

CHAPTER 7418
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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7418.0200 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of parts 7418.0200 to 7418.0400 is to establish rules to implement the creation of a statewide plan for a coordinated system of police radio communications.

Subp. 2. **Scope.** The scope of parts 7418.0200 to 7418.0400 is intended to be consistent with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 373.041, subdivision 1.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 373.041*

7418.0300 FREQUENCY ALLOCATION.

Subpart 1. **Assigning frequencies.** A police agency within the state of Minnesota, except police agencies of the United States government, shall utilize those frequencies assigned to that agency in the statewide plan for a coordinated system of police radio communication, adopted by the commissioner of public safety on November 27, 1972, and filed with the secretary of state as commissioner's order number 24, dated November 27, 1972.

Subp. 2. **Common emergency frequency.** The statewide common emergency frequency for use by all police agencies is 155.475MHz.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 373.041*

7418.0400 USE OF COMMON EMERGENCY FREQUENCY.

Subpart 1. **Type of communication permitted.** The statewide common emergency frequency shall be used primarily for emergency communications between police agencies only. For purposes of this part, the term "emergency" means a set of circumstances resulting from natural disaster, accident, civil disorder, national emergency, and criminal activity that requires coordination and cooperation between various police agencies to protect lives and property. Routine interagency exchanges of information and communications regarding activity where life and property are not immediately endangered are not emergency communications for purposes of this part. The common emergency channel may be used on a secondary basis to provide communications to any itinerant police vehicle when the vehicle is beyond communication range of its base station and no other communication medium is readily available. This secondary use shall not cause harmful interference to the primary use of the channel.

Subp. 2. **Type of transmitter.** The state of Minnesota will grant special use authority to any police agency to operate mobile transmitters on 155.475MHz. Any police agency, with the approval of the commissioner of public safety, may operate a base station transmitter on 155.475MHz if the following circumstances exist:

A. The police agency has 24-hour dispatching on its other assigned frequencies, with fully trained communications personnel; or

B. The commissioner of public safety determines that such base station transmitter is necessary to further the purposes of the statewide plan for a coordinated system of police radio communication.

Subp. 3. **Application for authorization.** Application for authorization to operate mobile units and/or base stations on the Minnesota police emergency radio network

(155.475MHz) should be made to the commissioner of public safety on a form as set forth in part 7418.9910.

Subp. 4. **Sanction for violations.** A police agency that uses 155.475MHz for purposes other than emergency communications is subject to revocation of its special use authorization by the commissioner of public safety.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 373.041*

TABLES, FORMS, AND EXHIBITS

7418.9910 POLICE EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK AGREEMENT.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION
MINNESOTA EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK
FREQUENCY 155.475MHz

THIS AGREEMENT, made between the state of Minnesota, through its commissioner of Public Safety [hereinafter "state"] and

[hereinafter "police agency"] WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS: The rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission [hereinafter FCC] provide that the radio frequency of 155.475MHz is reserved for use by the state; and,

WHEREAS: The rules and regulations of the FCC provide that in certain instances the state may allow local police agencies to transmit or receive on the frequency of 155.475MHz if given special use authorization by the state; and,

WHEREAS: The state has adopted a statewide plan for a coordinated system of police radio communication, which provides for use of the frequency of 155.475MHz for emergency communications between police agencies; and,

WHEREAS: The state has determined that it would be of mutual benefit to the parties hereto to grant special use authorization to the police agency to transmit and receive communications on a frequency of 155.475MHz;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED between the parties as follows:

1. The police agency is authorized by the state to transmit and receive radio communications on the frequency of 155.475.
2. Communications by the police agency, or any persons under its control, on the frequency of 155.475MHz, shall be:
 - a. Accomplished with federally licensed mobile and base transmitters.
 - b. For emergency purposes only, consistent with the requirements of parts 7418.0200 to 7418.0400 and 7418.9910, rules of the commissioner of Public Safety, state of Minnesota.
 - c. Accomplished in a manner consistent with the rules and regulations of the FCC.
 - d. Accomplished in a manner, as far as feasible, consistent with standards of uniform police radio communication language and procedure as established by the Association of Police Communication Officers, provided that plain language shall be used in lieu of the "Ten" signals.
3. The authority granted by this agreement is effective from the date of execution by the parties hereto.
4. The authority granted by this agreement may be revoked at any time by the state if the police agency, or any persons under its control, willfully violates the provisions of the agreement.

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5. A revocation of the authority granted by this agreement will be made in writing and be effective upon receipt by the police agency.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

By: Its Commissioner of Public Safety

By:

Statutory Authority: *MS s 373.041*

History: *L 1998 c 254 art 1 s 107*