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William Kennard FCC Chairman

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Mr Kennard this is not by the proper protocol however when it appears that the bureaucratic snafu is about to occur it is sometimes necessary to take the bull by the horns.

It appears that one of two things has occurred either the individuals making recommendations to the commissioners is completely ignorant of the use and support of GMRS frequency 462.675 Pair or they have established an untold rapport with one or more manufacturers of new equipment for this area of the spectrum.

One of the primary users of this particular frequency are The REACT groups across the nation. If this frequency is designated for emergency and road assistance only and cannot be used for Team activities such as support of Marathons, Walks, Runs, Bike Races & Tours, Plus inter team radio transmissions and no telephone patches are allowed on GMRS just how do you assume there will be anyone to give or take road assistance. I can almost guarantee that no one or very few teams will maintain or provide a very expensive repeater system for the GMRS motoring public with funds for volunteer organizations limited as they are today. Some one or more in the Wireless section of your offices have either had their head in the sand, done a very poor job of research, or as they say in (Peters Principal) {Been promoted to the point of Incompetence}. There is one other possibility which I will not raise at this point. But frequencies are being auctioned off to the highest bidders.

While I know you are relatively new in your position I know that your predecessor appreciated a straight from the shoulder direct comment hopefully you will also.

Best Regards
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Peter M. Coyle (gmrservice@juno.com) writes:

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Docket 98-20, The demise of GMRS as we know it.

With the introduction of Docket 98-20 We will suffer, not just because we can no longer use 462/467.675 for everyday use, now we can not control who may use our repeaters.

The Federal Communications Commission is ill advised to make changes that will effect so many and not notify All LICENSED GMRS users of their intent.

The argument that it is posted in the Federal Register is of no consequence do to the fact the main stream GMRS user either has no knowledge of, or access to this publication.

Which means that a proper response to the Docket by thousand licensed GMRS users have been denied and that the changes made were not in the best interest of the service.

As a licensed GMRS operator and repeater owner I am distressed to hear of the Commissions intent to practically destroy a working service and turn into another of their blunders, i.e., Citizen Band deregulation, the taking of the 220 to 224Mhz. Band from the Amateur Service. With Docket 98-20 the way it reads now the monster is out of the bottle and it may be hard to get back in.

My repeaters are used for Personal Communications and the Communications actives of local REACT teams. I may now be forced to discontinue services to my users do to the action that the Commission has taken without regard to how the service is used it the REAL world.

My biggest concern now is just how does the Federal Communications Commission expect the repeater owners to support that repeater site and equipment if we are unable to have *normal communication on 462/467.675? No one is going to subscribe to a service that you can not use every day. Can we count on the Federal Communications Commission to compensate the cost of operations from now on? I don't think so!

Now the next negative is like with Citizen Band Channel 9 once it was declared for Emergency and Motorist Assistance the channel died and most of the people that use to monitor moved off, and now we are faced with the same thing on the GMRS 462/467.675 channel. If this happens what good did it do for the Commission to make 462/467.675 for Emergency and Motorist Assistance only?

The REACT TEAMS all over the country use this GMRS channel and do just what Commission is asking the channel to be used for and still use it for

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personal communications and have been for many years.

The bottom line is: IF IT ISN'T BROKEN DON'T FIX IT!

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