



# ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Madam Secretary,

I write today to urge you to take action regarding the pressing problem of public safety interference in the 800 MHz spectrum. This interference to public safety radios is a dangerous reality for first responders and the communities that we protect.

It is estimated that more than 350 public safety agencies will experience interference this year, the highest single year total to date. As you know, this interference, by hampering the ability of public safety officials to communicate clearly, prevents firefighters from performing their jobs as well as they can and should. This puts lives at risk.

I know that there are other proposals to resolve the problem of interference at 800 MHz. Having looked at these however, I feel that the Consensus Plan represents the most lasting and proactive solution to the interference. By realigning the spectrum, public safety interference will be virtually eliminated. The Consensus Plan also provides additional spectrum to public safety for future communications platforms. Perhaps equally important, the Consensus Plan is the only plan that is fully funded, imposing no cost to the public safety community or the American taxpayer.

Respectfully yours,

David Frenzel, Fire Chief  
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cc: Congressman Jim Turner