



ETS, and to authorize ETS to operate under the Business Radio Service rules. We fully support this request.

The Huntington Beach Police Department supports the grant of a pioneer's preference to ProNet because it offers a unique crime fighting tool that is unavailable through any other media. In the situations cited above, these arrests would have been impossible without a system such as ETS because of incomplete descriptions of vehicles and suspects as well as a specific direction of travel. The ETS system allows police officers to capture a signal and track it to a point of arrest. Because suspects are captured shortly after the crime is committed and with the stolen property in their possession, subsequent prosecution is enhanced and almost a certainty.

Although firm supportive data is unavailable, we have reason to believe the system has become a deterrent to some crimes, particularly institutional robbery, and we have found that perpetrators are now looking for signs of a signaling device when they commit such crimes. If the failure to grant ETS a permanent spectrum results in some change or loss of that service, our agency, the community and law enforcement in general will have lost a unique and effective crime fighting tool.

Sincerely,

  
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Chief of Police

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