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Mark Durbin (lm.durbin@MCIONE.com) writes:

Commissioner Ness,

I am writing in regards to RM-9267. I would like to point out that Amateur Radio operators use this band much like the two meter band, in that emergency traffic is handled during special events or natural disasters. I know for a fact that 70cm band is used as a coordination frequency in the Dallas, Texas area during RACES nets or other health and welfare nets. On top of being used for voice traffic, the 70cm band is also used for weather radar, over Amateur Television, for storm tracking and spotting, which is very instrumental in issueing warnings and watches. This band is also one of the major bands used by Amateur Radio operators as an experimental band. The fact that the 70cm band is the second most used band in Amateur Radio should also be taken into account, many operators have purchased dual band radios to allow use of this band. I would say that with Amateur Radio use on this band, that we should be petitioning for primary use of the band and more protection from situations like this. Please take into account how much more quickly the Amateur Radio society can respond in a disaster, as opposed to the time it takes a company to respond and restore communications into a disaster area. Thank you in advance for you time and consideration of these issues when looking over RM-9267.

Thank you,

Mark Durbin
KC5GNG

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Ray Shank - KC5UOT (res@mail.org) writes:

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Hello.

I received an email from a friend that was titled: LMCC DEMANDS 70 CM HAM BAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE. The first paragraph read: The Land Mobile Communications Council has issued a demand to the FCC that it immediately reallocate of most of the 70 centimeter Amateur band over to private mobile operations with private land mobile designated as the primary user. It has the FCC number RM 9267

I live in a little community just Northeast of Tulsa in Oklahoma called Claremore. Hams do a lot in keeping our communities safe. We are there when the communities play, I worked the Fair last year as communications. We helped several children "find" their parents after they strayed. I look forward to it and other activities such as the Tulsa Run and other activities. We are there when our communities are under assault. We are trained Storm Spotters. I generally work as Net control when storms roll in. But there are times I also spot. I am a FEMA trained disaster assessment team member, and I (we) do this and more all through donation of our time and resources. Some of those resources include our amateur radio equipment. And most of the uses of this type of "Free Community Service" is done on the 2 and 70-centimeter ham bands.

I would hope that the FCC view the Amateur Radio Service as one of its assets, and would protect that service from those who would devour it and leave it's bones to dry.
Please retain the Ham bands. We don't take that much room.

Ray Shank - KC5UOT
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Date: 5/11/98 8:49pm
Subject: RM9267

Please decline private industries demand for the 420 to 450 Mhz spectrum and whatever amateur band spectrum they want to acquire. This spectrum is a partial backbone for our communications. We provide a public service with these bands by providing communications for Skywarn, community events, disaster aftermaths, search and rescue and the list can go on and on. Please help us help the public good, please decline their request.

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Thank you in advance,

Michael S. Kasyan

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