State Interoperable & Emergency Communications Board Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2013  
DHSES – Building 7A – First Floor Training Room

**Board members present:**  
Robert M. Barbato  
Chair and Director of the Office of Interoperable Communications  
Todd Westhuis  
For Joan McDonald, Commissioner, NYS Department of Transportation  
John M. Merkliner  
911 Coordinator, Monroe County  
Richard Rotanz  
Executive Director, Applied Science Director, Via Telephone  
Michael Primeau  
For Dr. Nariv R. Shah, Commissioner, NYS Department of Health  
Mike Volk  
Chief of EMS and Communications, Westchester County  
James Voutour  
Sheriff, Niagara County  
William Bleyle  
Commissioner, Onondaga County 9-1-1  
Steve Cumoletti  
For Joseph D’Amico, Superintendent, NYS Police  
Eric Day  
Emergency Manager, Clinton County  
Tara Stachelski  
For Brian Digman, NYS Chief Information Officer, NYS Office of Information  
Joseph Gerace  
Sheriff, Chautauqua County  
Mark Pettinger  
For Michael C. Green, Commissioner, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services  
Jerome Hauer  
Commissioner, Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services  
Brian LaFlure  
Emergency Manager, Warren County

**Board Member s Absent:**  
Gary T. Maha  
Sheriff, Genesee County  
Maj. Gen. Patrick A. Murphy  
NYS Division of Military & Naval Affairs  
Kevin Revere  
Director of Emergency Services, Oneida County  
Joel Eisdorfer  
Partner, Real Estate Development Company

**Speakers:**  
Linda Messina  
OIEC Counsel, DHSES, Via Telephone  
Toby Dusha  
Radio Engineer, NYS DHSES OIEC  
Matthew Delaney  
Radio Engineer, NYS DHSES OIEC  
Larissa Guedko  
Radio Engineer, NYS DHSES OIEC  
Tom Gallagher  
Sr. Administrative Asst., DHSES OIEC  
Christopher Tuttle  
Reg. II Coordinator, US DHS OEC

**Welcome and Opening remarks, Commissioner Hauer:**  
I’m not going to take a lot of time. Thank you for being here, we are very grateful. We are making such good progress around the State. Every county is in a consortium, and there is funding for next year. Out of 23 counties that have never gotten funded 4-5 did not get grants. We need to keep filling in that gap especially in the north county. Your input would be helpful. Out of $75 million, 60-65 was used for hardware again. The operational support message is loud and clear and good for discussion today. There has been incredible progress, but the biggest problem is getting counties to spend. We do not want the Legislature to do what Congress did to FEMA money because of not spending. To ensure we get money each year, your input for each transition is critical and equipment replacement is essential. Sheriffs, EMS, 911 coordinators all mention operations.
Things are well but we have to spend – turnaround with contracts is moving quickly. DOB was impressed with DHSES OIEC and also astounded with reported data. Mutualink may not be a discussion for today, however, field test in west, north and south and in NYC and EOC are producing phenomenal results. Mutualink allows any county to talk to any county. It is used on a VOIP system and your iPad can be used as a dispatch console and send live video too. It’s a great option on the table to ensure good communications.

Questions?

**Sheriff Voutour:** In regards to money – we took on more cities and staff is worked to the bone. Can we get the county to add more staff?

**Commissioner Hauer:** I am meeting with county boards in 2-3 weeks. The need for operational money has been made clear to DOB. We will do everything to ensure operational support. We should transition equipment money to operations. It may be tough on radios, but we need to think more long term. We need to analyze programs and funding going forward - not just thinking year to year - but 5-7 years and how best to support them, I hear you.

**Sheriff Voutour:** Dispatching is no longer a job for officers; there is too much work to fulfill. As smaller PD’s are transitioning to centralized dispatch, we need support.

**Commissioner Hauer:** I hear you – centralizing dynamics are changing dramatically. North and west counties are hurting, and it’s important to look at how the money helps you rather than dictate it.

**Sheriff Gerace:** One of my niches is 911. I truly think we should look at NG 911, as still using 1940 technology is far from ideal. We do not have a coordinator or state plan.

**Commissioner Hauer:** You are right. We will bring Bob some additional folks including a deputy. Bob works enormous hours and Matt Delaney also and staff is very thin. Especially with deployments such as the Super Bowl, which require 18-20 hours per day for a week in NYC and preliminary events. Even OEM is nonstop. It’s very taxing; we are trying to build things up.

