



**National Public Safety Telecommunications Council**

# **Channel Naming Comments**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

This is a project that will be central in creating an effective response plan for all future emergencies. There are methods to cross patch the different radios systems with all the different bands etc, but it has been issues like naming standards that has proved to be a real challenge. What needs to be done to prevent programming errors in the past is to simply creat a form that shows exactly what tx, tx pl or nac, rx, rx or nac, that will be programmed into a portable and mobile radio. There are to many times I have found a radio set up for repeater operations with the tx and rx reversed. As far as 700 MHz why not just place the exact freq in the current plan instead of the very confusing channel number? We finally sorted it out for ourselves after sitting with a radios for quit a while.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

This is a greatly underutilized band in some states that can be very effectivly utilized to coordinate law and fire operations.

**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

Very good work. Perhaps this is not for this forum but the FCC continues to license the use of some these these channels to agencys that are using them for there own use and not for interoperability. No license should be renewed unless the agency signs a form the channel is only used for interoperabilirty and is on the narrow band, with 156.7 pl tone.

**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

It is very well done. I might make a small sugestions that instead of making the Ucall group an open to anyone type use, to make at least one channel set aside for local US&R operations. I know that this is very late in your planning efforts and not npstc fault but it is a real tragedy that there is no standard channel for search and rescue operations.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

I am aware there is a great deal of work being done with this group but it would greatly ease issues to set up a repeater pair for direct interoperability with state and local folks.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

In the case of US&R and hazmat teams at present there is no quick plan to intigrate local and FEMA teams under a single channel group. It would be very simple to add a NTIA repeater to a federal response team (FEMA, HAZMAT, Forestry. etc) that locals could quicly work together on.

**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Law Enforcement Channels**

same as NTIA VHF Law

**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Incident Response Channels**

same as NTIA VHF Incident response.

**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

we will defer to the region 9 committee

**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

Perhaps this is not the forum but agencys that refuse to program the talk around or direct channel feature in there radios, greatly endanger there personnel when they are deployed outside of there normal operational area.

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

The Commonwealth of Virginia fully supports the NPSTC Report of Committee on the Standard Channel Nomenclature for the Public Safety Interoperability Channels with one reservation. The Commonwealth believes the proposed change of the usage designation from "EMS" to "MED" should be reversed back. The term/acronym EMS is more appropriate for interoperability among emergency medical services than the term MED, which has a more restrictive implication to hospital and medical treatment facilities.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

None

**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

Line ID 22 -- Change back to EMS Line ID 23 -- Change back to EMS

**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

empty

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

empty

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

Line ID # 63 -- Change back to EMS

**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

Line ID #93 -- Change back to EMS Line ID #95 -- Change back to EMS

**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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The FIREScope Communications Specialist Group in conjunction with the California Fire Chiefs Association offer the following comments on behalf of both organizations. Fire Service Agencies within California may provide their own comments to you via this process, however, this is the official stance of both organizations. Note: The abbreviation "FCSG/CalChiefs" will be used throughout this submission. FCSG/CalChiefs believes that the process as conducted by NPSTC was a fair, equitable process that allowed for a maximum amount of vetting by the public safety agencies that will be most affected by this decision. FCSG/CalChiefs submitted a proposal and were in attendance at the Channel Naming Task Force meeting in Orlando. We saw a great deal of cooperation and collaboration during that meeting and an understanding on the part of the committee as to our specific issues and concerns. FCSG/CalChiefs believes that any radio channel naming plan adopted should address the end users' needs primarily. We feel that our comments were heard and understood. At the conclusion of the day, we reviewed the consensus. Although FCSG/CalChiefs was not successful in all of the aspects of our submission, we feel that we achieved 95% of what we set out to accomplish. FCSG/CalChiefs understands the diversity of interests in this issue, both geographically as well as the various levels of experience regarding the usage of interoperability channels within this country. We believe that California, and especially the California Fire Service, has the most experience in regards to the actual use of mutual aid/interoperability channels based on our activity and the sophistication of our systems and processes. One of our specific issues with the NCC proposal, in addition to the fact that it was not vetted to the public safety community adequately, was that it was not a field tested standard. FCSG/CalChiefs has actually programmed various models of portable radios with the channel names contained in the Final Report and te

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

FCSG/CalChiefs has no specific comments concerning the 450-470 MHz. Public Safety Band as addressed in the Final Report.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

In our previous submission, FCSG/CalChiefs proposed that the NTIA interoperability channels be given the same channel names as contained in the NTIA Red Book Section 4.3.16, with the addition of "FED" preceding the rest of the channel name. It is very important that common channel naming for these NTIA interoperability channels appear on both radios owned by federal government agencies as well as state and local government agencies.

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FCSG/CalChiefs has no specific comments concerning the 700 MHz. Public Safety Band as addressed in the Final Report.

