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Federal Communications Commission
Secretary
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20584

Ref: RM9267

Hello,

I support the ARRL and AMSAT position in opposition to sharing the 2 meter, 440mhz, and 220mhz amateur bands, or to giving up any of the frequencies that are assigned to amateur radio.

The amateurs in our area of St. Louis use the frequencies for skywarn weather emergency communication in public service. Also, for helping people on the highway, and other emergencies.

In my area west of St Louis, the 440 and 2 meter repeaters are in frequent use for these purposes, and I participate in them myself. 444.35 Washington, Mo., and 444.075 Leslie repeaters are the newest machines and I monitor and use them and others, daily.

The old faithful 2 meter repeaters around here 147.24, 147.18, 145.15, and 146.67 are very active for club nets and highway info, as well as weather nets for Franklin and St Charles counties. I participate in these nets to provide weather data to the national weather service, which generate weather warnings with the information. The newer 440 repeaters are used as additional coverage and as backup for the 2 meter repeaters.

421.73 is one of the frequencies used for sstv in this area.

435-437 is used in satellite work for Mir and Safex here, also.

These are compelling arguments to not share these bands with the Land Mobil Communications Council, or to give them up to them.

Thank You for consideration of my concerns,

Larry L. Williams N0SLN
54 David Av.
Union, Mo. 63084/2045
314/583/5264
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SINCERELY,

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KB5FDT

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TAYLOR STOCKUM
KC5YQG

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PLEASE PROTECT OUR 440 BAND AGAINST THIS GROUP WHO ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THIS NATIONAL RESOURCE.

SINCERELY,

AUDRA WALDEN
KC5ZES

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Silverdale, WA 98383
May 17, 1998

Office of the Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222, 1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554.

I am opposed to granting the Land Mobile Services access to the 420-450 MHz band for the following reasons:

1. The Amateur usage of this band has expanded to the point that in heavier populated regions, such as the Pacific Northwest, there is no remaining spectrum space.

Present usage of the band includes:

- a. Digital Networks and Backbones
- b. Amateur fast scan television, not allowed in lower frequency bands
- c. Satellite Uplinks and Downlinks (International)
- d. Narrow Band FM (NBFM) repeaters and simplex operations

2. The Land Mobile Services have not made efficient use of their presently assigned spectrum. For example, NBFM which was mandated in the late 50's is still being used. There are now more efficient narrow band modulation techniques available such as Compandored AM which will give two to five times more channels density without loss of performance.

As the demand for spectrum increases, it is only logical that the FCC mandate more efficient utilization of available spectrum rather than raiding what is already in use by other services.

The advent of Cellular Telephone has taken pressure off of the Land Mobile Services because many users have found it more economical to use Cell Phones rather than invest in transceivers and repeater sites.

Because of this, I question their need for additional spectrum.

3. The Amateur frequency bands were never intended to be a pool of frequencies which could be raided at will by other services. The Hams have recently gone through the Little LEO satellite threat to the two meter band, threats from High Definition TV interests, etc. We even lost 40% of the 220 MHz Band to the United Parcel Service interests who only after getting their new frequency allocation, soon abandoned it.

Should this petition be granted over 100 repeaters including a system which I built and now serving the Pacific Northwest would go silent thus jeopardizing the emergency services work which it and many others now serve.

I sincerely hope that the FCC in its wisdom will deny the request stated in RM 9267.

Richard A. Miles

Richard A. Miles...K7RNZ

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Sierra Madre CA 91024

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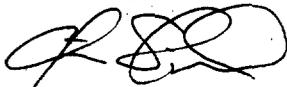
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

We are writing to oppose the Petition designated RM 9267 for the following reasons:

- 1: We are frequent users of the 420 - 450 MHz amateur radio band;
- 2: We use it for the following purposes: emergency service, technical experimentation and personal communication;
- 3: We use the following modes: satellite, repeater, and weak signal;
- 4: We participate in emergency communications systems such as the W6UE - Caltech Amateur Radio Club emergency repeater which rely heavily on the availability of the 420 - 450 MHz band for amateur radio purposes;
- 5: We have made significant monetary investments in the band, in excess of \$4000;
- 6: If the band is taken away, we do not believe that we will make a similar investment in another band;
- 7: If the band is taken away, we believe that our emergency service activities will be significantly curtailed;
- 8: We are licensed as N9YS, an Extra Class licensee, KF6EHC, a Technician Class licensee, and KF6EHD, a Technician Class licensee.

