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# COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL POLICY/PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

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### 1.0 Intent

1.1 To enhance internal communications by establishing an electronic method of disseminating, organizing, tracking and searching information distributed to employees.

### 2.0 Distribution of Written Directives

- 2.1 Written directives provide employees with a clear understanding of operational parameters and organizational expectations. They may be in the form of policies and procedures, training bulletins, operational orders or memorandums.
- 2.2 Written directives will be distributed using PowerDMS
  - 2.2.1 The General Manager will appoint a PowerDMS Administrator who will be responsible for managing PowerDMS.
  - 2.2.2 Depending on the subject matter the written directive may be distributed by PowerDMS to individuals or groups.
  - 2.2.3 The originator will place a copy of the document in the PowerDMS folder on the shared file server and post to PowerDMS or notify the PowerDMS Administrator of a new item for posting.

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- 2.2.4 If the posted document is not available in an electronic format, the originator will place a hard copy in the PowerDMS Administrator's in-box.
- 2.2.5 The PowerDMS Administrator is responsible for promptly distributing all received materials.
  - 2.2.5.1 In case of a prolonged absence (more than two business days), the PowerDMS Administrator will make arrangements to have the material posted in their absence.

## 3.0 Policy and Procedure Manual

- 3.1 For convenience, the entire Policy and Procedure Manual is maintained on the PowerDMS Server.
  - 3.1.1 New and updated policies and procedures will be forwarded to the PowerDMS Administrator for distribution.

# 4.0 Tracking

- 4.1 Employees are responsible for checking their PowerDMS account at least once during every work day.
  - 4.1.1 Employees not assigned to work between the hours of 0300 1000 may be provided a 10 minute administrative period during their shift to ensure that they have a chance to review any written directives.
  - 4.1.2 Employees are responsible for reading and understanding the written directives they receive.
  - 4.1.3 If employees do not understand any written directive, they will seek immediate clarification from their Lead Dispatcher or Supervisor.
- 4.2 Supervisors will periodically check PowerDMS to ensure employees are regularly signing their documents.

### 5.0 Retention

5.1 Documents on the PowerDMS server will remain on the server for as long as they are applicable.

# 6.0 Reading Board

- 6.1 Documents that are considered to not be mandatory can be posted on the Electronic Reading board.
- 6.2 The Electronic Reading board will be maintained by a staff member assigned by the General Manager.

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6.3 Materials intended for the Electronic Reading board shall be forwarded to the reading board email address as a file attachment. If an electronic version is unavailable, the document shall be placed in the Reading Board in-box located in the front office.

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