

Radiophone Communication Is Legal

Editor, APCO Bulletin:

In reading over the March issue of The APCO Bulletin I noticed in the column headed "Here and There in APCO" the difficulties which Ken Hedrick of Topeka, Kansas, says that he and other stations are having in regard to the F.C.C., which supposedly has forbidden such departments to use their phone transmitter for point-to-point communication.

This misunderstanding has been prevalent in the minds of most of the communication officers over a great portion of the country for the past several years.

I wish to quote at this time the F.C.C. bulletin release No. 32600-A of March 1, 1939, Section No. 112.06 entitled "Service Which May Be Rendered": "Municipal Police Stations, although licensed primarily for communication with mobile police units, may transmit emergency messages to other mobile units such as fire department vehicles, private ambulances and repair units of public utilities, in those cases which require cooperation or coordination with police activities. In addition, such stations may communicate among themselves provided (1) that no interference is caused to the mobile service, and (2) that communication is limited to places between which, by reason of their close proximity, the use of police radiotelegraph is impracticable. Municipal police stations shall not engage in point-to-point radio communication beyond the good service range of the transmitting station or transmit or handle communications requiring radiotelephone relay. Point-to-point communication between stations in the same local telephone exchange area is likewise prohibited unless the messages to be transmitted are of immediate importance to mobile units."

This interpretation of the F.C.C. ruling has been in effect for several years and it has been our understanding that communication between two radiotelephone stations could be maintained unless such communication would require an additional relay by phone.

I believe that this section as quoted should be published in the next issue of The APCO Bulletin so as to acquaint all members with this provision in the F.C.C. rulings.

I believe this will clear up a great deal of misunderstanding which now exists regarding what can or cannot be done by radiotelephone in the police service.

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Overheard on 5195: Station calls five stations with ZBL for each. After several attempts to raise a station with no success, he calls QPO.

Illinois Ops Get Foo Key

There are many ways of pointing the finger of shame or scorn. The latest and most interesting to come to our attention is the presentation of the Great Foo Key, as practiced in the Illinois State Police Radio System. Chief Engineer Ted Lowe of the Illinois net has given us details, which we are seriously thinking of adopting in our own system here in Missouri.

The following "letter of presentation" is self-explanatory:

Royal Order of Foo Keyers
Esteemed Sir:

In recognition of your recent actions and display of pedantry among those who must interpret your mutilations of the Continental Code,

You are hereby nominated as a member of the ROYAL ORDER OF FOO KEYERS and KEEPER OF THE GREAT FOO KEY.

The Great Foo Key is to remain in your safe keeping and is to be displayed in a conspicuous place for all to behold until such time as it is deemed necessary to transfer its safe keeping to some other member of our organization (Police Radio Operators). The award of the Great Key is to be made in recognition of some overt act, some breach of operating procedure or practice, a lack of patience or emotional control, a FOO-Paux (Faux-Paux) or FOOKEY transmission.

The Great Foo Key will enable all members of the Royal Order of Foo Keyers to transmit with greater ease due to its enormous size, and will permit the use of the right foot, relieving the left in times of great strain and heavy traffic.

You are instructed to list the name of each new member on the membership list, and insert the name of the new member in the name holder on the Great Key at the time it is transferred to him for safe keeping.

The Key is to remain in each Zone until at least one member of each and every station operated in the interest of Police Radio has qualified for membership. In time, the station holding the majority of members may, if deemed necessary, be appointed as ETERNAL KEEPER of the GREAT FOO KEY, having thus proved most worthy of this great

honor.
Yours pre-posterously,
OPERATIONS, WFOO
By Order of:
FOOEY (Signed)

FOOEY I IMPERATOR

(SEAL)
The Great Foo Key, an enormous gadget measuring about 9x12 inches, is pictured in this issue of The Bulletin.

Begin Tests On 7935 Kcs.

