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## FCC Licensing Services

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On our Blog page at <http://falconinfo.blogspot.com>, in the FCC Information section, we have pointed out the virtual apathetic indifference on the part of many communications users and resellers to the requirements of operating 2-way radios in accord with the applicable rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The laxness of the FCC has been interpreted by many as weakness. That could soon prove to be a major mistake. In a weak economy, it is not only the private sector that suffers, but government as well. As fewer goods are sold and fewer people employed, government revenues decline as well. In December of 2008, the State of New York enacted over 80 new taxes! Those agencies that cannot produce income by additional taxes, such as the FCC, will resort to charging generating income in the only methods available to them – fees and fines! Higher fees for their services can be expected as well as stepping up enforcement for collection of fines. These fines can be up to eight thousand dollars PER DAY!

We have gone to a great deal of effort to explain the power and authority of the FCC along with the need to comply with the applicable rules. Some have criticized us for pointing out the problem without providing a solution. We have decided to do something about that by offering a totally new service that is totally unique in the communications industry.

We are not a service bureau, coordinator, or government agency. We are a for profit enterprise established to provide specific and unique services for a select user group. Specifically we confine our services to the needs of VHF and UHF conventional system users. Our activities are primarily focused on the following activities:

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### On-Site Licensing

is the term applied to communications primarily within buildings or campus settings with a particular emphasis on churches, hospitals, manufacturing plants, retail, and schools. The majority of these systems are UHF with a particular emphasis on low power portable equipment with the capability of including fixed or mobile radios as well as repeaters as required.

We strongly recommend limiting power for compliance with international safe radiation standards and optimal battery operating life and low maintenance cost. This is a subject for another time but for now, we will just say that it is our job to do what is best for you; not only in assisting in equipment selection, but protecting you from the dangers of excessive RF radiation, minimizing cost of operation, and helping you comply with FCC Rules.

We prepare our On-Site license applications to meet both current 12.5 kHz analog licensing standards as well as 6.25 kHz digital standards which will come into effect before the end of a current 10 year license authorization. The cost will depend on whether the applicant is tax exempt (schools and government owned hospitals), non-profit agencies or institutions (churches as well as some private schools) or commercial enterprises such as for profit construction companies, hospitals, retail operations, manufacturers and others with On-site wireless communications needs. The cost for On-Site licensing is as follows:

**Government agencies - \$620 - Non-Profit organizations - \$680 - Commercial enterprises - \$ 940**

Note: We do not include the MURS radio service which is a license free VHF service or GMRS which is a UHF service for non-commercial personal use for inclusion in our licensing services. However, for those who might wish to apply for a GMRS personal use license, we do offer an application form at [www.info4u.us/GMRS\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.info4u.us/GMRS_Application_Form.pdf). The average user can complete this form without outside assistance. There is an eighty dollar FCC filing fee required for a GMRS license. Information on our MURS and GMRS products is available at [www.mursradios.com](http://www.mursradios.com).

## Public Safety Organizations

Public safety generally describes an organization that provides fire protection, law enforcement, or emergency medical services. The organization can be either governmental (tax exempt), non-profit (as is the case with most volunteer fire and rescue departments) or private fire, security, and ambulance services are generally defined as for-profit commercial entities. ALL must either (a) operate under the authority of an eligible FCC licensee, (b) maintain their own FCC license, or (c) both.

Our most frequent request is to assist in providing a *mobile only* frequency for tactical on-scene use and/or control of a vehicle repeater. The fee for a *mobile only* frequency is as follows:

**Government Entities - \$710 - Non-Profit Departments - \$780 - For-Profit entities - \$1030**

The second most common need is for licensing a fixed location repeater (actually a pair of frequencies) which normally also includes a mobile only frequency. This private repeater allows a user to conduct normal activities on their private frequency to reduce congestion on the main dispatch repeater. The price for repeater licensing, including a mobile only frequency follows:

