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RE: FCC Narrow Band Mandate

REDCOM FIRE and EMS Agencies,

The Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association and the REDCOM Board of Directors have approved the recommendation from the Dispatch Operations Advisory Group to proceed with narrow banding the majority of radio frequencies authorized for use by all REDCOM FIRE and EMS Agencies.

The change from wide band to narrow band transmission is driven by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandate. The transition of our effected channels from wide band to narrow band will occur on **April 4, 2011.**

All end users must complete necessary programming prior to April 4, 2011. I have included attachments indicating the REDCOM channels for both Fire and EMS to be programmed to narrow band along with several new or updated channels to add to your agency frequency load. The 2011 CAL FIRE load with additional channels to be programmed to narrow band will be sent in a separate attachment. CAL FIRE is awaiting updates from the USFS prior finalizing their 2011 load. I have included an information sheet with direction and suggested recommendations to facilitate the process.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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