**Section 785.5 Definitions**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have these meanings.

 "Act" shall mean the Telecommunications Facility Fire and Emergency Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111⅔, par. 1550 et seq.).

 "Agencies" shall mean the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

 "ASTM" shall mean the American Society For Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103-1187, publisher of the "Annual Book of ASTM standards."

 "Carriers" shall mean "telecommunications carriers" as defined in Section 13-202 of the Public Utilities Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111⅔, par. 13-202) and such other entities as described in Section 1 of the Telephone Company Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 134, par. 17) authorized to provide switched local exchange service.

 "Critical functions" shall mean those functions, the failure of which would lead to a major service outage.

 "Facilities" shall mean those buildings of the carriers that house local or network switching equipment, but does not include ground or pole mounted cabinets.

 "Lock box" shall mean a secured box mounted on the outside of a building for which the only available key is held by the fire department and which contains a key for access into the building by the fire department personnel.

 "Major service outage" shall mean a complete central office exchange failure, or the isolation of an exchange due to toll circuit(s) failure.

 "NESC" shall mean the National Electric Safety Code as published by the Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers, 445 Hols Lane, P.O. Box 1331, Piscataway, New Jersey, 08855-1331.

 "NFPA" shall mean the National Fire Protection Association, One Batterymarch Park, Publications Department, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02269-9101.

 "Signage" shall mean the placement of functional signs bearing information of value to emergency personnel in times of fire or other emergency condition.