



Sheriff **Larry Campbell**

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## LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

October 16, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Leon County Sheriff's Office would like to express its support for the *Consensus Plan* for 800 MHz realignment. First responders in Florida and across the Nation are increasingly at risk because their public safety radio communications are vulnerable to interference from cellular phones. As cellular usage increases, the risk of garbled or blocked public safety communications increases.

The only concern the Leon County Sheriff's Office has with the *Plan* is the remote chance that we might be financially responsible for moving our 800MHz system to other bandwidths or frequencies. This would not be an acceptable option due to the cost of such a major change.

Notwithstanding this, the *Consensus Plan* offers the only real, near term solution to a very difficult problem. The *Plan* addresses interference to public safety systems and allocates additional spectrum for public safety needs.

We urge the FCC to resolve the issues facing the public safety community expeditiously and adopt the *Consensus Plan*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Campbell".

Larry Campbell  
Sheriff

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