

LEON COUNTY E.M.S.

Standard Operating Guideline

Title: Use of Mobile / Cellular Telephones
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I. PURPOSE:

1. To serve as a back-up communications device when there is a failure of either the radio or telephone system.
2. To augment communications for on-duty supervisors in implementing system coordination.

II. GUIDELINE:

1. LCEMS shall provide constant communications with field staff and administration. The cellular telephone will be considered part of the LCEMS communications system.
2. County mobile / cellular telephones issued to field staff will be used for county business. Employees making emergency personal phone calls will be responsible for paying fees associated with personal use and must report personal use in writing to the on-duty supervisor.
3. Drivers of county vehicles shall only use mobile / cellular telephones while utilizing a hands free adapter.
4. Use of personal mobile / cellular telephones while in the public or with a patient is not permitted. They shall be kept in a silent or vibrating alert ring and shall not be answered.