

I contacted the Office of Regulatory Staff, SC Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program, and SC State legislators to provide funding for sidekick 2 or Hiptop 2 or other brands, so the Deaf can survive.

1. hearing can use car radio for emergency needs, Deaf cannot.

2. Thousand of pay phone on exit road, hearing can call for emergency, Deaf cannot use.

3. Cannot call sidekick 2 or other devices to 711 to contact 911 for emergency needs. Hearing can call 911 on cellphone. Want to call from sidekick 2 directly to 911. Horry County upgrading their new 911 with cellphone.

4. Deaf cannot call *HP with SCDOT for car broke down like the hearing using their cellphone.

5. Should have good Weather Alert on sidekick 2 or other brands so the Deaf will know what happen outside. It is difficult to find the Deaf and tell them to go to shelter if hurricane approaches.