



CHAPTER 122

CHAPTER 122 SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

Feb 2012

Meeting Minutes 1/12/2012

Meeting begins at 12:28 pm

6 members present

President Bill King begins meeting by asking that the December meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter be accepted.

Jim Hartzler moves to accept, Bob Flis seconds the motion

Reports

Treasurer: None, (Treasurer not present)

Frequency Coordination: No requests

Certification: No requests

Old Business

None

New Business

EAS CAP compliance discussed.

Bob Flis brings the following facts to the discussion; The LP-1 in each operational area may be either a Radio or Television station.

No State Governors status is required in CAPS messaging.

WFMJ-TV and WKBN-TV, WYTV are OK with the RMT test being originated at 06:50 instead of 04:50 from LP-1 WMXY on months that it is scheduled.

Tom Zocolo motions to adjourn meeting, Melissa Limpose seconds the motion

Meeting ends at 12:40 pm



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Recent FCC Fines:

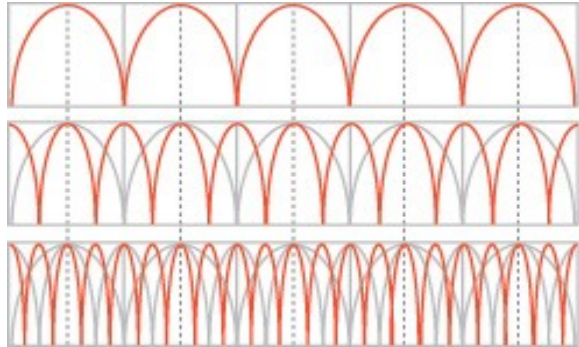
2/3/12 - [73.3526](#) - An [NAL for \\$10k](#) was issued to WODR, Fair Bluff, NC for self reporting Public File violations in 2006-2008. The Padner Group station blamed part of it on operations under an LMA. The FCC acknowledged the station had reported itself, but affirmed the \$10k fine as appropriate.

2/1/12 - [11.35](#) - Roswell, NM seems to be an EAS problem area recently (12/7/11). Now, KCRX' Rosendo Casarez, Jr. has been given [an NAL for \\$ months. The receiver had been damaged and repaired, but was apparently never re-installed. 8k](#), for not having a working EAS receiver for about eight months.

2/1/12 - **Section 301** - While we know the FCC has been hitting pirates for \$10k fines, two from Florida this week indicate that Field Agents are losing patience with some offenders. One, who pleaded poverty to reduce a previous fine of \$20k to \$500, was back on the air again. So, the EB figures that to send a message, [an NAL for \\$25k](#) was appropriate. A different pirate was found interfering with FAA transmissions. [An NAL for \\$20k](#) was issued.

Broadcast RPU's, STL's, ICR's, BAS,relays, etc are FCC Part 74. and should not be effected.

F C C Part 90 Public Safety, Business & Industrial Radio Narrowbanding.



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all Part 90 Business, Educational, Industrial, Utility, Public Safety, and State and Local Government VHF (150-174 MHz) and UHF (421-512 MHz) private LMR (Land Mobile Radio) system licensees convert their radio system operations from legacy 25 KHz “wide-band” to 12.5 KHz (or equivalent) “narrowband” operation by **January 1, 2013.**

(http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-292A1.pdf)

This mandate requires that all currently deployed wide-band only conventional and trunked VHF and UHF hand-held portables, vehicle-mounted mobiles, dispatcher stations, wireless data, telemetry, or SCADA links (called subscriber radios) and, any associated 25 KHz conventional or trunked base or repeater stations (called infrastructure) be replaced with narrow-band equipment prior to the 2013 date in order to continue legal use of licensed radio frequencies beyond that date. In addition, your FCC radio system license must be modified to certify this change in the technical parameters of your system.

All existing Part 90 radio systems operating on frequencies between 150-512 MHz have to convert those systems either to 12.5 kHz bandwidth or to a technology that provides one voice path per 12.5 kHz of bandwidth or provides a data rate of 4800 bps/6.25 kHz. This Deadline is not expected to be extended any further by the FCC, having done so once already. Licensees will be required to certify to the Commission that they have made the technical necessary changes and are using narrowband equipment. Licensees that do not meet this deadline will be cancelled by the FCC and relicensing of cancelled systems will become very difficult.

Monthly Meeting

The February meeting will take place at noon Feb 9th, 2012. We will meet at the Youngstown Sports Grill, 7463 South Ave. Anyone with an interest in broadcast engineering is welcome to attend our meetings. Bring a friend. The meeting gathers around noon and the business meeting begins just after we order Lunch.

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TOWER LIGHT OUTAGES

The number to call to report Tower Light Outages is 877-487-6867.

Be sure to have your tower registration number handy, and the FCC requires you to log outages, and needs to include time and date of the observed outage, when it was reported and the initials of both the person reporting the outage and the person taking the report.

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