

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL  
FREQUENCY COORDINATORS' COUNCIL, INCORPORATED AND THE  
AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED

The National Frequency Coordinators' Council, Incorporated (NFCC) and the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated (ARRL) share the common goals of enhancement, recognition and development of Amateur Radio frequency coordination. These goals will be accomplished through improved relations and communication between and among local frequency coordination entities, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the ARRL, NFCC and all Amateur Radio Service (ARS) licensees.

The parties wish to formalize their mutual recognition, responsibility, support and commitment, each to the other, to achieve their common goals.

The parties, in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, hereby state their terms of agreement and common understanding as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS

1. The National Frequency Coordinator's Council (NFCC) is a District of Columbia non-profit corporation, the membership of which is composed of delegates from recognized frequency coordinators in the United States.
2. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is a Connecticut, non-profit, Section 501(c)(3) Corporation whose members are radio amateurs, organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment of networks to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies, for public service in any form, for the advancement of the radio art and public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative matters (both national and international), and for the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.
3. The National Frequency Coordinators' Office (NFCO) is the ARRL administrative office functioning on behalf of the NFCC as the single point of administrative contact and the national information exchange for ARS frequency coordination information.

## II. THE NFCC WILL:

1. Develop, and recommend for adoption by coordinators, fair and equitable standards and procedures for frequency coordination throughout the United States, its territories and possessions.
2. Provide and administer a fair and equitable process for dispute and interference resolution related to frequency coordination.
3. Foster and promote the introduction and use of technologies which offer increased efficiencies in the use of spectrum used by repeaters and auxiliary stations.
4. Communicate with ARRL regarding regulatory and technical modifications or enhancements necessary or desirable for the promotion of frequency coordination and the fair and responsible administration thereof.
5. Establish standards and procedures for identification, certification and decertification, and the orderly succession of frequency coordinators.
6. In areas in which NFCC and ARRL agree on matters of Amateur regulatory, technical or operating policy, NFCC will cooperate with ARRL and utilize its resources to achieve common goals.
7. Collect and supply data to ARRL verifying band occupancy and usage to protect and enhance amateur spectrum allocations.

## III. THE ARRL WILL:

1. Provide suitable resources and support for the NFCCO.
2. Recognize the independence of the NFCC and support and encourage the NFCC in the common goals defined herein.
3. Communicate with the NFCC regarding regulatory and technical modifications or enhancements believed by ARRL to be necessary or desirable to the ARS, to the extent that such may impact frequency coordination, or the fair and responsible administration thereof.

4. Disseminate to the amateur community at large the identity and contact information for NFCC-certified frequency coordinators.
5. In areas in which the NFCC and ARRL agree on matters of Amateur regulatory, technical or operating policy, the ARRL will cooperate with the NFCC and utilize its resources to achieve common goals.
6. At the sole discretion of its Board of Directors, the ARRL may, from time to time, make contributions to the operations of the NFCC.

#### IV. THE NFCO WILL:

1. Maintain the national database for all matters affecting frequency coordination in the United States, its territories and possessions.
2. Serve as day-to-day primary channel for communications between the NFCC and the FCC.
3. Serve as the central repository for information concerning standards and procedures for frequency coordinators; procedures for dispute resolution related to frequency coordination and interference related to repeater operation; and identification, certification, decertification, and succession of frequency coordinators.

#### V. LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AGENDA

From time to time, the ARRL and the NFCC will jointly and cooperatively develop an agenda of legislative and regulatory goals for the enhancement, recognition and development of Amateur Radio frequency coordination.

#### VI. IMPLEMENTATION, AMENDMENT, AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect upon signature by authorized officials of the ARRL and the NFCC. It may be amended by mutual agreement of both parties in writing, and will remain in effect until terminated upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to either party by the other. The ARRL and the NFCC will periodically review the provisions hereof and coordinate such revisions as may

be necessary.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have placed their hands and seals as of the following dates.

NATIONAL FREQUENCY COORDINATORS' COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Owen Wormser \_\_\_\_\_ 01/07/1997 \_\_\_\_\_  
Its President Date

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Rod Stafford \_\_\_\_\_ 12/17/1996 \_\_\_\_\_  
Its President Date

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