Anything else?

**Commissioner Hauer:** Thank you for being here, your input is valuable. Very grateful to Brian LaFlure and Jay Kopstein. I appreciate it thank you all.

**Roll call approval of meeting agenda, Robert Barbato:**
See top for list of attendees
Next order of business is to accept the meeting agenda. Motion passes
Approval of the minutes of the 9/18/13 meeting. Any comments?
Motion to accept minutes – motion passes, minutes approved.

Meeting agenda – we have some updates and resolutions. Also dialing in is Linda Messina. Reminder – this is a public meeting and recorded through WebEx. Audio is posted online within 24 hours.
First item is the draft by laws for consideration by the Interoperable and Emergency Communications Board. The Board has been in existence for a few years. This entity would exist better if we codified the bylaws.

**Board by laws, Linda Messina:**
Good morning – The purpose is appropriate in order to have a reference manual, powers, and duties on how to conduct business. Some issues: appointments, meetings, and formal actions. For example: corresponding resolutions and major non routine actions. Section 327 of the county law permits the Board to adopt and amend by laws, driven by what’s currently in statute with added items. Discussions and modifications or adoption?
William Blyle: The statute is old and seems stale. Is it permissible to bring this up to date or are we locked in?

Linda Messina: For now we are constrained by statute article 6A, down the road, recommendations can be made for consideration and proposed changes.

Barbato: Bylaws are meant to be procedural correct?

Linda Messina: The way we drafted language would require a majority of the board to make changes.

Barbato: Questions?

Voutour: Section 3 letter G – develop procedures for local government 911?? Explain?

Linda Messina: Pulled from article 6A – these are statutory powers and duties of the board.

Gerace: Phone? Wireless cellular calls – local PSAP wanted to take those calls, that may be the intent? Also so many PSAPs consolidation began to unfold. Is there a process? This will be a tremendous battle initially.

Voutour: Should it be in our bylaws to reroute local government to terminate the routing to a local PSAP?

LaFlure: Originally up north State Police were answering all 911 – this helps on a local level.

Cumoletti: Referring to county PSAPS. This could be used to broaden all the work done.

Barbato: These may be outdated.

LaFlure: Clearly section D is ten years late.

Barbato: Good observation, Sheriff Gerace, not to get too far ahead but the purpose of revisiting the 911 by laws can be updated to reflect new standards.

Gerace: This is a hot button topic for both disciplines, do we have to put in by laws (carry over)?

Messina: The standards were done, but took a universal approach. We can piece meal – including everything is good for discussion about what’s in the statute. Future amendments are easy. I recommend including everything. It is expansive in nature and can be changed after discussions. You are free to exclude but my recommendation is to include.

LaFlure: If these are word for word article 6A, it is what it is.

Cumoletti: Or don’t reference.

Barbato: Do you feel action on this resolution is feasible today or next board meeting? As well as identifying 6A for statute.

Gerace: Respectfully suggest take another look at it.

Barbato: Proposal to table this resolution until next board meeting.

Cumoletti: I appreciate Linda’s input – let’s take a look at it – there could be additions/general comments.

Gerace: There are significant working groups that need to be incorporated and recognized.
Barbato: All those in favor to table? All – thank you.

Merklinger: Must we be present to vote or can we send someone? Would a conference call be acceptable to vote?

Barbato: Yes, for procedural items.

Messina: No specific reference to conference calls, but it’s either VTC or in person no other alternatives.

Barbato: Questions?

Messina: Established committees would be able to look into more.

Barbato announces:

Resolutions on NYLAW1, Toby Dusha:

Good morning ladies and gentlemen.

Quick overview of the process we used. The Channel Naming working group was formed to review the confusion that exists with name of the nine common EMS channels, and one law enforcement channel, 155.370 to be name NYLAW1. Looking for implementation.

Voutour: 155.370 – any future established channel names in the event that we need a different channel?

Dusha: That has been discussed but there are limited channels. Larissa will speak later on mutual aid channels and spectrum availability.

Bleyle: Have they moved away from a pattern? Any reasoning?

Dusha: There is not a national standard established. They basically try to follow what is there. Most states do that, some deviate. NY eliminated duplicate numbers that would cause confusion. A lot of EMS responders refer to the last 3 digits of a channel. We tried to ease transition by identifying with a NY identifier, and the frequency numbers to help folks understand they are moving from the old identifiers to the new. It’s simple, but there may be confusion with the ones.

