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wherein the specialized service request message indicates that the user requires the emergency services, for monitoring for receipt of a returned message from the gateway, wherein, when the remote communication unit is in a location where the emergency services are unavailable, the returned message is an access denied message and, when the remote communication unit is in the location where the emergency services are available, the returned message is an access approved message, for ceasing a specialized call setup procedure when the returned message is the access denied message, and, when the returned message is the access approved message, for initiating a setup of the specialized call using a service center communication number contained within the access approved message, wherein the service center communication number is a number which enables the remote communication unit to contact an entity which can provide the emergency services at the location of the remote communication unit; and a transmitting and receiving device coupled to the processor for transmitting the specialized service request message and for receiving the returned message.

14. The remote communication unit as claimed in claim 13 further comprising a keypad coupled to the processor for inputting a specialized call request.

15. The remote communication unit as claimed in claim 13 further comprising an indicator coupled to the processor for inputting a specialized call request.

16. A specialized call handling apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a specialized call request message from a remote communication unit, wherein the specialized call request message indicates that a user of the remote communication unit requires emergency services;

means for determining whether an access to specialized services will be granted coupled to the means for receiving, wherein the means for determining determines whether the access will be granted based on a location of the remote communication unit which sent the specialized call request message, wherein when the location of the remote communication unit falls within an area where the emergency services are unavailable,

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then the access to the specialized services is denied, and when the location of the remote communication unit falls within an area where the emergency services are available, then the access to the specialized services is approved;

means for storing data coupled to the means for determining, wherein the data is used to determine whether the access will be granted;

means for generating a returned message coupled to the means for determining, which generates an access approved message when the means for determining determines that the access to the specialized services is approved, and an access denied message when the means for determining determines that the access to the specialized services is denied; and

means for transmitting the returned message to the remote communication unit, wherein the means for transmitting is coupled to the means for generating.

17. A specialized call handling apparatus comprising:

a processor for receiving a specialized call request message from a remote communication unit, wherein the specialized call request message indicates that a user of the remote communication unit requires emergency services, for determining a location of the remote communication unit which sent the specialized call request message, for determining, based on the location, whether at least one service center exists which the remote communication unit may contact to obtain the emergency services, and for transmitting a returned message to the remote communication unit containing a service center communication number which enables the remote communication unit to contact the at least one service center if the at least one service center exists;

a memory device coupled to the processor for storing information necessary to determine the at least one service center communication number; and

a transmitting and receiving device coupled to the processor for transmitting the returned message and for receiving the specialized call request message.

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