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# The EMS communication base station is very close to home



## Overview

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What is a base station?

A base station is a radio operated from a fixed site such as a dispatch center, hospital, or some other location. It usually runs off community electrical power and transmits at much higher power than smaller, portable radios. Alternative power in the form of generators or a set of batteries are usually available.

How does EMS rebroadcast a radio signal?

Some rebroadcast by converting signals to radio and others do so by converting to microwaves. It may also convert the signal to a telephone signal and send the communications through public or dedicated telephone lines. EMS radio communication takes place in the VHF low band, VHF high band, and UHF band.

How does an EMS system work?

In some EMS systems, simple standard communications are transmitted by pushing a button on a mobile data terminal (MDT) mounted in the ambulance. Carry portable radio whenever you leave unit. Report must be given to destination hospital so it can prepare for arrival.

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What frequency does EMS radio communication take place in?

EMS radio communication takes place in the VHF low band, VHF high band, and UHF band. VHF low band is the radio frequencies from 32-50 megahertz (MHz). They are able to follow the shape of the earth allowing communication over long distances. These frequencies are more susceptible to interference

from, weather, buildings, and electrical equipment.

Why is communication important in EMS?

Communication in EMS is essential. Patients must be able to access the system, the system must be able to dispatch units, EMTs must have a means of communicating with medical direction and receiving facility, and EMTs must be able to communicate vital information to other personnel.

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