

ICS 217

Communications Resource Availability Worksheet

Purpose. Communications Resource Availability Worksheet (ICS 217) provides an inventory of all radio frequencies available for use, but not yet assigned to the IAP. The information is developed and used by the Communications Unit Leader in anticipation of additional communication needs of the incident

Preparation. The ICS 217 is prepared by Communications Unit personnel at intervals specified by the Communications Unit Leader.

Distribution. Initial information recorded on the form should be given to the Resources Unit. Subsequent changes to the use of frequencies be provided to the Resources Unit immediately and then relayed to the Communications Unit.

Notes:

- The ICS 217 is an extension of the ICS 205.
- Frequencies listed on ICS 205 will still be listed on ICS 217. It will be noted under the "remarks" column as "Assigned Tactical", or "Assigned-Air to Ground".

Block Number	Block Title	Instructions
1	Frequency Band	The frequency band (Lowband, VHF, UHF, 700 MHz. or 800 MHz. is provided.
2	Description	A description of the communications information entered on the worksheet (a Province's, agency's, county or city's local channels or talkgroups, etc.)
3	Channel/Talk Group Name	The nomenclature or commonly used name for the channel or talkgroup is provided
4	Channel Configuration	Conventional channels will have the configuration of the channel provided such as "Repeater Pair", "Simplex-Mobile Only", Simplex-Base/Mobile" etc.
5	Users	The discipline or user group to whom this channel/talkgroup may be assigned (e.g. "law", "fire", "any public safety", "provincial agencies", etc.)
6	RX Freq N/W	The receive frequency as the mobile or portable subscriber would be programmed using xxx.xxx out to four decimal places followed by a "N" designating narrowband or a "W" designating wideband emissions is provided. The name of the specific trunked radio system from which the talkgroup is associated may be entered across all fields on the ICS 217 normally used for a conventional channel programming information.
7	PL Tone / NAC	The receive Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System (CTCSS) subaudible tone or Network Access Code for the receive frequency as the mobile or portable subscriber would be programmed is provided.
8	TX Freq N/W	The transmit frequency as the mobile or portable subscriber would be programmed using xxx.xxx out to four decimal places followed by a "N" designating narrowband or a "W" designating wideband emissions is provided
9	PL Tone / NAC	The receive Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System (CTCSS) subaudible tone or Network Access Code for the receive frequency as the mobile or portable subscriber would be programmed is provided.
10	Mode A/D/M	The mode of operation: "A" for analog operation, "D" for digital operation or "M" for Mixed mode operation is provided.
11	Remarks	Information concerning limitations on use such