



# Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center

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## COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FIRE SERVICE POLICY

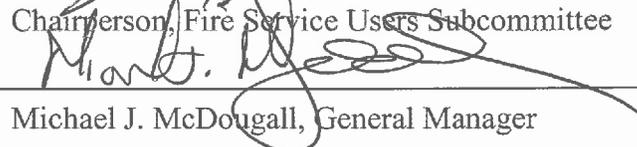
<b>Policy No.</b> 5360	Date Issued: June 1, 1996
Section: 5300 – Radio Procedures	Date Revised: October 15, 2002
Accreditation Standards: None	

**SUBJECT: CALCORD FREQUENCY**

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The California On-Scene Emergency Coordination System (CALCORD) was established to provide common radio frequencies to be used statewide by state and local public safety and special emergency agencies during periods of manmade or natural disasters or other emergencies where inter-agency coordination is required.

CALCORD can be used in mobile and portable units at the scene of any emergency incident requiring coordinated action by more than one agency. These agencies must be eligible to operate in the Public Safety or Special Emergency Radio Services. Use of this system will be limited to emergency operations only, with the exception of tests and drills. CALCORD may not be used for any base station transmissions.

Three priority use levels have been established:

- Priority 1: Disaster and extreme emergency operations, for mutual aid and inter-agency communications.
- Priority 2: Emergency or urgent operations involving imminent safety of life or property.
- Priority 3: Drills, test and exercises of a civil defense or disaster nature.

When a higher priority or use is required, all lower priority use must cease in any area where interference could occur. In all instances, all usage must be in strict accordance

with the FCC Rules and Regulation and with any other policies prescribed by the State Office of Emergency Services.

The CALCORD frequency is 156.075 MHz.