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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCESSING
RESIDENTIAL MONITORING DEVICES**

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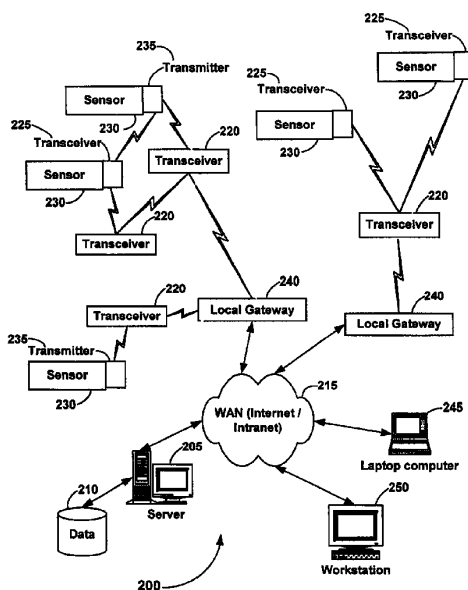
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a system and method for accessing home monitoring devices remotely via a distributed wide-area network (WAN). More specifically, the present invention is directed towards smoke detector system, which monitors for the presence of smoke and communicates the smoke condition to a remote location. The smoke detection system comprises a smoke detection device connected to a communication device. The smoke detection device outputs a signal or a change in a signal upon detection of smoke. This signal or change in signal is monitored by the communication device. The smoke condition is then communicated to the remote central location via a message system.