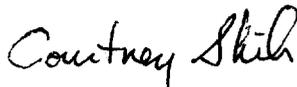
Yours truly,



Yin Lung Shih, N9YS



Carol Shih, KF6EHC



Courtney Shih, KF6EHD

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

To: Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Fm: Dean R. Hoover [Callsign KB7QDI]

Subject: Reference RM 9267

I am writing this letter to disagree with the proposed changes addressed in RM 9267. This reallocation of important amateur radio frequencies can do nothing but hamper the basic essence of what amateur radio was designed to perform.

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we keep the existing frequencies. We have seen on several occasions where amateur radio operators, volunteering their own time, were essential in assisting local, state and federal authorities help out their local communities with wireless communications where no other communication outlets were available. Many of these were done on the very same frequencies that want to be put to other uses.

If your organization have noticed anything, it should've realized the magnitude that amateur radio operators have given during this time, with El-Nino in full force with storms, tornadoes, etc. Reallocating essential band frequencies would definitely effect the continued efforts we have made throughout the last several months.

In conclusion, please do not let this proposal pass. Amateur radio is using those frequencies all day, every day. And it is serving a purpose.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.



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WESTERN INTERTIE NETWORK

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May 15, 1998

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC, 20554

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RE: RM 9267

Gentlemen,

It has come to our attention that the LMCC is demanding that you immediately reallocate most of the 420 to 450 MHz band presently in the amateur radio service. We strongly oppose any such action!

The 420 to 450 MHz amateur radio UHF band is the second most popular of the amateur radio services' VHF and UHF allocations. There are thousands of FM repeaters operating daily from 440 to 450 MHz, and a variety of modes on the air every day in the 420 to 430 MHz segment, including thousands of point to point links, and a very mature amateur television fraternity.

We at the Western Intertie Network (the WIN System) presently operate five high level UHF repeaters in the 440 to 450 MHz segment, covering from Southern Arizona to Central California, including all of the seven Counties of Southern California. We also operate ten point to point full duplex links.

Our group, the WIN System, has been affiliated with the San Diego County RACES emergency preparedness organization for years, and because of our wide area coverage, we have been able to handle innumerable pieces of emergency traffic during three major fires and two major earth quakes. It is impossible to estimate how many lives we have directly touched during emergencies, however, I am certain we have been a major communications force during these times of emergencies.

The WIN System also routinely operates many of our repeaters for public safety missions. Several times each year WIN System repeaters are used to handle communications at various Marathons, 10K runs, Bicycle Events, and Special Olympics Events for the handicapped. These public service communications activities would be impossible to achieve without the 440 MHz amateur band "wide area coverage" repeaters operated by the WIN System, and donated to public service.

We therefore strongly urge you to deny the demands of the LMCC. We as amateur radio operators continue to provide the above services free to the public. There is never a charge for either the 440 MHz repeater equipment, or the operators who donate their time and expertise during these times of public service. I do not think the LMCC would likewise provide such services free to the public. Their agenda is to make a profit from these frequencies, not to serve the public, free of charge, as is the amateur credo.

Sincerely,



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2802 Gill Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047
May 20, 1998

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to RM9267, a request by the Land Mobile Communication Council to reallocate portions of the 430-450MHz amateur radio band for commercial use. As an amateur radio operator and member of the local amateur emergency communication team, I appreciate the utility of this band for everyday conversations as well as disaster response applications. Amateur emergency communications are primarily conducted using portable or handheld radios, and the 430-450MHz frequencies are the second most used band for this purpose. This band is also used extensively for satellite communications, and as such, are useful in fostering the camaraderie of amateur radio operators around the world.

Commercial interests regularly attempt to take over various amateur radio frequency allocations for their own uses, and this practice can only intensify as new commercial wireless services become available. I urge you to support efforts to protect the current amateur bands from these interests and preserve them for future emergency needs.

