

BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel  
FROM: Roger Fisher, Deputy Fire Chief, Emergency Command & Data Center  
SUBJECT: 2024 Radio Reprogramming

All personnel, the following communications updates will be completed during the month of May and June as part of the 2024 annual radio reprogramming:

- All 700/800MHz and VHF radios will be reprogrammed for 2024 and a new Fleet Map Folder will be issued to each unit. Reprogrammed radios and the 2024 folders will be indicated by a blue dot. As reminder, the fleet map folder is more than just a list of channels and includes the county wide repeater/tone map and training material for both 700/800MHz and VHF radios currently in use.
- Zones 1-27 are now standard zones for all fire agencies using 700/800Mhz within the County of San Diego. This will in turn move the location of Training, Hospitals, SDPD, and Lifeguard Channels. Below will be the new location of some of the more important San Diego City specific zones:
  - Zone 28 Training
  - Zone 29 Hospitals
  - Zones 31 & 32 Lifeguard
  - Zones 35 & 36 SDPD
  - Zones 37 & 38 SDPD (After Encryption)
  - Zone 40 Special Event Channels
  - Zone 44 Metro VHF Zone
- New Dual Band Motorola APX8500 Mobile radios will be installed in most front line and reserve operations units. This radio is a dual band 700/800MHz & VHF radio similar to the APX8000 portable radios we received last year. Training material on this radio will be posted to Vector Solutions shortly.
- Even though we have been given authorization to use the VHF band in our Motorola APX8000's, units will still retain their GPH CMD portables to provide our personnel a radio that can be cloned on incidents. The GPH CMD radio is also still supported for VHF initial attack within the county.

Please refer any questions through your chain of command to the on-duty ECDC Command Battalion Chief or to Engineer Jason McKeon at [JMcKeon@sandiego.gov](mailto:JMcKeon@sandiego.gov).