



Federal Communications Commission
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DA 18-167

Chris A Mollish
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Re: WPKX623 and the use of 453.4625 MHz

Dear Mr. Mollish:

It has been brought to our attention that the Franklin Square & Munson Fire District is using frequency 453.4625 MHz on authorization WPKX623 for internal, routine, day-to-day operations. A review of our licensing records shows that the Commission issued the original authorization for WPKX623 in October 2000 and Franklin Square & Munson Fire District has timely renewed the authorization since that time. However, since the time of the initial authorization, the Commission has imposed new limitations on 453.4625 MHz.

Specifically, 453.4625 MHz is subject to the following limitation: "After December 7, 2000 this frequency is available primarily for public safety interoperability only communications. Stations licensed prior to December 7, 2000 may continue to use this frequency on a co-primary basis until January 1, 2005. After January 1, 2005, all operations will be secondary to co-channel interoperability communications. Analog FM emission shall exclusively be used for operation on the VHF and UHF interoperability channels."¹ Therefore, since frequency 453.4625 MHz is secondary to co-channel interoperability communications, Franklin Square and Munson Fire District must discontinue operation on this frequency if the channel is needed for interoperability. We recognize that such discontinuation may hinder day-to-day operations on this channel to such an extent that Franklin Square and Munson Fire District may need to consider moving to another channel. Should you have any question concerning this matter, please contact me at 202-418-0870 or michael.wilhelm@fcc.gov.

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¹ See *Development of Operational, Technical And Spectrum Requirements For Meeting Federal, State And Local Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements Through The Year 2010*, Third Memorandum Opinion and Order and Third Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 19844 para. 89 (2000). See also 47 CFR § 90.20; Limitation 80.