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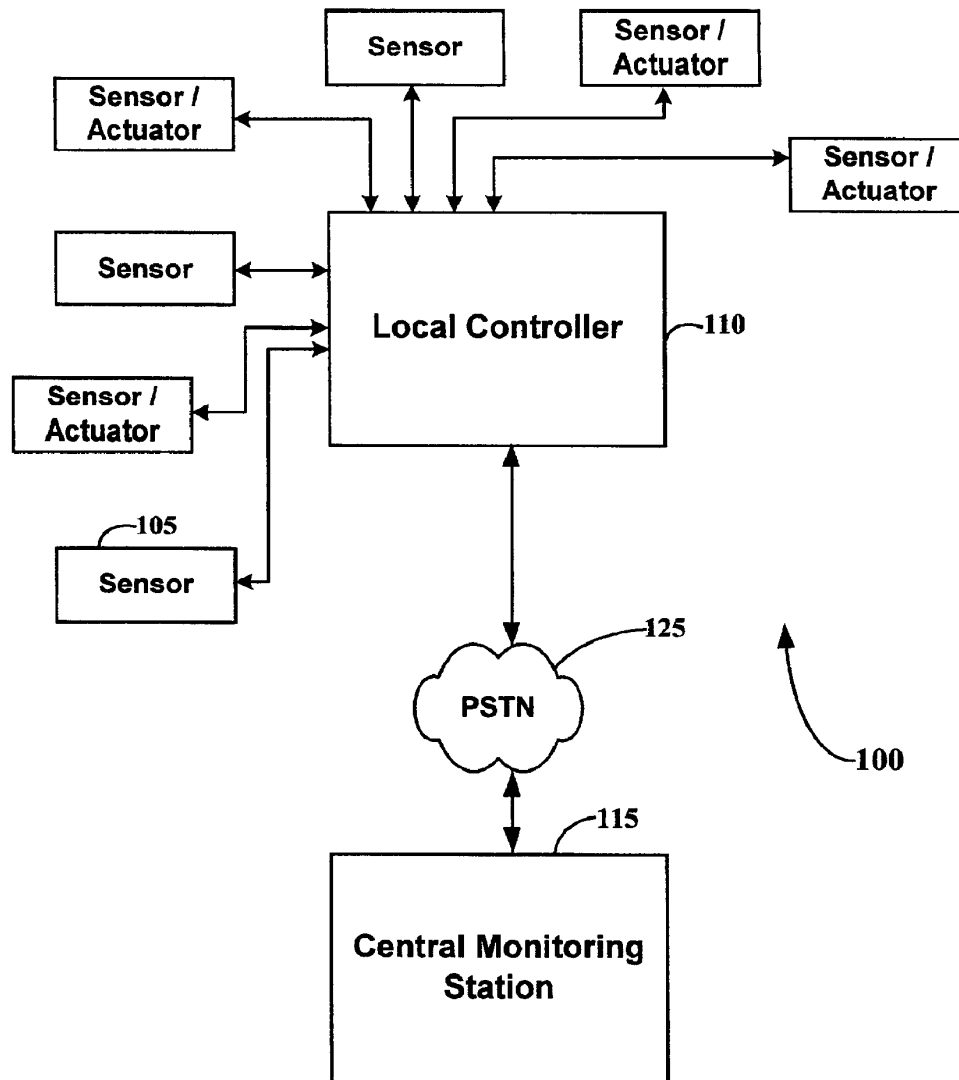
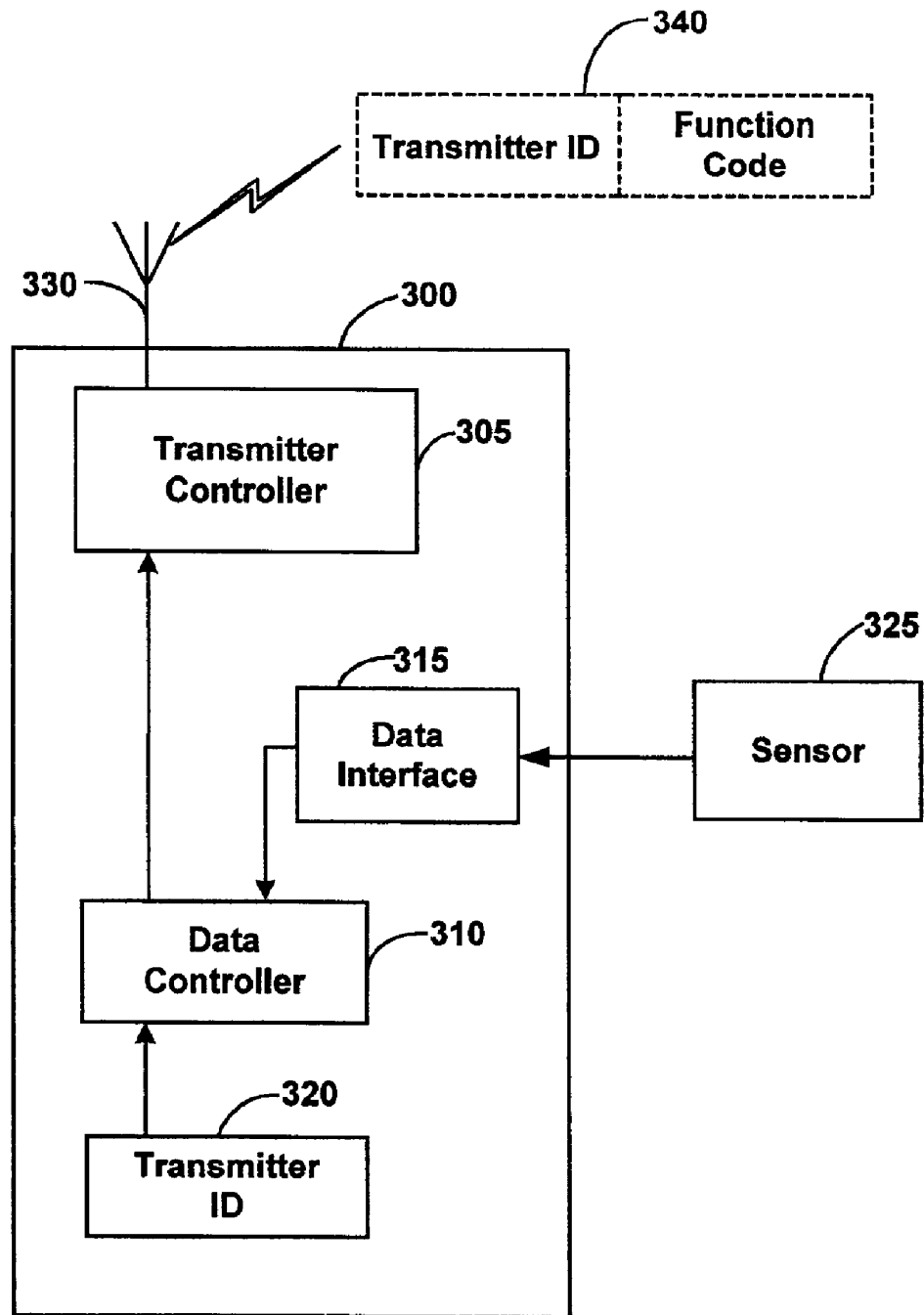