Sincerely,



Daniel R. Gravatt
Amateur Callsign N2PRC
Member, Douglas County Auxiliary
Communications Team

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May 20, 1998

FCC
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am strongly against the reallocations of Amateur Radio Frequencies. I think if these proposed frequencies are given or sold to LMCC that they reallocate 30 to 50, 450 to 490 and 928 to 960 to the Amateur community!

They should also be willing to pay or reimburse the amateurs for equipment that will no longer be able to be used in their part of the spectrum!

The 220 MHz was reallocated then was SOLD to another organization and has not been used since. This should be a prime example of MONEY HUNGRY people and organizations that would do next to anything to make a buck!

Again, I say NO to any more frequencies taken away from the amateur radio community!!!

Sincerely,



Mark Lomax
Communications Engineer

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Town: Bedford, Texas
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The (450mhz) 70cm band of Amateur Radio is the second most popular band of frequencies, saturated with simplex and repeater connections, linking the Gulf Coast of Texas to/thru Austin to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and on to West Texas. Any tampering with the allocations of these frequencies will certainly jeopardize the Public Service that can and has been rendered in time of Gulf Coast Hurricanes and local 'weather watches' in conjunction with the National Weather Service for the Tornado Warning System.

Any one replacing the use of these frequencies must be responsible for a complete reimbursement to each Amateur Radio Operator for his/her replacement of equipment for other frequencies, and assume the responsibility to organize a complete Weather Warning System as it is now organized by Amateur Radio.

I would like to go on record as being bitterly opposed to any tampering with these frequencies now and any time in the future.

Name: Leahmon Chambers
Call: WB5JGN
Address: 2301 Shady Meadow
Town, State, and zip Bedford TX 76021

I am a member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club, who operates the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service in conjunction with the City of Hurst and Tarrant County.

Signed: Leahmon Chambers

c: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congresswoman Kay Granger,
284 Russell Sen. Off. Bldg. 100 E. 15th St. Suite 500
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**WEST VIRGINIA AMATEUR RADIO, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 144
HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA 25526**

JUNE 20, 1998

RE: R. M. 9267

**TO: SECRETARY OF THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

DEAR SECRETARY:

WEST VIRGINIA AMATEUR RADIO, INC., IS AN ORGANIZATION OF LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS. WE HAVE MAINTAIN A REPEATER ON THE FREQUENCY OF 444.225 MHZ IN THE CURRENT AMATEUR RADIO 70 C.M. UHF BAND. OUR CONCERN IS WITH THE R.M. 9267 DEMAND OF THE LAND MOBILE RADIO COMMUNICATION COUNCIL TO HAND OVER THE FREQUENCIES OF 420-430 MHZ AND 440-450 MHZ TO THE PRIVATE MOBILE OPERATIONS AS PRIMARY USERS.

WEST VIRGINIA AMATEUR RADIO, INC., PROVIDES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION THROUGH THIS VITAL LINK OF OUR SERVICE AREA IN AND AROUND CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA. NOT ONLY ARE THERE OTHER REPEATERS IN THIS AREA, BUT MANY OF US ALSO USE SIMPLEX FREQUENCIES, SUCH AS 446.000 MHZ, AND OTHERS, AS A MEANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE WITHIN THE VALLEYS AND CITIES OF OUR MOUNTAIN STATE.

ON BEHALF OF THE LICENSED MEMBERS OF WEST VIRGINIA AMATEUR RADIO, INC., WE REQUEST A DENIAL TO THE LAND MOBILE RADIO COMMUNICATION COUNCIL, AS NOT BEING IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST, AND CONTRARY TO AMATEUR RADIO'S PRIMARY FUNCTION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THESE LISTED FREQUENCIES.

PLEASE SAY NO TO R.M. 9267

SINCERELY,



**ROBERT HANSON, KB8QKY
PRESIDENT, WVAR, INC.**

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Name: L. C. HOBBS
Call: K5MVL
Address: 612 LIVE OAK DR
Town, State, and zip: EULESS, TX 76040

I am a member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club, who operates the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service in conjunction with the City of Hurst and Tarrant County.

