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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Group Chairs, Geographic Area Coordination Center Managers

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: Repeater Pre-orders

The National Interagency Incident Communications Division (NIICD) continues to receive orders for additional repeaters on Incident Management Team (IMT) pre-orders. Due to the scarcity of available frequencies and limitations of available repeater equipment, IMT pre-orders must limit repeater requests to what is contained in one 4390 Radio Starter System: one 4312 VHF repeater and one 4248 UHF repeater, each requiring two unique frequencies for operation. Frequencies are a finite resource which must be routinely borrowed from other government entities as national fire activity increases; ordering extra repeaters on a team pre-order prior to establishing system requirements for the incident limits the availability of frequencies and equipment for other incidents.

Due to these frequency constraints and limitations, any additional repeater needs should be discussed with the NIICD Communications Duty Officer (CDO, 208-387-5644) prior to placing orders for additional repeaters. This discussion also ensures that the CDO is better able to obtain and assign frequencies to incidents in a timely manner.

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