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# California On-Scene Emergency Coordination Radio Plan (CALCORD)

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# CALIFORNIA ON-SCENE EMERGENCY COORDINATION RADIO PLAN (CALCORD)

## DESCRIPTION

The California On-Scene Emergency Coordination System is established to provide common radio frequencies to be used statewide by state and local Public Safety and Special Emergency agencies during periods of man-made or natural disasters or other emergencies where interagency coordination is required.

It operates under appropriate Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations and is administered by the State of California through the Office of Emergency Services. The Office of Emergency Services Telecommunications Advisory Committee exercises general supervision and disciplinary control.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participation in CALCORD is open to all California Local Government Agencies which are eligible to operate on radio frequencies authorized by the Federal Communications Commission for the Public Safety Radio Services. In addition, the CALCORD channel may be placed in certain ambulances operating in the Special Emergency Radio Service. This must be under the authority of a city or county participating in CALCORD, and having an ordinance or code which provides for control over the ambulance(s) in which the channel is installed.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requests to participate in CALCORD will be addressed to the Telecommunications Division, Office of Emergency Services, 2800 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832. The requesting agency will forward all applicable forms and agreements including a copy of their local CALCORD Plan. Once approved, FCC licenses will be acquired by and in the name of the State of California under the provisions of the CALCORD authority from the FCC.

## CALCORD UTILIZATION

CALCORD will be used in mobile and portable units at the scene of any emergency incident requiring coordinate action by more than one agency. These agencies must be eligible to operate in the Public Safety or Special Emergency Radio Services. It is intended that this System be used to facilitate communications when the Incident Command System is used. Use of this System will be limited to emergency operations only, with the exception of tests and drills.

Three priority use levels have been established:

PRIORITY 1

Disaster and extreme emergency operations, for mutual aid and interagency communications.

PRIORITY 2

Emergency or urgent operations involving imminent safety of life or property.

PRIORITY 3

Drills tests and exercises of a civil defense or disaster nature.

When a higher priority or use is required all lower priority use must cease in any area where interference could occur. In all instances, all usage must be in strict accordance with the FCC Rules and Regulations and with any other policies prescribed by the state Office of Emergency Services.

TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

FREQUENCY: 156.075 MHZ (CALCORD 1

POWER: 110 watts maximum out - mobile (except aircraft) and portable use

10 watts maximum out - aircraft

EQUIPMENT: Two types of equipment may be used on the system

Mobile - Installed semi-permanently in a vehicle, boat, aircraft, or other device commonly used for transportation of a human being.

Portable - A hand-carried unit, also known as a walkie-talkie or handie-talkie.

CALLSIGN: Common statewide identification - KB82490

BASE STATIONS WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED

CTCSS: None authorized

VOICE PRIVACY: Not authorized

SIGNALING OR PAGING: Not authorized