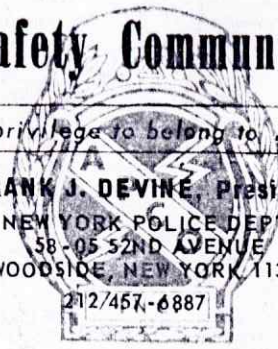


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Memorandum: Board of Officers
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Subject: UNFINISHED BUSINESS-MEETING OCTOBER 6, 7, 1975.

1. Frequency Co-ordination - I have had a chance to study the documents furnished by Al (Letter from Wes Chupp and funding in New Jersey). I do not think the revised PS4A as submitted by Wes is adequate, there is no provision for comments from other services ie. IMSA, AASHO, ESPRI, etc. No provision for frequencies to be deleted, remarks or explanations, etc. Incidentally the Atlantic Chapter meeting at Washington voted not to approve this proposed form at this time. I believe that Jerry should instruct Wes to contact the other Chapter Frequency coordinators for input and suggestions.

As to the matter of the coordinators getting Federal Funding to accomplish their tasks is that while I cannot quarrel with the concept of anyone getting money, I can see perhaps a dangerous precedent being established. Four immediate questions come to mind:

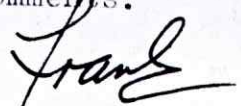
- a. What happens when the Grant runs out, will the agency continue to subsidise monetarily the operation or will frequency coordination be discontinued?
- b. What about the Coordinators that do not receive remuneration, will their agency continue to support the effort in time, postage, telephone, etc. if they realize that some coordinators are funded.

- c. Possible conflicts between LEAA and the FCC. If a man puts up the money he usually wants control.
- d. If as in the present instance a State Agency (N.J. State Police) obtains a grant will this operation become a state governmental function. As you recall the State of New York last year attempted to legislate this, it apparently failed to pass because of opposition (N.Y.C.) and also because neighboring states were not considered in the bill. Frequency coordination is a regional and not a local process.

2. Dockett 20560 - Nationwide Police Emergency Communications Channel. In the absence of comments from the P.S.P. Committee my personal opinion as to the question of the addition of a 900 and 450 MHz frequency, I do not believe this should be recommended. My judgement is based on the following factors:

- a. It would destroy the commonality advantage obtained by a single frequency.
- b. As to the reasoning that use of a single VHF frequency would require dual sets in the vehicle to those units utilizing Low and UHF channels, I do not believe that this argument is specious because:
 - 1. What about the multitude of agencies operating on Low Band which was not mentioned in subject docket.
 - 2. Even if the agency operates normally on High Band a second set would frequently be required because our equipment typically is capable of only about 750 K.C. channel separation.
- c. Normally High Band equipment is the best all around operational frequency to be used for the following factors:
 - 1. Lessened skip and interference problems than that encountered in low band.
 - 2. Path loss attenuation experienced in rural and suburban areas on UHF due to foliage, terrain absorption.

3. Submitted for your review and comments.


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