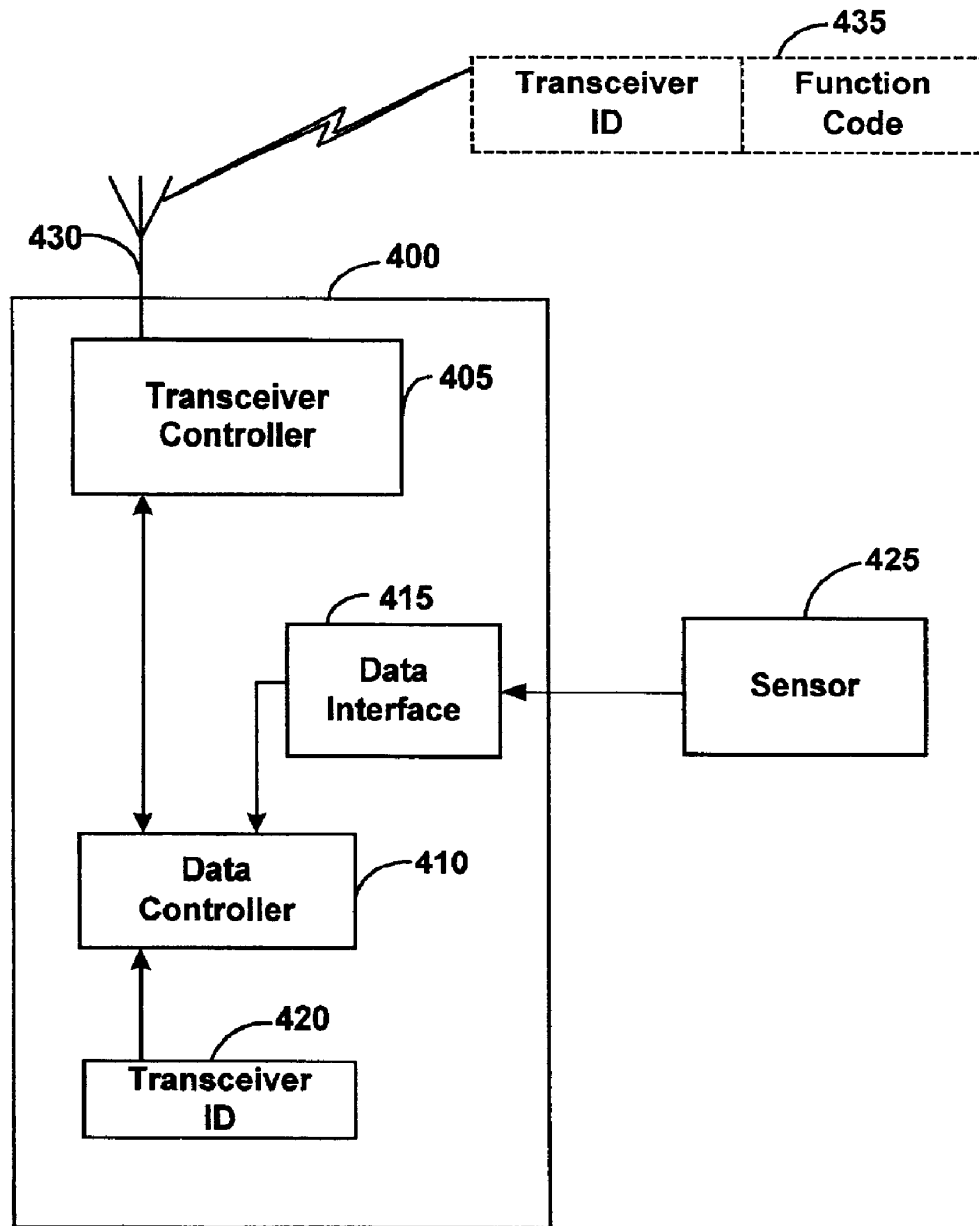


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**FIG. 3**

**FIG. 4**

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