

## Bonner County Communications System Demarcation

Whereas, there is a need for clarity on the responsibilities of the county in regards to the communications system/infrastructure used by public safety.

The County of Bonner takes responsibility for the following system/infrastructure:

One UHF 450 Mhz channel from the 9-1-1 PSAP to county authorized repeater sites.

And/Or

One VHF 150 Mhz band channel from the 9-1-1 PSAP to county authorized repeater sites.

Current Authorized Repeater Sites:

Baldy Mountain -

HooDoo Mountain -

Schweitzer Mountain - One VHF channel only

County Courthouse -

Priest River Jr. High School – One UHF Channel

Samuels/TransCanada - One UHF channel only

Sundance – One VHF channel only

New sites or channels will be added as the county authorizes them.

Currently the county allows use of the current UHF channel to all law enforcement agencies who agree to follow any requirements set forth by Bonner County Communications or Bonner County 9-1-1. This will be followed up with contracts with each agency to ensure expectations are set forth, compliance is maintained, and enforcement is possible.

Currently the county allows use of the current VHF channel to all EMS/fire/SAR agencies who agree to follow any requirements set forth by Bonner County Communications or Bonner County 9-1-1. This will be followed up with contracts with each agency to ensure expectations are set forth, compliance is maintained, and enforcement is possible.

The county may choose to remove authorized sites and/or channels to the system which may result in decreased radio coverage.

All authorized sites/radio channels will be maintained and repaired by the county.

The goal for all repairs to the system/infrastructure will be as quickly as it is prudent to do so. Considerations of weather, technical repair availability, [accessibility](#), availability of replacement part(s)/equipment, cost of repairs, etc. may affect the repair time frame.

All agencies using the Bonner County communications system will be responsible for their own communications plan that allows their agency to have a backup plan for interconnecting with the Bonner County communications system in case of failure of any part of the BC communication system.

Any changes to the county communications system/infrastructure must be authorized by Bonner County.

All agencies using the Bonner County communications system will be responsible for their equipment legally and properly (in a technical sense) interconnecting with the authorized radio sites.

All agencies using the Bonner County communications system will be responsible for reporting system problems in writing, and to requested specificity, to ensure repair personnel can troubleshoot and repair system problems with the least possible cost to Bonner County. [Any needs not reported in a timely manner, in writing, will be the responsibility of the owner of the equipment.](#)

All agencies using the Bonner County communications system will be responsible for keeping their equipment used to interconnect with the county system maintained and annually inspected for frequency, deviation, and general good repair.

All agencies using the Bonner County communications system who report system problems which require Bonner County to expend funds to investigate shall bear the cost of such investigation if the origin or cause of the problem is determined not to be a Bonner County communication system/infrastructure problem.

All agencies who request to interconnect with the 9-1-1 PSAP or with any part of the county system/infrastructure using methods or equipment not currently used in the county system/infrastructure will bear the entire cost of such an interconnect, including, but not limited to equipment, installation, and training. Further costs may be incurred if requested changes increase workload, in any manner, in order to operate.

Bonner County does not foresee a time where there will be one hundred percent radio coverage for mobile or portable radios. For areas where there is little or no radio coverage the responding agencies are responsible for providing any extended infrastructure to reach and interconnect with the nearest authorized county site.