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## Federal Government Spectrum Available for Public Safety Interoperability Communications

The purpose of this Public Notice is to remind the public safety community that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has specified forty (40) Federal Government frequencies that can be used by non-Federal government public safety entities (*see* 47 C.F.R. § 90.20 for eligibility criteria) for communications involving coordination and cooperation with Federal Government agencies.<sup>1</sup> These frequencies may **not** be used to meet the day-to-day communications needs of non-Federal government public safety entities. Due to previous frequency authorizations to Federal Government agencies, not all channels will be available at all locations. The specific frequencies available are listed in the attached Appendix. The rules governing the use of these frequencies (power, bandwidth, *etc.*) are set forth in Section 4.3.16 of the NTIA Manual (Manual of Regulations and Procedures for Federal Radio Frequency Management – *see* NTIA's web page at [www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome/redbook/redbook.html](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome/redbook/redbook.html)).

In order for non-Federal public safety entities to use these frequencies they must obtain a license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). License applications must contain written certification from a Federal Government agency that use of the requested frequency or frequencies is necessary to improve interoperability communications between the applicant and the Federal Government agency during emergencies. Frequency coordination with a FCC-certified frequency coordinator is not required for these frequencies. The FCC will submit all applications received for these frequencies to NTIA's Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee's Frequency Assignment Subcommittee for approval. Operation on the frequencies is not permitted until a FCC license is granted. Once a license is granted, the licensee must provide a copy of the license to the Federal Government agency or agencies with which it will be communicating.

For further information about FCC licensing, contact the ULS Hotline at 1-888-225-5322 and select Option 2 from the menu. For more information about NTIA's interoperability frequencies, contact the NTIA Office of Spectrum Management's Frequency Assignment Branch at 202-482-1132 or the Public Safety Program Office at 202-501-5487.

Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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<sup>1</sup> These frequencies are available for public safety use under Sections 2.102(c) and 90.173(c) of the Rules (*see* 47 C.F.R. §§ 2.102(c) and 90.173(c)).

## Appendix

### A. Law Enforcement Plans

VHF Plan		
Identifier	Mobile Transmit (MHz)	Mobile Receive (MHz)
Natl Call	167.0875 (S)	167.0875
Inop 1	162.0875	167.0875
Inop 2	162.2625	167.2500
Inop 3	162.8375	167.7500
Inop 4	163.2875	168.1125
Inop 5	163.4250	168.4625
Inop 6	167.2500 (S)	167.2500
Inop 7	167.7500 (S)	167.7500
Inop 8	168.1125 (S)	168.1125
Inop 9	168.4625 (S)	168.4625

UHF Plan		
Identifier	Mobile Transmit (MHz)	Mobile Receive (MHz)
Natl Call	414.0375 (S)	414.0375
Inop 1	418.9875	409.9875
Inop 2	419.1875	410.1875
Inop 3	419.6125	410.6125
Inop 4	414.0625 (S)	414.0625
Inop 5	414.3125 (S)	414.3125
Inop 6	414.3375 (S)	414.3375
Inop 7	409.9875 (S)	409.9875
Inop 8	410.1875 (S)	410.1875
Inop 9	410.6125 (S)	410.6125

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### B. INCIDENT RESPONSE PLANS

VHF Plan		
Identifier	Mobile Transmit (MHz)	Mobile Receive (MHz)
VHF Calling	164.7125	169.5375
VHF 1	165.2500	170.0125
VHF 2	165.9625	170.4125
VHF 3	166.5750	170.6875
VHF 4	167.3250	173.0375
VHF 5	169.5375 (S)	169.5375
VHF 6	170.0125 (S)	170.0125
VHF 7	170.4125 (S)	170.4125
VHF 8	170.6875 (S)	170.6875
VHF 9	173.0375 (S)	173.0375

UHF Plan		
Identifier	Mobile Transmit (MHz)	Mobile Receive (MHz)
UHF Calling	419.2375	410.2375
UHF 1	419.4375	410.4375
UHF 2	419.6375	410.6375
UHF 3	419.8375	410.8375
UHF 4	413.1875 (S)	413.1875
UHF 5	413.2125 (S)	413.2125
UHF 6	410.2375 (S)	410.2375
UHF 7	410.4375 (S)	410.4375
UHF 8	410.6375 (S)	410.6375
UHF 9	410.8375 (S)	410.8375

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