

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACT COMMUNICATIONS 8032

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When CAL FIRE undertakes a local government contract, administering and operating a county fire department, for example, there are numerous aspects of communications which must be considered and dealt with. It is important for the Unit Administrative or Operations Officer, and Unit TCO / ECC Chief to work cooperatively, and to coordinate with appropriate county officials and staff regarding radio purchases, system planning, normal replacement schedules, needs assessments, console programming, etc. Command and Control issues will be in accordance with the 8100 Handbook.

The following policies apply to local government contract communications:

All plans to add equipment to the CAL FIRE telecommunications system using local government contract funds must be approved by the Deputy Director for Fire Protection.

- Additional equipment needed, including mobile radios, base stations, HTs, microwave multiplex (MUX) and special control devices or systems must be purchased, installed and maintained at local government expense. When equipment must be purchased by State document, the purchase must be made by Sacramento Telecommunications Staff, via the I.T. procurement system.
- To ensure compatibility with CAL FIRE equipment and systems, communications equipment is to be purchased based on technical specifications stipulated by CAL FIRE and the PSCO.
- All such equipment approved and purchased must be licensed in accordance with FCC requirements, in the name of the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE.
- All communications equipment must be operated by CAL FIRE employees or by local government employees under CAL FIRE supervision.
- Radios owned by CAL FIRE may be rented under local government contracts (Amador Plan) on a monthly basis during the winter.
- Radios used on CAL FIRE systems and owned by local government agencies should be replaced per CAL FIRE's standard replacement schedule, as recommended or required by the PSCO.

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