Signed: Jay Bailey Hutchison

c: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison,
284 Russell Sen. Off. Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-4304

Congresswoman Kay Granger,
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Name: GRACE HOBBS
Call: KCS RXD
Address: 612 LIVE OAK DR.
Town, State, and zip EULLESS, TX 76040

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Signed: Grace Hobbs

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Re: RM 9267

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Amateur Radio Service Licensee: WA6VPL
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19 May, 1998

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554

Subject: Objection to RM 9267

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to voice my objection to RM 9267.

For many years I have been the builder, maintainer and trustee of four separate amateur radio repeater stations operating in the 420-430 and 440-450 MHz band segments in the Central Coast region of the state, near Santa Maria, California.

On many occasions the equipment that I operate in the above mentioned band segments has been used to pass health and welfare messages during times of disaster (El Nino floods and earthquakes) and other public service events in and out of the Central Coast area into the San Joaquin Valley and into Northern and Southern California. It is estimated that 100 to 150 amateur radio operators would not be able to perform a public service for countless citizens in this region of California if access (to these frequencies) was lost as a result of incorporating the subject rule making.

Truly Yours,


James N. Loofbourrow
WA6VPL

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Name: JAMES C. SIVELY
Call: KASW3V
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M STREET NORTH WEST
WASHINGTON, DC 20554
RM-9267 , SECRETARY

Gentlemen,

I am concerned regarding the possible consequences of RM-9267 as proposed.

As an active amateur radio operator involved in public service, I fear that if a full time use of the frequencies between 420 - 430 MHz and 440 - 450 MHz were allocated to a service such as the Land Mobile Communication Council proposes, there would be no adequate way for it to co-exist with the amateur radio service now sharing the frequencies with the military radiolocation system.

In the greater New York metropolitan area, we rely heavily on two meters and 70 cm for our local area emergency communication plans. We utilize repeaters on these frequencies as well as RF control of others, utilizing this frequency range. This proposed rule making could disrupt the involved system to the point that it would be useless during an emergency as well as preparatory training sessions. This would now require more involved amateurs to use existing two meter systems, taxing the already over burdened repeaters for local emergency situations.

The real loss would be by the general public who receive the benefit of the amateur radio operators time and equipment, donated for this purpose. In addition, consider the loss of the communications capabilities supplied to local government agencies including RACES.

I urge you to ensure that RM-9267 does not allow this to happen.

Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Stanley Rothman

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Gentlemen

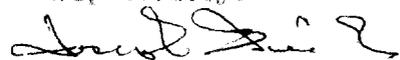
As an Amateur Radio Operator I most vehemently object to the request made by Commercial Land mobile services, to allocate to them the 420-430 MHz and the 440-450 MHz bands. These bands are an integral part of the Amateur Radio Service.

I must remind the Commission of the Emergency service that we provide. Time and again, commercial communicators failed during and after an emergency. Amateur Radio came to the Rescue. The 70cm band along with the 2 meter band are most ideal when emergencies are involved. I worked the Hurricane Andrew emergency in 1992 and the Miami, Fl Tornadoes of February 1998. Both times, COMMERCIAL communicators failed. We were able to operate well before the winds stopped blowing. Taking the 440 band from us will hamper our efforts for emergencies. And we do this without cost to the community and the government. The commercial operator is not really interested in the community. Their interest is a Net Profit.

Amateur Radio has been around for almost a century. Our contribution to the National good has been tremendous. We not only communicate, we also create. Without Amateur Radio, most of the valuable experimentation and inventions would have taken many years more to develop.

We have some rather heavy investments in both personal equipment and club repeaters. We have a network of communications that commercial radio can never equal. We create, they take. You would be doing the citizenry of the United States a dis-service. Please, deny them these frequencies. They have belonged to us for a long while, and we need them to do what we do best. EMERGENCIES.

Respectfully,



Joseph Chwick AC4TV

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THE SECRETARY
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

RE: RM 9267

RECENTLY, YOU RECEIVED A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE 70 CM BAND, PRIMARY USER FROM GOVERNMENT TO PRIVATE, WITH AMATEURS REMAINING AS SECONDARY USERS.

