



## Heart of TN. A. R. E. S.

Heart of Tennessee  
Amateur Radio Emergency Service®

Mobile Communications Center  
MCC 1-1

### Mobile Communications Center Operations Vehicle Movement

#### 1. Introduction

The Heart of Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (HOTARES®) has a Mobile Communications Center (MCC) housed in a recreational vehicle. The vehicle is a class “C” RV with a 10,000 lb. Gross Vehicle Weight. This Standard Operating Guideline has been established to help provide for the safe movement of the RV and must be reviewed by all individuals involved in the movement of the RV.

#### 2. Responsibilities

The Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC) for the Mobile Communications Center (MCC) is responsible for maintaining this document. Each member of Heart of TN. ARES® that works with the HOTARES MCC is responsible for following this guideline.

#### 3. Related Publications

MCC 1-2 Generator Operation

#### 4. Definition of Terms

**AEC** Assistant Emergency Coordinator

**ARES®** Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES® and Amateur Radio Emergency Service® are registered service marks of the American Radio Relay League.)

**MCC** Mobile Communications Center

#### 5. Guideline

##### 5.1. General Guidelines

- There should be one (1) vehicle in addition to the MCC to insure safe movement of the vehicle and to assist in the event the MCC

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becomes disabled in transit.

- **Before and after moving the MCC**, walk around the MCC, visually inspect tires for tread depth and any cuts or dry rotting. Check the tire pressure and check the MCC for any damage or missing parts. If any defects are found, note and hand a list to the Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC) for the Mobile Communications Center (MCC).

## MCC Movement 2

- Before moving the MCC make sure that wheel chocks are removed, that the MCC cargo has been secured and the back door been locked and secured. Be sure that all lights are working such as running, signal panel and brake lights.
- When arriving at destination site, before parking the MCC, do a complete site survey to insure that there are no restrictions that would affect communications such as tall trees, buildings and power lines. Also check to see if shore power is available or if generator power will be needed. When this has been completed secure the MCC and chock the wheels.
- A generator is located on board the MCC. Refer to MCC 1-2 for generator operating instructions.
- **Remember, safety is important. Always keep safety first when operating the MCC to insure that you do not become part of the emergency that ARES® is supporting.**

## 6. Release Information

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