

Federal Study on Amateur Radio Impediments

HR 3630
PN Closes on 17 May



Federal Study

Why We Need It:

- We don't have much data about Amateur Radio Operators
- Available info is Anecdotal, not Empirical
- What we hope to gain from your input:
 - Impediments regarding:
 - Your Training
 - Your Volunteer Work
 - Organizational Structures
 - Digital Transmission Standards
 - Traffic handling, Net Control Operators, and Related Protocols
 - Certification & Needed Guidance



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We need to know if guidance is still needed for the EmComm community in order to:

- Fully comply with the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Establish Response Standards
- Mesh with the Incident Command System
- Ease Mutual Aid initiatives
- Provide a basis for credentialing
- Provide seamless Communications Interoperability
- Build and improve relationships with served agencies



Answers We Hope to Get from the Study

Where ARS EmComm Is Now

- Where and how are EmComm volunteers used to support emergencies and disasters?

Next Steps

- What are the most **urgent** EmComm challenges and impediments?
- Can the FCC and other federal agencies assist in resolving them?

Where Afe We Going?

- We hope the data you have provided us via our Public Notice will help us determine the direction where the Amateur Radio Service and its emergency communications component are headed and how we can help you get there.



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Submissions via the FCC ECFS site
as of 5-2-2012: **Only 87**

This is a rare opportunity.
File your comments now!



How to File Your Comments

- The FCC Public Notice for Docket 12-91 is at:
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0402/DA-12-523A1.pdf
- The FCC submission web site is at
<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>
 - Click on "Submit a Filing"
 - Use 12-91 for the docket number
 - Fill in the form with your comments



THANK YOU!



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