



## County of Orange

### 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System Rebanding Newsletter

#### Welcome to the Rebanding Newsletter!

Welcome to our seventh Rebanding newsletter. Published quarterly, this newsletter will keep all County of Orange 800 MHz CCCS agencies up-to-date on the Rebanding project.

#### Rebanding Update

This quarter was spent collecting and processing the old trade-in radios back to Sprint-Nextel. Throughout calendar year 2008, OCSD/Communications inventoried and took custody of 965 individual pieces of trade-in hardware from nine different agencies.

During November, this equipment was re-inventoried and transferred to Motorola for the ultimate trip back to Sprint-Nextel. The trade-ins included 422 portable radios, 60 mobile radios, 9 consolettes, 134 chargers and 340 miscellaneous accessories. Most of this equipment could be traced back to the old Countywide 800 MHz Fire Radio System that was placed into service during the late 1980's. Communications started collecting the second batch of trade-in hardware as the first was being trucked out.



*Telecommunications Engineer III Steve Sobodos Inventories  
Trade-in Radios Prior to Delivery To Sprint Nextel*

On the contract side of the project, OCSD/Communications has been reconciling and auditing the Planning Funding cost to date to close-out the Rebanding Planning Phase. Communications is also working to rewrite the Implementation Frequency Realignment Agreement proposal at Sprint-Nextel's request. This will provide Sprint-Nextel with better detail on the tasks and costs to implement this project.

#### Mexican Treaty

The Mexican Treaty is still delaying progress in our Rebanding region. Due to the treaty delay, the FCC released a Public Notice on December 29, 2008 formally extending the project deadlines in our region.

Based on the current treaty status, OCSD/Communications does not believe that any cutovers could start before the third quarter of 2009. Your agency will be contacted as soon as we have scheduled a cutover date. All agencies will get at least a two-month preparation period.





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## Is Rebanding Real?

Yes. The United States was carved-up in into four Rebanding Regions (or "waves") and Orange County was placed into the last region, Wave 4, because of its proximity to Mexico. Several northern California agencies in Wave 1 have already completed Rebanding. For Wave 1 licensees across the country, 871 out of 916 organizations have completed Rebanding.

## Be On The Lookout

Even though your exact Rebanding weeks have not been scheduled yet, you should "be on the lookout" for a good place at your agency to reprogram mobile and portable radios. Reprogramming hundreds of radios is a large effort and careful consideration should be given to designating a proper location.

The ideal location would be indoors with good lighting. Electrical access for lap-top computers will also be needed. The ability to drive vehicles "through" the reprogramming station will help speed the process along.



*Example of Ideal Reprogramming Facility*

All agencies, especially the smaller ones should consider designating a combined area for use by your whole city. This would probably be significantly easier for everyone involved.

As your cutover date approaches, you will be contacted by OCSD/Communications to review your cutover location. Please contact Joe Saddler at (714) 704-7937 with cutover questions.

## Non-800 MHz CCCS Radio Systems

OCSD/Communications is managing the Rebanding Project for all of the radios on the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System (CCCS).

Your agency may have 800 MHz frequencies and radios that are not a part of the 800 MHz CCCS for technologies such as an in-house mobile data system or voice frequency. If your agency has its own 800 MHz license, you should have already been contacted by Sprint-Nextel. If you are unsure about your status please contact Joe Saddler at OCSD/Communications.

## Do you have a question concerning Rebanding?

If you have any questions concerning Rebanding contact Joe Saddler at OCSD/Communications. Joe is your interface for all Rebanding issues. Also, don't hesitate to direct Rebanding Newsletter suggestions to Joe. He can be reached at (714) 704-7937 or by email at [joe.saddler@comm.ocgov.com](mailto:joe.saddler@comm.ocgov.com).