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Subject: RE: Channel Naming Task Group Comment Resolution  
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John,

I have asked VA EMS for their opinion explaining to them where we are with this. I have also double-checked with state EMS communications folks. I will let you know. Essid is incorrect in his comment on "MED" use. "MED" has always been the UHF 10 EMS channel set of names and has never been a hospital designator. It would have more impact to have to change those names to "EMS" to comply with a national scheme than to start using "MED" for VHF and other frequencies which have a mix of local names as long as we are sure that the new scheme won't confuse current users of MEDS 1-10, which you have assured us won't happen.

Assuming I get another nod on this I will try to generate a letter, but I can't promise...too much on the plate in the next several days. I am working through the weekend on a deadline project as is.

Thanks,

Kevin

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**From:** JS Powell [mailto:jpowell@berkeley.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 3:03 AM  
**To:** Kevin McGinnis  
**Cc:** Don Root  
**Subject:** Channel Naming Task Group Comment Resolution

Kevin,

We're completing the resolution of the CNTG comments filed during the public comment period following the February meeting in Orlando. Chris Essid, on behalf of the Commonwealth of VA, opposes the new "MED" names for the EMS channels, preferring that they be kept as "EMS." Chris stated in his comments:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia fully supports the NPSTC Report of Committee on the Standard Channel Nomenclature for the Public Safety Interoperability Channels with one reservation. The Commonwealth believes the proposed change of the usage designation from "EMS" to "MED" should be reversed back. The term/acronym EMS is more appropriate for interoperability among emergency medical services than the term MED, which has a more restrictive implication to hospital and medical treatment facilities."

Noting that we've been very careful to ensure that there is no overlap between the UHF MED 1-10 names and the new names, the major reason for this decision is that "Med" is much easier and faster to say over-the-air than "EMS". Don and I wanted to make sure that your organization is OK with this change, noting that it appears to already have the full support of the fire service.

John

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Cc: Don Root <don.root@sdsheriff.org>, Marilyn Ward <mward@npstc.org>

Thanks again for your help Kevin,

Don, please note the message string below with regard to the desires of the Commonwealth of VA EMS group on the use of "EMS" vs. "MED"

Chris will, of course, be at the meetings next week so we'll have an opportunity to talk to him about this subject.

John

At 11:48 AM 6/7/2007, Kevin McGinnis wrote:

John,

Virginia EMS responded that they strongly FAVOR the use of MED.

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