**Government Entities - \$1,235 - Non-Profit Entities - \$1,295 - For-Profit Entities - \$1,555**

## Hospital Network Licensing

Throughout the United States, hospitals were licensed back in the 1970's for the purpose of providing direct wireless communications between the hospital and ambulances on the frequency of 155.340 and between hospitals on the frequency of 155.280 MHz. The network was known by many different names, but the most commonly known name is the Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio (H.E.A.R.) system. Many of these licenses have expired or have not been kept up to date with changes of ownership, antenna locations and other operating changes. The price for bringing these licenses up to current standards (per hospital) are as follows:

**Government Hospitals - \$710 - Non-Profit Hospitals - \$770 - For-Profit Hospitals - \$1030**

Note: The above prices are ONLY for VHF H.E.A.R. system licensing. Those hospitals that may be operating private wireless communications systems for internal administration, housekeeping, security, and transportation will require separate licensing for these systems in accord with the terms on our On-Site licensing services which allow the use of five individual frequencies or two repeaters plus a tactical channel, or a single repeater with three tactical channels. The new license will be meet both current 12.5 kHz analog licensing standards as well as 6.25 kHz digital standards which will come into effect before the end of a current 10 year license authorization. Additional information on the H.E.A.R. system and our available products is available at [www.medicradios.com](http://www.medicradios.com).

To obtain a license, please go to [www.info4u.us/FCC\\_Form\\_601.pdf](http://www.info4u.us/FCC_Form_601.pdf) and download the complete file for your records. Complete and sign the Signature section on the last page and mail the original form to Falcon Direct – 36 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW – Birmingham, AL along with your check applicable to the selected license desired. Your check should be made payable to Falcon Direct. If you are claiming non-profit status as a volunteer fire department or other non-profit entity, also include a copy of your 501(c)(3) exemption certificate. If you have an existing FCC license whether current, expired, or requiring modification, please fax a copy to 205.853.6178.

# FCC Application Information Form

Entity Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode (Mailing) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Type Entity (Check one): Government Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit \_\_\_\_\_ For-Profit \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclose a copy of tax exemption certificate (501(c)(3) if applying as a non-profit organization

Are you a State \_\_\_ County \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ municipal government? A privately owned enterprise \_\_\_?

An Association \_\_\_? Corporation \_\_\_? Under the laws of what State \_\_\_? Other \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency Band preference: \_\_\_\_\_ VHF \_\_\_\_\_ UHF (If unknown, we will select for you).

What is your area of operation? \_\_\_\_\_ On-Site \_\_\_\_\_ City wide \_\_\_\_\_ County wide \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain what you do \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying for a repeater station, will the antenna be mounted on an existing antenna structure? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If answered "Yes", is this structure currently used by you or another 2-way radio user? If so, what is the licensee name and call signs of associated transmitter? \_\_\_\_\_

If the antenna will be placed on a building or new structure, please describe the type of structure, proposed height including antenna (assume antenna to be 19 feet), and the location address if different from the street address provided on this application.  
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Type license desired (Check one): Fees as applicable from chart below:

| Type License           | Government Agency | Non-Profit Entity | For-Profit Entity |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| On-Site Systems        | \$629             | \$680             | \$940             |
| Public Safety Mobile   | \$710             | \$770             | \$1030            |
| Public Safety Repeater | \$1,235           | \$1,295           | \$1,555           |
| H.E.A.R. System        | \$710             | \$770             | \$1030            |

Enclose mail check payable to Falcon Direct, Inc for applicable amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus the aforementioned 501(c)(3) exemption certificate (If you are a VFD, also enclose a copy of your state or country certificate authorizing performance of fire prevention services), a signed FCC Form 601 last page, available at [www.info4u.us/FCC\\_Form\\_601.pdf](http://www.info4u.us/FCC_Form_601.pdf) and this form to:

Falcon Direct, #36 – 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Birmingham, AL 35215. If you have any questions, please call 205.854.2611 or email [sales@falcondirect.com](mailto:sales@falcondirect.com). If you have an existing FCC license whether current, expired, or requiring modification, please fax a copy to 205.853.6178.