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# NOTICE

## CHANGE IN NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO CHANNEL

**Effective immediately**, the name of frequency 155.370 MHz has been changed to:

**“NYLAW1”** (Pronounced, “Nye-Law-One”)

*This is the channel that was formerly known as;  
Intrastate, Interstate, MRD, Statewide, State, The Point,  
as well as other locally created names.*

### **HISTORY:**

For the past five-decades, this has been the most common interoperability/mutual-aid channel in the state. As indicated above, based upon local and regional use and policies there have been a variety of names assigned to the channel. As regional mutual-aid and state wide mobilization of responders became more prevalent, the lack of use of a single standardized name often lead to confusion when responders, unfamiliar with other regional radio protocols, policies and local channel names were unable to effectively identify a channel, establish and maintain communications.

### **PURPOSE:**

To establish a single statewide channel name, eliminating the confusion caused by the use of numerous other and inconsistent names.

### **RATIONALE:**

When the National Interoperability Channels were established, a standard naming nomenclature was developed that established common channel names, applicable everywhere in the country. In conjunction with that plan, it was recommended that the states establish a similar naming protocol for common statewide mutual-aid channels. New York State recognized this need and formed a Channel Naming and Usage Working Group, comprised of representatives from various county and state entities, to study the topic. This working group presented its findings and recommendations to the Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board (SIECB) for review, at which time they endorsed the findings and recommended the adoption of the guidelines for statewide implementation

## USAGE:

- For Law Enforcement, INTER-agency communications of a tactical or transient nature
- It is NOT for use as a dispatch, secondary agency channel, supplemental car-to-car channel or as an operational channel for single-agency routine activity

### RECOMMENDED PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT USE

- Develop a plan to re-program the channel name into the radio displays. This should be developed by system/network administrators at the agency, county or state agency level.
- Issue a notice to all effected agencies and personnel under your jurisdiction containing local implementation plans and usage instructions
- Consider accomplishing this when radio equipment is being repaired or programmed
- Inform municipal and commercial radio maintenance facilities of these changes.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon receipt of this notice, agencies should begin using the new names.

- Discontinue using all previously used names
- Begin using the new names, even if the name displays have not been changed
- Reprogramming the radio display names should be accomplished as soon as practical

### ADDITIONAL AWARENESS AND TESTING

To help integrate the new channel name into the vocabulary of the users, it is recommended that dispatch centers implement additional testing of the channel to help promote and emphasize and the use of the new name.

### NOTE FOR AGENCIES THAT MAY HAVE MIGRATED AWAY FROM VHF SYSTEMS, BUT STILL MAINTAIN A BASE STATION ON THIS CHANNEL

It is strongly recommended that users maintain any existing base stations on this channel that are now in place, for use as a mutual-aid law enforcement channel. This is still the most widely programmed and commonly used interoperability channel in the state. It is programmed in most state and federal law enforcement agencies in the state.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS:

For technical details regarding this change, refer to the 155.370/NYLAW1 Communication Guideline document #13-02.

### Please direct any questions to:

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