

A word about FCC licensing

Operating 2-way radios improperly or without a license can result in receipt of correspondence similar to this - *You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator of this illegal operation to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary forfeitures, in rem arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (See 47 U.S.C.SS 401, 501, 503 and 510).*

Guess what? It isn't your radio supplier that is responsible for compliance with FCC Rules and Regulations. It's YOU! Saying you didn't know or were not told won't help. Think the rules don't have any teeth in them? Consider the following action against a marine radio user (you mean you have to have a license to operate a boat radio?).

In this Forfeiture Order ("Order"), we issue a monetary forfeiture in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to Scottie E. Kennedy for willful violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act").¹ The noted violation involves Mr. Kennedy's operation of a transmitter of 157.025 MHz (VHF marine channel 80) without a license. Want more information on FCC fines? Read the full Report and Order at www.falcondirect.com/FCCFines.pdf in particular pages 26 through 29.

So – what's our point? The point is simple. It is highly unlikely that a cataloger, web merchandiser, supply house, or even many 2-way radio dealers have any concern relative to your compliance with FCC rules. Many of them don't know the rules themselves. So what is the solution? We think the solution is to let someone take responsibility for you.

We offer such a service starting with a review of your current licenses to be sure that none have expired and that necessary reporting to the FCC has been made. Most importantly, we will check for unlicensed or improper operation. The fee for this service is \$100 per operating channel. After review, we will submit a recommendation for action as required.

If you do not have a license, we will prepare, submit, and administer an authorization for up to five 12.5 or 6.25 kHz channels for \$500. For additional information, please call us at 1.800.489.2611.