Bleyle: NYLAW1 or 370?

Dusha: The reasoning has to do with availability. Statewide there is not a lot of spectrum and they wanted simplicity. End users will actually shorten NYLAW1 to NYLAW. This was weighed back and forth during the working group meetings.

Bleyle: What about timeout timers? In one case its 2 minutes, in another 3 minutes – was that accidental or on purpose?

Dusha: Good discussion on that. They thought was 2 minutes is consistent. EMS was moved to 3 simply because of the length of ambulance to hospital messages. In reality it could be 45 seconds. Could we go back to one min? That could be modified.

LaFlure: What is the max level?

Bleyle: Are they programming pl codes on the transmit side not receive side? Is SAR transmit and receive?

Dusha: Matt is familiar with that.

Delaney: 155.160 SAR - the footnote does say transmit.
Bleyle: no cautionary?

Delaney: Okay for the final version

Barbato: Further thoughts?

LaFlure: Question on the table— are we tying hands using these channels for dispatch? For those who do not fit into TAC?

Dusha: Good point – for the purpose of mutual aid use – this is primarily for TAC purposes.

LaFlure: Are there call concerns?

Dusha: Some channels used by agencies for various purposes and are licensed by the FCC – not blanket channels – and there are limitations which need to be outlined in the guide to identify useable areas. That’s a slight wrinkle to this list, but we can amend that.

Barbato: Motion to adopt resolution? Adopt recommendation of the channel naming re: name and use of 155.370 referred to as NYLAW1. Motion clearly passes. Motion to adopt common EMS radio channels in NYS. Motion clearly passes. Thank you.

9-1-1 Standards, Joseph Gerace:
We haven’t had an additional meeting – hopefully we will by the end of the month. We need one more meeting to get regulations completed. Also, I suggest language corrections. Our committee should not be the only group working on language. We can handle that piece – but will need to go over and pick out feedback and comments and work with counsel.

Barbato: Committee has done excellent work, with practical, reasonable edits. Is it the intention of the committee to prepare by next board meeting?

Gerace: Yes

Barbato: Anything further?

Gerace: Another 911 related issue; we are very interested in funding streams available for counties to become smart 911 centers. This entails the public being connected to our switch. Rave Technologies is the vendor and the public builds a free profile with them. When they dial 911, the profile appears: address, medications, etc. This helped save a life of a severe diabetic. It’s a much better system if stable, but it costs money. It’s something I hope to consider as a board as a recommendation, but is only as good as the number of subscribers.

Day: It is faster than going back to the cell provider.

Gerace: When you dial 911 - photos show up. It’s up to subscriber what to add. 30 states have Smart centers. NYS should be added.

Barbato: Is Smart center a generic term?

Gerace: Probably vendor related.

LaFlure: Are there taxpayer concerns?
Gerace: It’s an ongoing battle. There have been news releases, press conferences, advertisements, and working with RAVE on marketing even in school newsletters. The public is fearful you have keys to the system but you cannot look up data only viewable when a call is received.

Voutour: What kind of storage? Cloud?

Gerace: There are disclosure agreements. There is nothing identity thieves would want. For ex: allergies, etc.

Barbato: Perhaps expansion of smart 911 technologies to be considered as an acceptable grant covered expense?

Gerace: There are Smart centers all over the nation.

Primeau: Is it trademarked - are they all on that?

Gerace: Any community that has it can access your profile when you dial 911

Day: It’s a great tool. Many people will push it. Needs to be on a bigger umbrella.

Bleyle: There are different products out there.

Barbato: it seems worthwhile.

Gerace: Would it be appropriate to ask a rep to come to future meetings?

Tuttle: Have to open up to all similar vendors.

Barbato: Maybe the next public safety event, engineering Dept., etc. would make sense.

Chris Tuttle: There is support – but also there has to be federal dollars available, at this point there is not.

Barbato: Yes, that is another topic.

Gerace: Further funding discussion is necessary.

Barbato: At the federal level, standard discussions are still unclear.

Gerace: State 911 coordinator would be helpful to work with us.

Interoperability Survey & Analysis Project update, Matthew Delaney:
We are looking to identify gaps in interoperability and produce a state tactical interoperability plan. NYS contracted with NYSTEC to conduct survey and analysis. We are building a solution with the collection of information to tie missing pieces together. What can the state do to help fill in gaps to help consortiums communicate? At the next board meeting we should have the data.

Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Update, Larissa Guedko:
Quick update on status of grant program:
Round 1: 16 counties received awards. $10,332,221 reimbursed to date. Over halfway with their project, they must keep on track because there is not much time left. Advise them to look at projects. 3 counties still did not submit vouchers or start projects. Round 2: 29 counties received awards. All counties are in contract, 2 counties have been reimbursed and 27 counties did not submit vouchers yet.
Round 3: 22 counties out of 23 eligible applied. Evaluations of all applications have been completed.
PSAP grant 2012: $9 million appropriated. $7 million for reimbursement of PSAP Consolidation and improvements. 11 counties awarded funding. $2 million for sustainment – 13 counties awarded funding.

2013 PSAP grant: RFA will be released after round 3 grant funds are awarded. Program will be similar to 2012 PSAP grant Local 9-1-1 allocations current status:

2010-2013: All funds have been drawn down 100%. ($9,217,464.00)
2011-2014: 95.5% have been drawn down. ($9,093,216.29)
2012-2015: 78.6% have been drawn down. ($7,310,703.76)

**700 MHz Interoperability Plan, Larissa Guedko:**
In 700 spectrum, we took all those channels, reserved three for state use – the rest we tried to distribute to all counties to make sure there is no interference but solid good use. We will propose a document for use. Mutual aid channels can be used by all eligible entities. Federal are also eligible with specific criteria. (Found in 47 CFR2.102)
The State has to approve and authorize the use of these channels for any entity that wants to use in NYS to FCC. The FCC gave a choice to states: delegate authority to approve or do yourself. NYS chose to do within state, not delegate. The basics: brief, simple and right to the point. Guidelines and full document will be posted within 2-3 weeks on DHSES website and map as well.

**COML Credentialing, Toby Dusha:**
Update on status: COML is the most important person during an event. The single point to manage, lead, direct, unscrew, fix or rectify the communications problems that exist on a daily basis. There is no standard model at a federal level. We are reviewing bits and pieces on how to credential and apply to NYS. We worked with NYS, NIMS/ICS/IMT qualification systems and are looking to simplify and roll out by January 2014. Only 10-15 percent of the trained COMLs are active as COMLs. They are out there and available. Stay tuned – next board meeting it should be rolled out.

**Deployments and Planned Events, Tom Gallagher:**
Requests are coming in for communications assistance and the current system is old. 1st step – collect basic info, who is your COML on duty? Etc. This will be sent out and in turn the county will be contacted. What’s the problem and what do you need? This will be sent out to everyone at OIEC in writing. A decision can then be made on how to handle. Why are we sending an STR? In order to get there, bring necessary tools, etc. OIEC equipment request form: ETA in writing, lead person, people know who’s coming. This worked out well particularly on Long Island. We are trying to make it a good communication tool.

Upcoming exercises: please let us know so we can schedule and be a part of it. Ex: Super Bowl events: NJ State Police and FBI have been trying to evaluate. Command One in Times Square, 2 STR’s, the planning in unbelievable. They are accounting for transportation delays, hazmat teams, with no funding from NFL. Next meeting should be able to provide an update. Any suggestions please let us know.

**ICTAP Update, Christopher Tuttle:**
Quick on Super Bowl – the meetings started in 2012. Last Friday NYC asked for one as well. Communications with co-chairs from the FBI/NJ are consistent with about 30 people now and a COML working group. There are 28 operational periods. The real brains is the FBI and NJSP, they each have a COML assigned. There is a communications flow chart – which shows the pathways by discipline and how they connect. They are embedded as teams – under control 2 patches for the whole event.

There is a formula that defines funding, but now it’s first come first serve. All NYS regions are represented. The request for NYS this year is TICP update for Buffalo, Erie, Niagara, Rochester and Albany. Central NY COML training, Downstate (NYC metro) CASM – software app hosted by DHS to take all info from TICPs and analyze. OEC is offering NYS free train the trainer for COMLEX.
NYS has a lot going on for technical assistance – doesn’t seem to be a challenge to get awards. Anything required for training or engineering, please let us know. The technical assistance catalog is online so please email me any further questions.

Barbato: Chris has been a tremendous asset and strong advocate to NYS to get assistance we need. Let’s try to address needs and priorities to make this easy and feasible.

New Business, Robert Barbato:
I would like to propose meeting dates for 2014 – either the first week of February or end of the month?

Tuttle: The 5th might be the ICC meeting for the city.

