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A-9 Earthquake Occurrence & Procedure**PROCEDURE:**

Upon the Heartland Communications Facility Authority becoming aware of the occurrence of an earthquake either through personally sensing a significant event or as directed by the ZDC, or Area Coordinator (Echo 1), the "AM Pager Test" shall be used to send the following message:

"HTL in Earthquake mode: Roll call for DC's on 2A-ADMIN in 15 minutes for damage report."

Note: In the event the 800mhz Radios are down, VHF XSD CMD 2 will be used.

After fifteen minutes has elapsed, Heartland will begin a roll call of all Duty Chiefs in ascending numerical order for damage report only. This will be done on 2A-ADMIN. If a unit has significant damage that will disrupt their ability to respond to an incident they are to come up on 2A-ADMIN as soon as possible to inform Heartland.

Most agencies in Heartland have a policy of removing their engines and other rolling stock from their stations and moving to a pre-designated safe location away from the building. It is the unit's responsibility to do a complete and thorough test of the radio system.

If Heartland Dispatch does not get a roll call check from a Duty Chief from all Agencies we dispatch for, we will attempt to contact them a second time and if still no response we will then advise the ZC and ZDC.

All other emergency calls for assistance will be handled in the normal manner.

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