The following observations were made at Jefferson City after WPEC, WPEK, WPHN and KHTP began operation on 7935 kcs., April 15:

April 15, 1939		5195	7935
10:00 a.m.	WPEC	R3	R9
	KHTP	R8	R8
11:00 a.m.	WPEC	R9	R9
	KHTP	R8	R8
	WPHN	R3	R3
11:15 a.m.	KHTP	R8	R8
	WPKD	R3	R3
12:00 Noon	WPKD	R2	R2
	KGPJ	R2	R2
	WPEC	R8	R8
	KHTP	R5	R5
	WPGQ	R2	R2
	WQPS	R3-R4	R3-R4
	WPHE	R3-R4	R3-R4
	WPHN		
2:00 p.m.	WPHN		
	WPEC		
3:00 p.m.			

April 16, 1939		5195	7935
10:00 a.m.	WPEC	R9	R9
	KHTP	R9	R9
10:15 a.m.	KGPJ	R3	R3
10:30 a.m.	WPDY	R2	R2
11:00 a.m.	WPEC	R9	R9
12:00 Noon	WPEC	R1	R1
	WPHN	R9	R9
1:00 p.m.	WPEC	R9	R9
	KHTP	R5-7	R5-7
2:00 p.m.	WPEC	R9	R9
4:00 p.m.	WPEC	R9	R9
	KHTP	R9	R9

April 17, 1939		5195	7935
8:30 a.m.	KHTP	R2	R9
	WENB	R2	R2
	WRDQ	R2	R2
8:45 a.m.	WPEC	R2	R2
		(Skip)	(Skip)
8:50 a.m.	KHTP	R8	R8
9:15 a.m.	WPEC	R2	R2
	KHTP	R8	R8

9:45 a.m.	WPEC	R3
10:00 a.m.	WPEC	R3
10:30 a.m.	WPHN	R8
10:40 a.m.	WPDY	R9
11:45 a.m.	WPEC	R3
	KHTP	R9
	WPHN	R8
		R3
1:00 p.m.	WPEC	R8
1:45 p.m.	WPDY	R8
3:00 p.m.	KGPJ	R9
3:30 p.m.	KGPJ	R9
	WPEC	R3
4:00 p.m.	WPEC	R2

Where Are The New Regulations

Shortly before the 1938 Convention, a committee of four, aided by the efforts of a stenographer, completely rewrote the radiotelegraph procedure manual. Stenocils were made and a small booklet was compiled so that the proposal might be effectively presented at the convention. The revised procedure was unanimously adopted at the Houston Convention and through the Secretary was presented to the Federal Communications Commission for approval. I wonder what happened to it. It appears to me that because no one has been heard to disapprove of these revised rules and because the old regulations are of no value, some action should be taken in order to clarify the present traffic handling difficulties on the intercity net. As now carried on, it seems that no two stations handle messages in the same form nor file them in the same manner. The old rules and regulations are of necessity being violated daily because they do not fit the service. The new ones do and we would like to have them placed into effect. May I suggest that all departments interested write to the Federal Communications Commission urging the speedy adoption of the revised rules and regulations.

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Member 1938 Procedure Committee.

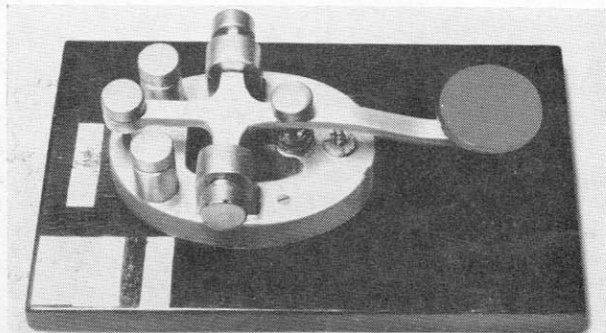
Dues Overdue? Expect Dun!

Statements for the delinquent 1939 Memberships are now being prepared, and will be mailed over a period of the next two weeks! If you send in your payments, and still later receive a statement for same, do not deem it an injustice—as the clerical staff has already prepared some two hundred such statements!

Really—you like APCO and you desire to continue your affiliation with the organization, while perhaps you have just been putting off the mailing of that check or money order!

REMEMBER — The ORGANIZATION is just as strong as you members make it! Let's see those dues roll in!

Denver is taking bids for new CW and phone equipment. That's good news.



The Great Foo Key