



COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINE NUMBER 13-02

**New York State Interoperability Channel Naming:
155.370 MHz**

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SUMMARY:

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

DESCRIPTION:

The frequency **155.370 MHz** shall be known as “**NYLAW1**” (Pronounced “Nye-Law-One”). It is understood that the transition of new channel naming will take time. To facilitate this change all users should begin utilizing the **NYLAW1** name and program visual displays in radio equipment with the name when possible. Agencies should notify their users of this channel name update so they become 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 New York State recognized law enforcement agencies (Federal, State, Local and Tribal) for law enforcement related interoperable communications.** It is anticipated that FCC frequency coordinators will continue to assist in maintaining this dedicated use though the approval of only law enforcement applications. Non law enforcement agencies or users who are requesting an exception to the user 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 or denied based on justified needs.
(Email: DHSES.OIEC@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 operational 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.

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS:

- **ALL RADIOS OPERATING ON THIS FREQUENCY SHALL TRANSMIT the Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System (CTCSS) tone of 156.7 Hz.** Use of tone in the receiver is NOT required. In an effort to mask interference, users MAY choose to implement the CTCSS of 156.7 Hz. in a receiver, if affected by out-of-state users or other interference.
- Only **analog, narrowband** transmissions are permitted.
- The use of a radio programed “**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 Any town Police K-9 Unit”).
- Users shall utilize plain language when operating on NYLAW1.
- Automatic Number Identification (ANI) is not required on this channel and the use is discouraged when transmitting 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.

MISUSE OF CHANNEL:

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