A FEW YEARS AGO, OUR STATE EXPERIENCED SEVERE FLOODING AND MUDSLIDES. DURING THIS TIME, RADIO AMATEURS PROVIDED VITAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR DISASTER VICTIMS. AT A RECENT MEETING HELD NEAR US, ONE COMMUNITY LEADER, SAID, " WE'D ALL BE DEAD, EXCEPT FOR A SINGLE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR WHO COORDINATED RELIEF AND RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY "

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE ENTERED INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, THEIR COMMENTS UPON THE BENEFITS OF AMATEUR RADIO ASSISTANCE, DURING DISASTERS IN THEIR STATES.

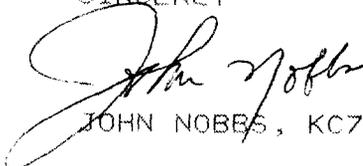
THE ABILITY TO OPERATE IN THE SAME 70 CM BAND, TOGETHER WITH POLICE AND DISASTER SERVICES IS AN INVALUABLE BENEFIT IN SUCH EMERGENCIES.

IN ADDITION, OUR CLUB, THE SNAKE RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, OPERATES IN THE 70 CM BAND, WHEN ASSISTING LOCAL POLICE AND SHERIFFS UNITS AT HALLOWEEN; AND WITH A REGULAR DRUNK DRIVING CONTROL PROGRAM.

THESE EFFORTS ARE POSSIBLE BECAUSE CURRENT AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT IS SOLD WITH 70 CM BAND CAPABILITIES. IF THE BAND IS GIVEN TO PRIVATE INTERESTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DISASTER AGENCIES WOULD BE FORCED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER BAND. CURRENT AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USELESS IN PROVIDING THIS VALUABLE ASSISTANCE.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REJECT ANY EFFORT TO CHANGE THIS CLEARLY BENEFICIAL ALLOCATIONS IN THE 70 CM BAND. THANK YOU.

SINCERLY


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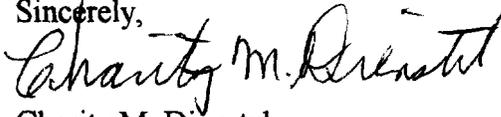
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Secretary
FCC
Washington DC 20554

Subject: RM 9267

I am concerned that passage of RM 9267 will harm the ability of the Ham operator to provide emergency service, search and rescue, marathons etc. Without the use of these frequencies, it will be very difficult for the Amateur Radio Operator to provide the services that many depend on in times of need. If this bill is passed, it would also hinder the growth and future of Amateur Radio, as would the loss of any of the amateur bands. With these issues in mind, please consider abolishing RM 9267.

Sincerely,



Charity M. Dienstel
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May 18, 1998

Secretary
FCC
Washington DC, 20534

Subject: **RM 9267**

Dear Secretary,

I strongly urge you NOT to reallocate the 420-430MHz and 440-450MHz spectrum for private land mobile primary use. I use these frequencies daily for point to point and repeater based communications. I believe that secondary, non-interfering use will be impractical in these frequencies when trying to compete with large scale commercial use.

Your truly,



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TO:
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FROM:
Richard Winnard Amateur Radio License WK5RW
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Dear Fellow American,

I am so proud to live in the **United States of America** and to be able to enjoy all the wonderful feelings that come with our great nation. I want to confess that this is the second letter I have written to the Federal Government, and my style is showing, that is a fact. I wish to start by saying this will be short; for along with the privilege of being able to write to our governing body comes the individual's responsibility to be precise.

I am writing this letter to inform the Workgroup that the Amateur Radio Service needs the 144/148mhz bands and also the 420/450mhz to ensure that in times of emergency a non-political party will be volunteering trained services in the area of communications. The concept was well documented here in Oklahoma City with the bombing of the Murrah Building. I used the 2 meter band and the 440 band to assist the Salvation Army (Okla./Ar) in their efforts to provide a meal, coffee, or a shoulder to cry on for all the volunteers in the disaster relief effort. There were times when Amateur Radio signals were the only communications coming in and going out of downtown Oklahoma City; all done on the 144/148mhz and 420/450mhz bands.

Thank you for reading this letter. I train weekly to keep my skills sharp in times of disaster. The Amateur Radio Service needs the **EXCLUSIVE** use of the bands in discussion to ensure reliable service for the public when the next natural or manmade disaster occurs.

Sincerely



Richard Winnard ARS: WK5RW

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