

Re: FCC - not following its own rules - putting human life in jeopardy

From: Nathan Zelif (zlaw@taxsos.com)

To: erinmarie.ryan@mail.house.gov

Date: Friday, May 28, 2021 at 12:37 AM PDT

SER = Shingletown Emergency Radio Nets

Today, we had a fire in Manton. Approx. 5.75 miles south of Hwy 44 (structures and wild land burning). The issue of Non Hams hit immediately because I was the first Ham alerting on Frequency. I spotted the smoke column while driving. I called Cal Fire with the estimated location, and started Ham Net Activation while mobile (about 20 miles from home and heading East, towards the smoke column). Initially no Hams on Frequency, then one Ham came on. The Ham frequency alerting had also alerted the Village Area Neighborhood net (Murs). I could hear the Non Hams working the tacticals for Internet Camera for visual on the fire, Internet Radar, Internet Winds, on the second radio. But the communications from the Murs Neighborhood Net was very poor / not readable, due to distance and terrain. Thus, we had non hams with vital information that needed to be transmitted over the Ham Frequency. But at one point, no Hams to help.

Yesterday, we had a major internet failure, with no internet, cell phone failures reported, and no Voice Over IP. Thus, many people couldn't call 911 and would not receive any reverse 911 call.

The refusal of the FCC to even read its own regulations (and some Hams) is absurd, and people will die.

We keep hearing in California about the deadly wild fire threat, and for people to prepare, and for people to have communication plans. This is every night on the news!

That this matter is even an "issue" is absurd.

It is clear that some government employees need to be fired. The FCC told me to contact my representative. I did, and they ignore my representative. What is clear, is that we have a rogue agency which is out of touch and devoid of any semblance of common sense, unable and/or unwilling to read English, and is morally bankrupt.

So, to restate the simple question: can a non ham use a ham frequency in order to save human life in an emergency. For illustration, assume a Ham and his wife are driving and have an auto accident. The Ham operator (husband) dies on impact. The wife is going to bleed to death without immediate medical attention, but she is not a licensed Ham operator. The Ham radio is working and she can reach it. The cell phone has no reception. Issue: Can the wife use the Ham radio to call for help?

The answer is either: Yes, or No.

The FCC WRITTEN regulations say YES she can. These specific regulations and Ham Testing materials were already provided to the FCC. In response, an FCC employee advised me that there is no exception for a non licensed person to use the Ham Radio, and another advised essentially that he would let his own mother (a non licensed person) die from a wild fire even if there was a Ham radio that she could have used to save her life. (She must follow the "law").

Is there anyone in government that has common sense?

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On Thursday, May 27, 2021, 11:21:02 PM PDT, Ryan, Erin Marie <erinmarie.ryan@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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Hi Nathan,

I've been working on your issue this week while doing meetings out in the district. I haven't cracked the code yet. but I'm NOT giving up. These guys are just impossible and under Democrat rule it makes it even more of a challenge.

Tell me again what SER Net means please. My brain is awash with acronyms.

from Erin Ryan's cell (530) 515-7135
Congressman Doug LaMalfa CA-01

On May 26, 2021 6:35 PM, Nathan Zelif zlaw@taxsos.com wrote:

We are planning a mobile emergency radio net evacuation drill in preparation for wild fire evacuations.

The false statement that non hams can never use a Ham Frequency to save a human life has caused tremendous damage to the Emergency Fire Net operations.

Is there anyone who can have the FCC at least read and follow its own regulations, and merely quote them?

We just had (yesterday) a complete internet failure, with cell phone failures reported, and Voice over IP not working. We also recently had a wild fire incident. The SER Net allowed areas to communicate immediately during both incidents.

Please advise.

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