



MPSCS Bulletin # 2013-06

The next MPSCS phase of the FCC mandated re-banding will begin on Tuesday, October 22. This phase requires tuning all MPSCS towers to new 800 MHz frequencies.

The tower re-tuning task requires the individual MPSCS site to be disabled for a Service Window of approximately four hours while the following tasks are completed:

- Reprogram and align 800 MHz trunking stations
- Retune RF combining & distribution equipment
- Reprogram configurations within the Zone Controllers
- Testing of the site for technical compliance and operation
- Decommissioning of the Back-to-Back Mutual Aid station

During the re-tuning process, the site will be disabled to permit re-tuning of the equipment and avoid busies to the MPSCS user. To minimize the time of user impact, each site will have two technicians deployed to expedite the re-tuning work.

During the time a site is disabled, portable radio coverage will be reduced in the area served by the tower. Mobile radios will typically roam to an adjacent tower but it is still possible for the mobile radio to experience a reduction in coverage. **No two adjacent sites will be re-banded at the same time.**

The new FCC mandated frequencies were programmed into your re-banded mobile and portable radios as part of the subscriber re-banding process. The old Mutual Aid frequencies were replaced in your radios as part of the re-banding process.

The re-banding effort starts October 22 and will continue through early 2014. Every effort will be made to shorten the individual time required to re-tune the sites and complete the work effort for the MPSCS towers.

As part of quality control for this major project, the four re-banding crews are scheduled for single sites with extended Service Windows for the first two days while validating programming, tuning and testing methods.



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The initial sites to be re-tuned are:

Day	Date	Service Window	Site	Also known as	County
Tuesday	10/22/2013	All Day	7205	Cordwood	Cheboygan
Wednesday	10/23/2013	All Day	6305	Lake	Clare
Wednesday	10/23/2013	All Day	6604	Pentwater	Mason
Wednesday	10/23/2013	All Day	8602	Iron Mountain	Dickinson
Wednesday	10/23/2013	All Day	9309	Lincoln	Chippewa
Thursday	10/24/2013	All Day	6304	Harrison	Clare
Thursday	10/24/2013	All Day	6603	Ludington	Mason
Thursday	10/24/2013	All Day	8104	Republic	Marquette
Thursday	10/24/2013	All Day	9308	De Tour	Chippewa
Friday	10/25/2013	A.M.	6202	Baldwin	Lake
Friday	10/25/2013	A.M.	7509	St Helen	Roscommon
Friday	10/25/2013	A.M.	8305	Hessell	Mackinac
Friday	10/25/2013	A.M.	9201	Amasa	Iron
Friday	10/25/2013	P.M.	3202	Sterling	Arenac
Friday	10/25/2013	P.M.	6201	Luther	Lake
Friday	10/25/2013	P.M.	8303	St. Ignace	Mackinac
Friday	10/25/2013	P.M.	9207	Crystal Falls	Iron

MPSCS Bulletins will be distributed weekly or bi-weekly with scheduled dates for re-tuning of the MPSCS towers.

The MPSCS NCC may be contacted at (888) 554-4622 or (517) 333-5050 if you have a question regarding the operation of the MPSCS during this mandated FCC re-tuning project.