

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.36 of Title 63, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. As defined in this section:

5 1. "Broadcaster" means a radio broadcasting station or
6 television broadcasting station primarily engaged in, and deriving
7 income from, the business of facilitating speech via over-the-air
8 communications, both as to pure speech and commercial speech; and

9 2. "First informer broadcaster" means a person who has been
10 certified as a first informer broadcaster pursuant to subsection C
11 of this section.

12 B. Broadcasters in this state may, in cooperation with the
13 Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and a statewide
14 organization that represents radio and television broadcasters,
15 develop comprehensive, coordinated plans for preparing for and
16 responding appropriately to an emergency or disaster.

17 C. A statewide organization that represents radio and
18 television broadcasters may establish a program for training and
19 certifying broadcast engineers and technical personnel as first
20 informer broadcasters. The program established pursuant to this
21 subsection shall:

22 1. Be consistent with federal law and guidelines;
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1 2. Provide training and education concerning restoring,
2 repairing and resupplying any facilities and equipment of a
3 broadcaster in an area affected by an emergency or disaster; and

4 3. Provide training and education concerning the personal
5 safety of a first informer broadcaster in an area affected by an
6 emergency or disaster.

7 D. To the extent practicable and consistent with not
8 endangering public safety or inhibiting recovery efforts, state and
9 local governmental agencies shall allow a first informer broadcaster
10 access to an area affected by an emergency or disaster for the
11 purpose of restoring, repairing, or resupplying any facility or
12 equipment critical to the ability of a broadcaster to acquire,
13 produce, and transmit essential emergency or disaster-related public
14 information programming, including, without limitation, repairing
15 and maintaining transmitters and generators, and transporting fuel
16 for generators.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL
23 SERVICES, dated 02/20/2014 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.