**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

FCSG/CalChiefs has no specific comments concerning the 800 MHz. Public Safety Band as addressed in the Final Report.

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

Region 18 (Louisiana) supports and urges adoption of the Wisconsin alternative naming plan submitted by Carl Guse that would number the channels by subgroup instead of numbering them across the whole spectrum, and that would maintain the FCC designated names (VCALL/VTAC, UCALL/UTAC and the defacto standard for 800 (ICALL/ITAC) which are in wide use in Louisiana.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

Our region has reviewed the proposals and believe that the Wisconsin revision issued by Carl Gusse is superior to all prior proposals.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

the naming of these channels should rest with APCO. They have and will continue to name all channels universally for all mutual aide channels.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

**empty**

**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

Simplicity and control should be the first focus. How does each state adopt an adequate level of capability from these shared resources and coordinate and adapt its usage.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

Nebraska has a low band mutual aid scheme that is being used less and less statewide.

**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

Nebraska is leaning toward adopting a basic VHF mutual aid scheme identifying a calling channel and four TAC channels. The Wisconsin recommendation appears to fit Nebraska's goals for a shared mutual aid frequency plan.

**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

Nebraska is leaning toward adopting a basic UHF mutual aid scheme similar to the above VHF mutual aid scheme. The Wisconsin recommendation appears to fit Nebraska's goals for a shared mutual aid frequency plan.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

Nebraska is planning a statewide VHF P25 system where NTIA frequency resources could be beneficial to state and federal interoperability.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

Same as above comments.

**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Law Enforcement Channels**

Possibly applicable to UHF interconnect ties and direct interoperability, but no specific plans currently.

**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Incident Response Channels**

Same as above comments.

**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

Plan is currently in process.

**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

Plan is currently in process.

**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

Current ICALL and ITAC channel scheme appears to fit Nebraska's goals for a shared mutual aid frequency plan.

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recognizing naming is essential. However, recent exrcises here in the NCR w/ local and federal agencies has sufferd other from other showstoppers. If time allows tow memebers from different agencies can sort through and eventually locate the common inter ops channels by frequesncy by TX and RX on ecach subscriber. The difficulty then lies that once we locate the common channels w/whatever name thye called it, they almost always had the wrong PL or Dpl or even encryption use. True inter op but stopped by not understanding CTCSS. When we asked the effected agencies were asked why this happend it almost always turned out to be about education. Some used 156.7 or 167.9. Most of the Feds used DPL or encryption still thinking that others can seamlessly comm w/ them. Another reason was that "well, we were out of freq's so these spare channels allow us to go nationwide and stil lhave some available talkarounds that do not require a system or third party" I feel there should be more of a push to try to control this and or educate better. On all of these submissions templates non of them address PL use even if it coul d be a simple line under or before all categories. Thanks for reading ~JBF

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

I am advocating the numbering of channels by subgroup instead of numbering them across the whole spectrum. Most of the pre-forum submittals followed this approach. In the spreadsheet that I have sent separately you can see how I have taken most of the proposed changes from the meeting but replaced the consecutive numbering with numbering by subgroup. This approach allows maintaining the FCC designated names (VCALL/VTAC, UCALL/UTAC) and the defacto standard for 800 (ICALL/ITAC) which are in wide use. It addresses issues raised by FIREScope in their letter (see California Document 3). It seems to me, and some others that I have shared this with, that this is easier to understand and use. Another benefit of the this alternate naming plan is that it would instantly create a high degree of compliance around the country. Wisconsin agencies would be immediately compliant with the naming standard on well over half of the channels. Other states would have an even higher degree of compliance. Contrast that with the proposal from the 02/05/07 meeting in which everyone would be changing the name of every nationwide interop channel. Once you have a standard plan, the level of compliance will dictate how successful it is. I believe further discussion of this issue is needed at the next meeting. Thank you, Carl

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

Number channels by subgroup instead of numbering them across the whole spectrum.

**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

Maintain the FCC designated names (VCALL/VTAC, UCALL/UTAC) and the defacto standard for 800 (ICALL/ITAC) which are in wide use. Number channels by subgroup instead of numbering them across the whole spectrum.

**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

Maintain the FCC designated names (VCALL/VTAC, UCALL/UTAC) and the defacto standard for 800 (ICALL/ITAC) which are in wide use. Number channels by subgroup instead of numbering them across the whole spectrum.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

Maintain the FCC designated names (VCALL/VTAC, UCALL/UTAC) and the defacto standard for 800 (ICALL/ITAC) which are in wide use. Number channels by subgroup instead of numbering them across the whole spectrum.

