



St. John Ambulance Saint-Jean

MEMORANDUM

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Attention/À l'attention de : Branches and Brigade Units
 From/Expéditeur : Brian Cole, Manager, Community Services Date : **November 29, 2000**
 CC. : District Chairs, Area Commissioners
 Subject/Sujet : **Telecommunications (Radio) Equipment**

Industry Canada Spectrum Management, the federal department responsible for telecommunication standards in Canada is currently instituting a number of changes to improve the availability of radio frequencies for users.

One such change will affect the land mobile bands of which the St. John Ambulance provincial common VHF frequency, and many private St. John Ambulance frequencies are located. This change facilitates the introduction of more efficient equipment and systems, but will also result in making many existing types of radio equipment currently used in the field, obsolete.

Much of the existing equipment may be able to be reprogrammed to meet these new standards, however many types may not be able to be reprogrammed and therefore will need to be replaced. Over the next four years radios are being required to comply with these new changes in order to be licensed and to remain useable in the field.

Council is currently researching opportunities to assist Branches and Brigade Units with upgrading/replacing existing equipment. To assist us in this process we are asking each Branch/Brigade Unit to provide us information related to your existing equipment.

We would ask that you complete the attached form and forward it to the Community Services Department at Council no later than January, 1 2001.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions please contact me at 1-800-268-7581 ext. 243.



**St. John Council for Ontario
 Telecommunications (Radio) Survey**
 (please complete one form for each piece of equipment)

Branch/Brigade Unit: _____

Type of equipment:

Base station Mobile Handheld

Brand (Make) of equipment: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

Frequencies: _____

Please return completed form to the **Community Services Department,
 St. John Council for Ontario, 46 Wellesley Street East, Toronto, ON
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