

This was a post on a message forum by Erik Smith of the Oklahoma City Ghost Club. It was a finding they made while conducting research within their hospital.

“Post by Erik of OKCGC <http://www.okcgc.com>

If it weren't for the weekly research, and the constant use of the various types of equipment, a very important flaw may not have been noticed. I thank Rick for being attentive during research, and bringing this to the attention of all.

Certain (and perhaps all) IR thermal probe devices are susceptible to RF interference. In short, strong RF, or close proximity Radio frequency will affect the reading of an IR probe. During the interference, we noticed that the temp reading would bounce all over the place sometimes as much as a 100 degree difference!

You can test this for yourself. Take a 2 way FRS radio and hold it near the temp probe. Activate the temp probe and keep it active, while activated, press the transmit button on the radio.

What does this mean for the paranormal community? There are several possibilities. One, some, and maybe all major temp fluctuations reported by any teams findings, may or may not have been influenced by RF. Two, Perhaps in fact there was not a significant temp increase, yet the interference itself was paranormal.

Much more testing is needed to see what exact brand of probe this affects, and to what extent. Just wanted to go ahead and make the community aware of the potential problem.”