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

As the manager of a parishwide public safety 800 Mhz system, we use ICALL and the ITAC channels extensively. Changing the names of these channels would create confusion and unnecessarily require re-training of thousands of people thereby negatively impacting public safety interoperability in Lafayette Parish. We are against changing the names of the 800 mutual aid channels from the defacto standard ICALL/ITAC with which our public safety personnel are already equipped, trained, and familiar. We support the alternative plan submitted by Carl Guse.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

Opposed, too much trouble locating and reprogramming radios, I prefer the proposal of Carl Guse Wisconsin State Patrol POB 7912 Madison WI 53707-7912 608-266-2497 608-267-4495 fax Which makes much more sense and would be much easier to implement

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

South Carolina is very concerned with this Channel Naming Plan. Our Statewide 800 MHz Advisory Committee has reviewed your recommendations and do not support them. We have been using the FCC recommendations of ITACs, VTACs and UTACs since they came out and are confused at why we are trying to change an established system which works in our State. In SC and Augusta, GA (all part of the SC statewide system) your changes effect over 40,000 800 MHz radio, our State interoperability training manucls/CD's and our State Interoperability web site. Your proposed changes in the 800 MHz band alone would cost SC several million dollars to change a system that isn't broken and is compatible with our neighboring States. We could and do support the Wisconsin proposed plan. The cost alone in SC will mean that the changes will take years to complete and greatly disrupt and confuse interoperability emergency planning in our State. Many of your recommendations exceed the available characters in older radios, which means agencies will abbreviate with no conformity defeating the purpose.

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

The Task Group Consensus new Nomenclature seems more user friendly. The use of letters (along with 7 & 8) allows faster identifications. However, given the use of the letters/Numbers to indicate the band addresses that concern, is there a need to add similar numbers to the channel (I.e. VTAC"1"1, UTAC"4"1, etc)? Also, will NPSTC make any recommendations to move local agencies, not including organized Mutual Aid Systems, that currently occupy designated Mutual Aid/Interop Frequencies off of those frequencies to more appropriate frequencies allowing full interoperable use?

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

**empty**

**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

Given several areas of the country utilize frequencies in the UHF-T band (470-512), is there a need to provide frequencies in that area for interop use also. I am aware that several past radios in the UHF band were set for 450-470 "or" 470-512. I believe many now will go 450-512, but not sure how widespread that capability has become.

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

Would it make sense to also add NTIA Fire Channels as well? This could include the NFIC Forest Fire Channels or similar if it was an appropriate idea. This would include VHF and UHF

**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

I think given the change from the NPSPAC channels changing, it's a similar, but clean separation between the new and old channels.

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Good Idea. The plan should address limited alpha-numerical characters based on different types of radios.

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

Please correct under CTCSS Tone, one typo, should read 156.7 - not 157.7.

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

This is a big improvement over the NCC format. The recommended changes follow a logical format that readily identifies a channel in respect to it's Band, intended users, and a unique channel number. In this format, Incident commanders and first responders will be able to easily recognize if they are on the correct channel. This should relieve possible confusion during critical missions and help reduce some of the FOG OF RESPONSE. I did have some reservations at first glance with unique number of each channel and grouping them as unique clusters for each band. This does add some confusion if you are only accustomed to operation on a single band. However, further thought on the subject shows the amount of thought the working group has put into this. The use of these groupings address those radio's with only 2 digit displays and allows the user to know which band the channel is on based on the channel number. I have been involved with Public Safety for over 25 years, this has ranged from Law Enforcement Patrolman, Firefighter/EMT, to the last 15 years in communications in Emergency Management. From my personal and professional experience this addresses a large problem with interoperability and will simplify things for street level first responder. I encourage NPSTC to move forward with these changes and recommendations with all due haste.

**Comments regarding the FCC 30 MHz Public Safety Band**

While Low Band operations are being reduced, I am glad to see that a few low band channels have been set aside for interoperability and that this plan has taken these channels into account.

**Comments regarding the FCC 150-162 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 450-470 MHz Public Safety Band**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA VHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Law Enforcement Channels**

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**Comments regarding the NTIA UHF Incident Response Channels**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 63 / 68)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 700 MHz Public Safety Band (Ch. 64 / 69)**

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**Comments regarding the FCC 800 MHz NPSPAC Band**

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**General Comments regarding the entire Radio Channel Naming Plan**

Having participated in the February 5, 2007 forum I was impressed at the level of cooperation of the participants. Going into the Forum it looked very unlikely that any consensus would be reach. I do not believe that anyone walked away from the Forum with the impression that they had won a contest but that we all walked away with a better understanding each others perspective and unique regional operations. While no two Public Safety entities use the exact same radio procedures we must come together and support some level of Common Radio Channel Naming. I am supporting the Radio Channel Naming Plan and will work to implement the plan within our Regional System and will work with other Public Safety entities in our Region and State to implement the plan in their systems also. This Common Radio Channel Naming plan will not work unless we all come together and implement the plan that is ultimately approved.

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