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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES**

**REGION 24 (MISSOURI) 700 MHZ AND 800 MHZ NPSPAC PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETINGS**

**PR Docket No. 93-131**

The Region 24 (Missouri) 700 and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees (RPCs)[[1]](#footnote-1) will hold two meetings on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, starting at 10 a.m., at the St. Peters Missouri Police Department, Emergency Operations Center, 1020 Grand Teton Drive, St. Peters, Missouri 63376.[[2]](#footnote-2)

The 700 MHz RPC meeting will convene at 10 a.m., and the 800 MHz RPC meeting is expected to follow immediately after adjournment of the 700 MHz meeting.

The agenda for the 700 MHz RPC meeting includes the following:

* Welcome - Stephen Devine, Chairperson
* Old business - Approval of May 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes (copies will be distributed prior to the meeting)
* Approval of September 23 Agenda
* Any old business that needs to be addressed by the Region 24 700 MHz RPC.
* New business
	+ A discussion on any 700 MHz applications before the Committee (700 MHz channels are available in each Missouri County as county allotments)
	+ Digital vehicular repeater system (DVRS) implementations across Missouri
	+ City of Independence Missouri 700 MHz trunked system (Call sign WQEQ501) seven (7) site system will be leaving the 700 MHz band and changing to 800 MHz channels.
	+ Status of license implementation of interoperability channels at 700 MHz and consistency with the FCC’s post-2007 channel plan as well as between regions and states.
	+ Discussion and update on 700 MHz Low Power Analog channel use, regional fire ground 700 MHz channels in Missouri (St Louis UASI area) and whether or not analog use on 700 MHz General Use channels on a secondary basis is within the Commission’s rules.
	+ Other 700 MHz issues pending both nationally and within the region to include PS Docket No. 06-229 and 700 MHz public safety band reconfiguration including the NPSTC Petition for Reconsideration regarding reclassification of FCC designated interoperability spectrum in the 700 MHz band, request for additional interoperability channels in 700 MHz, and request for to increase Low Power 2-watt channels to 20 watts ERP.
	+ Discussion and review of issues in the FCC’s *Seventh Report and Order Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (released March 29, 2013), including 6.25 KHz equivalency in the 700 MHz band scheduled for January 1, 2015 and January 1, 2017.
	+ Discussion of 700 MHz State License (SL) spectrum issues, including Missouri State-wide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN) system expansion, site location and SL build out requirements.
	+ Missouri DPS has developed a 4-channel trunked 700 MHz Site on Wheels (SOW) solution that is available to deploy as needed utilizing common channels. These same channels can be implemented in a non-state SOW, contact DPS for further information.
* Adjournment

The agenda for the 800 MHz RPC meeting includes the following:

* Welcome - Steve Devine, Region 24 Chairperson
* Old business - Approval of May 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes (copies will be distributed prior to the meeting).
* Approval of September 23 Agenda
* New Business
	+ Discussion on the status of 800 MHz re-banding (FCC 02-55) within Region 24 and how rebanding can impair interoperable communications at Missouri’s borders.
	+ Discussion on pending applications before the Committee, both Region 24 and Region 13 viewpoints will be addressed.
	+ Discussion of ISSI 8000 implementation in Kansas City between MARRS system and MOSWIN will include lessons learned and Best Practices
	+ Region 24 800 MHz RPC structure update - *See* PSHSB Public Notice DA 14-746, dated May 30, 2014, PR Docket No. 93-131 (approving Region 24 800 MHz plan amendment)
* Other issues deemed pertinent by the Region 24 Committee and those in attendance will be discussed as well.
* Open Discussion
* Adjournment

Both Region 24 meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in Region 24 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that eligible public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal be represented in order to ensure that each agency’s future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency’s needs. All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 24 should plan to attend.

For further information, please contact Region 24 700 MHz and 800 MHz RPC Chairperson, Stephen Devine at **(**573**)** 522-2382 and stephen.devine@dps.mo.gov

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1. The Region 24 (Missouri) 700 and 800 MHz regional planning areas include the entire state of Missouri. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. PARKING - This facility has posted time-limited parking close to the building, therefore it is strongly recommended that meeting attendees use the large public parking lot located directly across Suemandy Drive from the Justice Center. Participants should then come to the Police In-House station in the lobby, where they can then admitted to the EOC. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)