Barbato – 2/26/14? We will include everyone. Also, I suggest prior to look at calendars to propose additional meetings. Motion to accept 2/26/14 passes. First meeting for 2014 will be held on 2/26/14.

Informational update: Through our office we are also sponsoring groups in order to have a basis for interoperable topics. Scheduling will start at the beginning of the calendar year with the expectation to share results and data. The Board (September meeting) did establish a FirstNet group. We will be scheduling those meetings and data gathering for first net. We expect additional information over the next 2 weeks. If you are interested let Matt Delaney know.

The significance and importance of communications is to assist in disasters. In some cases in Irene/Lee, some failures and infrastructure needs to be improved. The Commissioner also indicated that there is an interest in investments. We are confident to continue support going forward. Demo projects – we are working with counties. Met with Brian’s counties and as we look forward to deployment and operations –we are exploring technologies to assess capabilities. Mutualink is one, but the priority is to provide connectivity to those who need it. We will do our best not to lose sight of investments and priorities.

Any other topics for today?

Motion to adjourn the meeting? All in favor yes. Meeting adjourned.
STATE INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINE 115.370

Resolution No. 2013-1113-02

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 328(10) of the New York State County Law, the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board is empowered to make recommendations to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services related to the development, coordination and implementation of policies, plans, standards, programs and services related to interoperable and emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board deems it appropriate to make a recommendation to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the standard name and use of a frequency in the State of New York.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board hereby adopts the recommendation of the Channel Naming Workgroup that the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services implement the Communications Guideline regarding the name and use of 155.370 MHz in New York State, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from November 13, 2013.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board at a meeting held on the 13th of November, 2013 at which a quorum was present and voted.

State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board
BY: Robert M. Barbato, Chair

Robert M. Barbato, Chair
COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINE

Name and Use of 155.370 MHz in New York State

SUMMARY:

This document establishes a standard name and use for 155.370 MHz in New York State. This frequency will be known as NYLAW1 and remain a law enforcement interagency channel. This guideline is consistent with existing use and the overall standardization of interoperability channels in New York State.

DESCRIPTION:

Effective immediately, 155.370 MHz shall be known as “NYLAW1” (Pronounced “Nye-Law-One”)

It is understood that transition of naming will take time, however all users should begin use of the new name and should rename visual displays in radio equipment, immediately. Agencies should inform their users of this name change so they are familiar with the new name and how it relates to the current appearance in their radios.

Consistent with existing practice, use of this frequency is restricted to recognized law enforcement agencies (Federal, State, Local and Tribal) for law enforcement related interagency purposes. It is expected that FCC frequency coordinators will assist in maintaining this thought the approval of only authorized licensees applications. Agencies that are not law enforcement who are requesting exceptions to this requirement should contact the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications. Requests will be reviewed and granted where justified and warranted.

(Email: DHESESIOEC@dhses.ny.gov Phone: 518-322-4911)

A Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license or appropriate authorization from a licensee is required for mobile, portable and base station use. A licensee may not authorize non-law enforcement users under their license without approval from the Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications.

PERMITTED USES:

- Law Enforcement Inter-agency communications of a tactical or transient nature.

PROHIBITED USES:

- Dispatching a single agency;
- Substitution for an internal agency operational channel;
- Single agency tactical communications;
- Non-law enforcement communications;
- Routine NCIC or DMV type checks, unless related to a multijurisdictional incident.
Concerns regarding misuse of NYLAW1 should be reported to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for review. (Email: DHSES@dhsses.ny.gov  Phone: 518-322-4911)

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS:

- All radios shall transmit the CTCSS tone of 110.9 Hz on this frequency. Use of receiver tone is optional; however user agencies must be cautioned that not all users currently transmit this tone and therefore receive tone is not recommended at this time.

- Only analog narrowband transmissions are permitted.

- The use of a radio programmed “time out timer” is mandatory, with transmissions not permitted to exceed 120 seconds (2 minutes) each.

UNIT IDENTIFICATION:

- Users shall identify their agency when initiating transmissions on NYLAW1 (e.g. “Empire County Sheriff Unit 241 to Anytown Police K-9 Unit”).

- Users shall utilize plain language when operating on NYLAW1.

