Instructions for SMRRC Handheld Mobile Radios



These radios have been issued to multiple hospitals, Long Term Care Centers and Healthcare Centers throughout our Region. These are portable handheld radios that should be used outdoors for best use. They can transmit many miles if it is outdoors but do not work well through the concrete of building walls. You should be able to reach your county Emergency Management Agency (EMA) on these radios and **use them for monthly communications drills** on that frequency. All other uses would be for emergencies only or to listen in on other frequencies.

****In order to do the monthly call in drill **you must get a signed Memorandum of agreement with your County EMA**. Please contact them directly for this.

You do not have permission (through the FCC) to use any other frequency on this radio unless it is a dire emergency. You may listen in on all frequencies without any license.

These radios are programmed by SMRRC and we will do updates to them if needed and periodically. Bring them to the monthly Coalition meeting if you want them updated. They are about a 5 watt unit that uses VHF and are Narrow banded. All frequencies and tones are preprogrammed in. There are 4 zones (banks) of frequencies (channels). They are Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties. To switch to your county (zone) use the up or down arrow on the front of the unit.

To change frequencies (channels) use the left dial on top of the unit. Attached are the list of channels as of the writing date of this document (2/9/2017). They will all have names show up on the display when you change channels.

To talk, press the left side button first, pause 1 second, then talk, then leave a short 1 second pause after talking and let go of the talk button.

<u>To Charge</u>; place in charger. You may leave these in charger. Plug the charger into a gang outlet with a switch, so that you can charge at least 1 time per month to full (light goes from red to green when full).

Channel Guide by Zone (County): SEE ATTACHED PAGES

Page 1 York, 2 Cumberland, 3 Sagadahoc, 4 Lincoln

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