

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	Communications
Title:	Emergency Communication Signals
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Emergency Communication Signals

Alert tone – One beep	Announcements Cancellations Equipment Status Evacuate the area Mark situation under control Other Per Request Updates and additional information
Alert tone – Two beeps	Pre-Alert
Busy signal	A communication signal transmitted to alert Emergency Service Personnel that Augusta ECC is unable to acknowledge non-emergency radio traffic.
Channel marker	A communication signal that designates a closed frequency.
Emergency Radio Traffic Signal	The "Emergency Radio Traffic Signal" (ERTS) is a single alert tone (lasting approximately five (5) seconds) that is transmitted on the dispatch frequency (s) and the assigned operational frequency (s). The ERTS is transmitted prior to broadcasting an urgent message involving a specific incident.
Mayday signal	This signal is reserved for emergency situations that are declared life threatening.

Reference:

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Augusta County Emergency Services Officer's Association – Website (2008)
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