



**Fire/EMS Radio Service**  
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***Do Your Part for Public Safety Communications***  
***Participate in Planning for 700/800MHz Spectrum***

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) set aside six megahertz of spectrum in the 800 MHz band for exclusive use by local, regional and state public safety agencies under guidelines developed by the National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC). The 800 MHz NPSPAC spectrum is administered on a regional basis by 55 regional public safety planning committees. The Regional Planning Committees (RPC) for both 700 MHz and 800 MHz NPSPAC are always in need of qualified and interested members. They need folks who aren't afraid to get involved, express their opinions and work toward viable solutions for all Public Safety agencies which include fire, EMS, law enforcement and other public safety agencies. There are 55 RPC's throughout the country and one right in your area. Contact information for each RPC is available on the following FCC websites:

**For 800 MHz**

<http://publicsafety.fcc.gov/pshs/publicsafetyspectrum/800MHz/regional-planning.htm?region=&submitbutton=View+Region+Info>

**For 700 MHz**

<http://publicsafety.fcc.gov/pshs/publicsafetyspectrum/700MHz/rpcdirectory.htm>

The RPC for your region likely meets monthly or quarterly. Information about the Regional Planning Committees and notices of upcoming RPC meetings are posted at the FCC website

<http://publicsafety.fcc.gov/pshs/publicsafetyspectrum/800MHz/regionalplanning.htm>

The Daily Digest, published by the FCC, is another source of information on Regional Planning Committee meetings.

[http://www.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Digest/2009/](http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Digest/2009/)

It is essential that eligible public safety agencies, at the state, local and tribal level and non-governmental organizations eligible under the FCC's rules, (47 C.F.R. § 90.523) be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Managers who are not proficient in the communications field should designate a member of their staff with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agencies' needs.

**Enhancement to Universal Licensing System (ULS)**

In its Public Notice DA 09-2043 released 9/14/09, the FCC announces an enhancement to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to collect operational point of contact information from public safety and non-public safety licensees designated as emergency first responders responsible for coordinating with state, county and local authorities during times of emergency. The FCC notes that it will treat emergency contact information submitted to ULS as confidential and will not make this information publicly available.

The Public Notice can be found at:

[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2043A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-2043A1.pdf)

The Operational Point of Contact information should be provided in a document to be attached to ULS via ULS Pleading. The Contact Information attachment should contain the following:

- a) Name and Title of Contact,            c) Mobile telephone number, and
- b) Office telephone number,            d) E-mail address.

From the ULS Home page, the ULS PLEADING link can be found near the bottom of the yellow box on the left hand side of the page. Click that link to enter the Pleading page. The instructions for submitting the Emergency Contact attachment are provided in the Public Notice, DA 09-2043, page 2, and consist of four easy steps:

- Select "Emergency Contact" from "the type of pleading" box, complete Filer Information Section, click Continue,
- Enter the Call Sign of the relevant license(s),
- Upload your document (s) containing the operational point of contact information,
- Click the "SUBMIT PLEADING" button and receive your Confirmation Number.

If you choose to submit Emergency Contact information, per the FCC, you do not have to submit for every call sign, especially in a wide area or statewide system. Indicating one Emergency Contact per region or zone would be sufficient to allow contact information to be disseminated in the event of an emergency. The IMSA/IAFC Frequency Coordination Office is available to assist you with providing this valuable information to the FCC.