JUSTIFICATION:

Since established in the 1970s, the frequency 155.370 MHz has been reserved for law enforcement purposes. Through the years, it became known by many different names, leading to confusion in the end user community. As part of an overall review of interoperable channels, a working group of the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board recommended this standardized name. Additionally, specific usage and licensing guidelines were necessary to ensure its continued usefulness to law enforcement.
STATE INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINE 115.370

Resolution No. 2013-1113-03

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 328(10) of the New York State County Law, the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board is empowered to make recommendations to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services related to the development, coordination and implementation of policies, plans, standards, programs and services related to interoperable and emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board deems it appropriate to make a recommendation to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the standard name and use of EMS VHF radio channels in the State of New York.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board hereby adopts the recommendation of the Channel Naming Workgroup that the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services implement the Communications Guideline regarding the name and use of common EMS VHF radio channels in New York State, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from November 13, 2013.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board at a meeting held on the 13th of November, 2013 at which a quorum was present and voted.

State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board

BY: Robert M. Barbato, Chair
COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINE

Name and Use of Common EMS VHF Radio Channels
In New York State

SUMMARY:
This document establishes a standard name and use for commonly identified and utilized VHF-High Band
channels utilized by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in New York State.

DESCRIPTION:
The following frequencies have been renamed.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>New Name</th>
<th>Pronunciation</th>
<th>CTCSS</th>
<th>Use</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>155.1600</td>
<td>SAR-160</td>
<td>Sarr-One-Six-Zero</td>
<td>131.8 Hz.</td>
<td>Tac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.1750</td>
<td>NYMED175</td>
<td>Nye-Med-One-Seven-Five</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.2200</td>
<td>NYMED220</td>
<td>Nye-Med-Two-Two-Zero</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.2800</td>
<td>NYMED280</td>
<td>Nye-Med-Two-Eight-Zero</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tac and Hospital</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.2950</td>
<td>NYMED295</td>
<td>Nye-Med-Two-Nine-Five</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.4000</td>
<td>NYMED400</td>
<td>Nye-Med-Four-Hundred</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tac and Hospital</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.7150</td>
<td>NYMED715</td>
<td>Nye-Med-Seven-One-Five</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.3400</td>
<td>VMED28 ²</td>
<td>Vee-Med-Two-Eight</td>
<td>156.7 Hz. Transmit ³</td>
<td>Tac and Hospital</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>155.3475</td>
<td>VMED29 ²</td>
<td>Vee-Med-Two-Nine</td>
<td>156.7 Hz. Transmit ³</td>
<td>Tac</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(¹) Transmit CTCSS of 131.8 Hz. for SAR160 has been established by the NYS Federation of
Search and Rescue Teams.

(²) This is a national standard name in the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide
(NIFOG).

(³) Transmit tone of 156.7 Hz. as stated in the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide
(NIFOG). Default operations should be carrier-squelch receive. It is not recommended to
program a receiver tone.
STATE INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1113-03
EXHIBIT A

IMPLEMENTATION:
It is understood that transition of naming will take time, however all users should begin use of the new names and should rename visual displays in radio equipment, immediately. Agencies should inform their users of this name changes so they are familiar with the new names and how it relates to the current appearance in their radios.

LICENSED USE:
This guideline does NOT supersede the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and regulations. An FCC license or appropriate authorization from a licensee is required for mobile, portable and base station use.

CAUTION: Some of these frequencies are not for exclusive EMS Communications use, as they are licensed by other entities for their own operational purposes. Transient users of the frequencies operating in other areas of the state (during mutual-aid conditions) should avoid causing interference with other licensed users.

PERMITTED USES:
EMS Operations (Tactical, Ambulance to Ambulance, Ambulance to Hospital Communications)

PROHIBITED USES:
Non-EMS, non-public safety related activities.

Concerns regarding misuse of these frequencies should be reported to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for review. Email: DHSESOIEC@dhses.ny.gov Phone: 518-322-4911

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS:
- Only analog narrowband transmissions are permitted.
- The use of a radio programmed “time out timer” is mandatory, with transmissions not permitted to exceed 180 seconds (3 minutes) each.

UNIT IDENTIFICATION:
- Users shall identify their agency when initiating transmissions on these channels (e.g. “Acme EMS Unit 123 to Anytown Hospital”).

- Users shall use plain language when operating on these frequencies. The use of “10-codes” or other codes is prohibited.

JUSTIFICATION:
Since the statewide EMS communications plan was established in the 1970s, the list of available channels has changed and they have become known by many different names, leading to confusion in the end user community. As part of an overall review of interoperable channels, a working group of the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board recommended these standardized names.