

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT**  
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**CHANNEL ASSIGNMENT AND CONTROL**  
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The responsibility for radio channel assignment and control rests with the ECCs. The use of any channel not assigned must be approved by the local ECC prior to any use.

**SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**  
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***Responsibility***

**Unit ECC**

Assigns or approves the air-to-air and air ground tactics, command, and support channels for initial and extended attack incidents. May request additional or substitute channels from region CC as necessary to resolve conflicts or meet additional needs. No deviation from the statewide pre-assigned air tactics channel plan is permitted without approval by the region CC.

**Region CC**

Assigns or approves the use of additional air tactics and air-to-ground channels for major fires and other complex incident situations occurring within the region. Assigns channels to be used when a channel/frequency coordinator is in being utilized. Coordinates with USFS (North Ops or South Ops) dispatcher on use of USFS frequencies.

**Air Attack Personnel**

Receive assigned channels from ECC. Identifies conflict(s) and requests substitute or additional channels as needed. Air attack shall obtain ECC's approval prior to utilizing any unassigned channel.

## **AIR BASE FREQUENCY (123.975 MHz)**

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To promote safe operations at air attack bases, a national air tanker base frequency ~~is~~ has been established at 123.975 MHz. This frequency is for communication with aircraft that are on the ground or in the airport pattern, and shall not be used for tactical, flight following or any other communications. This frequency is covered by more restrictive federal licensing limitations and as such cannot be used by other civilian aircraft operations without proper licensing. Limited to 20 watts transmitter power, and cannot be used above 15,000 feet.

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