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## Stadiums Can Keep Emergency Communications Out of the "Dead Zone"

By Del Williams

At high-profile stadium venues, Advanced Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems (ERCES) can help eliminate potential dead zones to allow first responders to stay connected

At stadiums across the country, first responders including police, fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) depend on reliable two-way radio communication when lives and property are at risk. In-building radio signals are often blocked or attenuated by structures that are large and primarily constructed of metal and concrete and with below grade areas. When this occurs, weak or obstructed signals result in radio communication "dead zones" that can jeopardize emergency coordination among first responders.

Stadiums bring together thousands of spectators and participants for games, concerts and other gatherings, making real-time radio coordination among police, fire and EMS services essential. This is not only necessary for routine traffic, crowd control and medical services but also to facilitate response to the unexpected. Incidents can range from transporting an injured player to the hospital to responding immediately to a fire or other emergency on the premise. When lives are on the line, a quick, coordinated response can help deescalate a situation before it intensifies.

"Stadiums often have one or two levels below grade, which is a major problem for emergency commu-

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nication. Pre-cast walls, pipes, rebar or structural steel can also disrupt communication, which can be prevalent in areas such as stairwells or tunnels. Signal failure in any critical area will require installing an Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems (ERCES)," says Deron Bone, president of RF DAS Systems, Inc., a national provider of emergency responder radio coverage systems for more than 30 years.

ERCES are mandated by fire code in most places for the construction of new stadiums and some existing stadiums. These advanced systems boost the signal within all areas of the stadium, providing clear, two-way radio communication without dead spots.

"Basically, all stadiums from high school to college to pro need an ERCES since there can be communication dead spots throughout. Many do not have these systems, so testing is essential to support safety and compliance," adds Bone.

State-of-the-art ERCES are available that amplify and accommodate all the necessary emergency signals required, even in the largest stadiums. The approach facilitates meeting all codes while reducing overall installation cost and complexity –helping to expedite tight project deadlines.

#### A World-Class Stadium

Recently, RF DAS Systems installed an ERCES at a new West Coast stadium with more than 30,000 seat capacity, that hosts both professional and collegiate sports as well as large festivals, concerts and events.

According to Bone, when RF DAS Systems initially conducted a pre-test on the stadium, there was

no signal in much of the first floor and the entire lower level, so installing additional antennas was required in the ERCES system throughout these areas.

"Even though a radio transmission tower is close, there were a number of weak points in coverage that needed to be accommodated," says Bone.

ERCES were first introduced in the 2009 International Building Code. The latest version requires all buildings to have an approved level of emergency communication coverage for first responders.

ERCES systems function by connecting through an over-the-air link that the installer optimizes to the public safety radio communications tower network using a rooftop directional antenna. This antenna is then connected via coaxial cable to a bi-directional amplifier (BDA), which increases the signal level to provide sufficient coverage within a stadium based on life safety standards. The BDA is connected to a distributed antenna system (DAS), a network of relatively small antennas installed throughout the structure that serve as repeaters to improve the signal coverage in any isolated areas.

In stadiums, multiple amplifiers are usually required to drive an adequate signal level across the system.

Fire, police and EMS frequencies vary across the country. To increase safety and compliance, the specific radio frequency used must be customized to the stadium configuration, the frequencies used by emergency services specifically in the area, and the geographic topography (nearby hills, mountains, etc.). The design usually involves



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To streamline the process, Bone selected the Fiplex by Honeywell BDA and fiber DAS system.

The compliant, FCC-certified system was developed to reliably provide superior RF amplification and coverage without noise, enhancing two-way radio signal strength inside buildings including stadiums. The system is specifically designed to meet NFPA and IBC/IFC code compliance with the UL 2524 Second Edition listing.

One vital aspect that sets the Fiplex ERCES apart is that Fiplex can "tune" the device to the channels used before shipping. The installer can further optimize the BDA's RF tuning onsite to achieve the precise frequency required with channel selective, software programmable or adjustable bandwidths. This mitigates the issue of wideband transmission, which can otherwise cause outside interference in highly congested RF environments like stadiums and potentially lead to FCC fines.

Bone points out another aspect that distinguishes Fiplex BDAs from other digital signal boosters: the availability of a dual-band option for dedicated UHF or VHF models.

"One of the best features of the system is that it can incorporate both UHF and VHF in one unit, which saves space and simplifies installation. Previously, I had to purchase separate units," says Bone.

To meet tight deadlines, companies rely on OEMs to quickly deliver ERCES system components.



"My customers cannot wait eight weeks, let alone 18 to 20 weeks, for an amplifier. Although this happens in the industry, I don't have that problem with Fiplex. They coordinate with us so we always have a ready supply," says Bone.

For the stadium project, RF DAS Systems relayed the specific fire, police, EMS and public service frequencies to Fiplex, which programmed the RF signal band.

Bone appreciates how the ERCES system enhances design flexibility. This can be particularly important after a stadium project is complete if modifications are made or a certain material is denser and more prone to blocking RF signals than originally believed.

"With a BDA software upgrade, I can change the amplifier from a half-watt to a two-watt BDA. That flexibility is key because it allows easy adjustment, so I don't need to purchase and install another amplifier if a structure is denser than I thought," says Bone.

Additionally, the compact size of the BDA eases installation. "Fiplex's BDA is much smaller than the industry norm, and has its own mounting bracket, which streamlines field installation." He notes that the system's DAS and fiber components are much

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easier to install than the equipment he previously used.

For Bone, installing a reliable system that works as expected is the most important aspect of any project.

"When there's an incident at a stadium, like an injured player who is taken off the field by ambulance, it is a communications frenzy with RF signals flying everywhere – which is tough on an ERCES system, but if you are installing a quality system, then everything is okay," says Bone.

This was put to the test when the final sign-off by the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) was the day of the first game, due to tight timelines for stadium completion.

The inspection went off without a hitch and the fire marshal signed off on the ERCES.

"The Fiplex system passed with flying colors," concludes Bone.

To avoid delays and technical challenges, stadium developers, architects and engineering firms can benefit from an expert contractor's familiarity with ERCES requirements. With quick shipment of an advanced ERCES tuned by the manufacturer to the required RF channel, a skilled contractor can install and further optimize the device to the specific local band frequencies. The approach expedites the project and compliance, enhancing safety during an emergency.

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