Policy Title: Broadcast Messages

Standard: Global

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VATSIM CoR
VATSIM CoC

Policy:

The broadcast message is a tool used to convey news and/or messages of significant importance to all VATSIM members.

- Notice of changes in server status.
- Notice of changes in network conditions.
- Notice of ATC live exams commencing.

Expected Outcome:

Stabilised and uniform usage of the VATSIM broadcast message system.

Provide VATSIM network supervisors with the required guidance to make consistent and fair decisions in the use of the broadcast message.

Supervisors will check the CERT broadcast page to see if a message has been sent prior to agreeing to make a broadcast message.

Guidelines:

Does the intended message fit in any of the descriptions listed above?

Would a news page or forum announcement be a better means of communication?

ATC examinations are only to be announced once per examination, at the discretion of the Instructor; and Supervisor workload.

Fly-in and other member events are to be posted on the VATSIM events board and/or fly-in notices board at the VATSIM forums.

Has the subject of this request (i.e. examination or network event) already been broadcast?

Evaluation Method:

This policy will be evaluated every twenty four (24) months by the Vice President – Communications. Evaluation will be by means of working party analysis of procedure and effectiveness. A once off evaluation after 3 months to gauge the effects of not broadcasting fly-in type events.