

LETTERS

to the Editor

DOGS AND EDITORS LIKE BEING PATTED ON THE HEAD

Ernie:

Thanks a meg for the beautiful way you handled "Backwards March" [September APCO BULLETIN].

Pass my kudos to Gary Luther — absolutely tops. 73.

Ero Erickson
Illinois APCO Historian

HOW DO YOU DISTRIBUTE THE COST OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS?

Dear Ernie:

I have been handed the assignment of developing some formula that will fairly distribute the operational cost of our consolidated communications center, among the various emergency service agencies that we provide dispatch services for.

Any assistance you or the organization can provide will be appreciated.

Joseph Y. Nasser
Communications Officer
Civil Defense Division
County of Volusia
Daytona Beach, Florida

CPRA OFFERS INPUT AND ASSISTANCE IN ANY FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS ACT REFORM

Dear Congressman Van Deerlin:

Thank you for meeting with the California Public-Safety Radio Association and other interested land mobile users in San Diego on October 6, 1980.

As a major user of the land mobile spectrum for the delivery of emergency services, we appreciate your interest in our needs.

If, in the future, you are involved in the reform of the Communications Act, we look forward to working with you and your staff on matters involving public safety frequencies. Specifically, we are apprehensive about spectrum economic theories being applied to public safety frequencies and are very concerned that the present Federal Communications Commission has eliminated block frequency assignments to public safety users in the 800 MHz band.

Gary David Gray
President
CPRA Chapter

FCC THANKS FREQUENCY COORDINATOR CHAIRMAN WES CHUPP FOR SPLENDID WORK AND COOPERATION

Dear Mr. Chupp:

We have been advised by Mr. Ernest J. Landreville, Executive Director, APCO, that you are not longer the National Chairman of the Frequency Advisory Committee for the Police Radio Service.

On behalf of the FCC and many police licensees, we want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the splendid frequency coordinating work and cooperation you rendered while serving as Chairman of this Committee. Your prompt notification of changes in the Frequency Advisory Committees for the Police Service has enabled us to better serve our applicants. We know that you spend considerable time and effort on these matters and they added to your many duties. We will miss you, and we want you to know at this time that your efforts have been appreciated.

We wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

Richard H. Everett
Chief, Licensing Division
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

FCC WELCOMES NEW APCO FREQUENCY COORDINATOR GARY DAVID GRAY

Dear Mr. Gray:

We have been advised by Mr. Ernest J. Landreville, Executive Director, APCO, of your appointment as National Chairman of the Police Frequency Advisory Committee.

We are pleased that you have been selected to serve in this capacity as we feel you are well acquainted with the duties of the Frequency Advisory Committees.

As you are aware, it is our policy to accept changes in the Frequency Advisory Committees only from the National Chairman. Thus, changes to the attached list will be accepted only on your recommendation.

We look forward to working with you as National Chairman of this Committee. If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Richard H. Everett
Chief, Licensing Division
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Washington, D.C.

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FIFTY 800 MHZ CHANNELS SET ASIDE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

On November 6, 1980, the Commission in a historic decision, recognized the priority nature of the Public Safety Radio Services. The Commissioners adopted Docket 79-191 which set aside 50 800 MHz channels exclusively for use by governmental entities in a trunked or conventional mode.

Recognition of the special needs of tax-supported communications systems and their funding requirements has been an objective of APCO for many years. By adopting Docket 79-191, the FCC has formally recognized the difference between public and private communications systems. This is a major achievement for APCO.

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