

State of Arizona
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CHAPTER 20
HOUSE BILL 2004

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 26, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 26-320; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 26, chapter 2, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 26-320, to read:
4 26-320. First informer broadcasters: training and
5 certification; access; definitions
6 A. THE DIVISION MAY COORDINATE WITH A BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION IN THIS
7 STATE OR A CABLE TELEVISION TELECOMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION IN THIS STATE, OR
8 BOTH, TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED PLANS FOR PREPARING FOR AND
9 RESPONDING APPROPRIATELY TO AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.
10 B. THE DIVISION MAY DESIGNATE AND AUTHORIZE A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
11 THAT REPRESENTS BROADCASTERS, CABLE TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS OR ANY OTHER
12 PROVIDER THAT USES EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES OR A FEDERALLY LICENSED RADIO OR
13 TELEVISION STATION TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT A PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE
14 DIVISION TO TRAIN AND CERTIFY BROADCAST ENGINEERS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
15 THAT ARE CRITICAL TO STATION OPERATIONS AS FIRST INFORMER
16 BROADCASTERS. TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:
17 1. BE CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW AND GUIDELINES.
18 2. INCLUDE EDUCATION IN RESTORING, REPAIRING AND RESUPPLYING ANY
19 FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT OF A BROADCASTER IN AN AREA AFFECTED BY AN EMERGENCY
20 OR DISASTER.
21 3. INCLUDE EDUCATION CONCERNING THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF A FIRST
22 INFORMER BROADCASTER IN AN AREA AFFECTED BY AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER.
23 C. TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH NOT ENDANGERING
24 PUBLIC SAFETY OR INHIBITING RECOVERY EFFORTS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
25 AGENCIES SHALL ALLOW A FIRST INFORMER BROADCASTER TO ACCESS AN AREA AFFECTED
26 BY AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER TO RESTORE, REPAIR OR RESUPPLY ANY FACILITY OR
27 EQUIPMENT CRITICAL TO THE ABILITY OF A BROADCASTER TO ACQUIRE, PRODUCE AND
28 TRANSMIT ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY OR DISASTER RELATED PUBLIC INFORMATION
29 PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING TRANSMITTERS AND GENERATORS
30 AND TRANSPORTING FUEL FOR GENERATORS.
31 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
32 1. "BROADCASTER" MEANS A RADIO BROADCASTING STATION, CABLE OPERATOR OR
33 TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATION PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN, AND DERIVING INCOME
34 FROM, THE BUSINESS OF FACILITATING SPEECH VIA OVER-THE-AIR COMMUNICATIONS,
35 BOTH AS TO PURE SPEECH AND COMMERCIAL SPEECH.
36 2. "FIRST INFORMER BROADCASTER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS TRAINED AND
37 CERTIFIED AS A FIRST INFORMER BROADCASTER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 15, 2014.

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