Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS	
Standard Operating Guideline	
Section:	Communications
Title:	Emergency Radio Traffic Signal (ERTS)
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## **Emergency Radio Traffic Signal (ERTS)**

The "Emergency Radio Traffic Signal" (ERTS) is a special radio tone adopted by the Region that is transmitted prior to broadcasting an urgent message.

Upon request, The Augusta County Emergency Communications Center will transmit the ERTS tone on the Fire-Rescue dispatch frequency(s) and the assigned operational frequency(s) and broadcast an urgent message for on scene Emergency Service Personnel.

Listed are some, but not limited to the event types the incident commander or division officer may request Augusta ECC to activate the ERTS tone for changes involving an incident:

## Example:

- Disruption in water supply
- Possible structure collapse

## **Reference:**

## ERTS

Augusta County Emergency Services Officer's Association – Website (2008) Section 3: Communications Related Content: