnosed with one of the following diseases:

- AIDS
- Meningitis
- Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
- HIV
- Hepatitis
- Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci (VRE)

No further information may be relayed to officers or anyone else. Dispatchers may not advise officers to call dispatch in order to relay such information.

If a reporting party offers communicable disease information during the call taking process, dispatchers will suggest to the reporting party that s/he offer that information to the responders when they arrive on the scene.

It is permissible for dispatchers to broadcast and document information regarding a subject reported to have a communicable disease transmitted by airborne contaminants (i.e., tuberculosis [TB]) or the reported possibility of responders being exposed to or infected by an airborne contaminant. When broadcasting or documenting any reported airborne contaminant information, dispatchers will use plain English and include the source of the information. Examples: “For information, victim is reported to have TB per the reporting party”, “BOL for subject with TB, public health hazard, per Monterey County Health Department”.