

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 31, 2017

Mr. Thomas R. Price
(Address withheld)
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Re: **WARNING NOTICE**
Amateur Radio License W7WL
EB-FIELDNER-17-00023923

Dear Mr. Price:

By letter dated March 31, 2017, the Commission notified you that it had received a complaint regarding the operation of your amateur station. The complaint alleged that you had been deliberately interfering with the operation of other amateur operators in an effort to prevent them from communicating with one another in violation of Section 97.101(d) of the Commission's rules.

You responded to the Commission's letter on May 1, 2017. In that letter, you stated that there is a group of stations operating on 3.908 MHz that asks for "general check ins" for a net and that it is your intent to "keep answering others stations calling CQ . . . until I am recognized by the station calling . . ." You further indicate that you intend to continue this behavior as you believe it is "good amateur practice."

By your statements in your response, you concede that you engaged in the prohibited behavior of causing deliberate interference to the group of amateurs operating on 3.908 MHz. Further, you are incorrect in your assertion that your behavior is "good amateur practice." Indeed, your operation as described above is contrary to the basis and purpose of the amateur radio service as set out in Section 97.1 of the Commission's rules and is a violation of Section 97.101(d) of the Commission's rules.¹ Please be advised that the Commission expects you to abide by its rules. This letter serves as notice that, if operation of this type reoccurs after receipt of this letter, you could be subject to severe penalties, including license revocation, monetary forfeiture (fines),² or a modification

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 97.1 and 97.101(d).

² Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

proceeding to restrict the frequencies upon which you may operate.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
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Enforcement Bureau