

Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Compass Radio of San Diego, Inc.)	File No. EB-FIELDWR-12-5387
Licensee of Station KPRI)	
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Facility ID # 51503)	
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Encinitas, CA)	NOV No. V201332940003

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: December 5, 2012

By the District Director, San Diego Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules),¹ to Compass Radio of San Diego, Inc. (Compass Radio), licensee of radio station KPRI in Encinitas, California. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.²

2. On November 19, 2012, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's San Diego Office inspected radio station KPRI located at 9710 Scranton Road, Suite 200, San Diego, California, and observed the following violation:

- a. 47 C.F.R. § 11.35(a): "EAS Participants are responsible for ensuring that EAS Encoders, EAS Decoders, Attention Signal generating and receiving equipment, and Intermediate Devices used as part of the EAS to decode and/or encode messages formatted in the EAS Protocol and/or the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) are installed so that the monitoring and transmitting functions are available during the times the stations and systems are in operation. Additionally, EAS Participants must determine the cause of any failure to receive the required tests or activations specified in §11.61(a)(1) and (2). Appropriate entries indicating reasons why any tests were not received must be made in the broadcast station log as specified in §§73.1820

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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and 73.1840 of this chapter for all broadcast streams.” At the time of inspection, KPRI did not have records to indicate their equipment was receiving tests formatted with the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP). Additionally, there were no records to determine the cause of failure to receive the CAP tests.

3. As the nation’s emergency warning system, the Emergency Alert System is critical to public safety, and we recognize the vital role that broadcasters play in ensuring its success. The Commission takes seriously any violations of the Rules implementing the EAS and expects full compliance from its licensees.

4. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Compass Radio must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

5. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Commission’s Rules, we direct Compass Radio to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Compass Radio with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Compass Radio’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Commission’s Rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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6. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
San Diego Office
4542 Ruffner St., # 370
San Diego, CA 92111

7. This Notice shall be sent to Compass Radio of San Diego, Inc. at its address of record.

8. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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James T. Lyon
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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).