

YR ED MOMENT 11/30/17 YELLOW RADIO REPROGRAMMING

Over the past months we have been practicing using our yellow radios to enable us to communicate effectively during an emergency. We've learned a lot, but we have also discovered some glitches. Tonight's educational moment explains changes we plan to make as a result of what we've learned.

As you may remember, we discovered radio interference between a few zones. Because of that interference we switched some zones to channels that were not consistent with the zone number. For example, Zone 4's channel moved from 104 to 118. Additional changes were made making it difficult to know which channel a zone should be using, channel numbers no longer matched zone numbers.

We have attempted to address interference problems and align the channel labels with zone labels. Thanks to our technical gurus we have been able to accomplish this task

So what does that mean? IT MEANS YOUR YELLOW RADIO NEEDS TO BE REPROGRAMMED!

A reprogramming team will be at Fire Station 13 every day from Friday January 5th through Thursday January 11th, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM, to reprogram your radio.

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If you are not available during that week, you may drop it off at Fire Station 13, located on Highway 101 between Nehalem and Manzanita, during working hours. Please remove the antenna, it unscrews from the radio, place the radio in a zip-lock bag along with a slip of paper with your name, email, and phone number written on it. You will be notified when your radio is ready to be picked up.

NOTE: If possible, bring the radio to Station 13 on either a Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday between the hours of 11 AM to 1:30 PM while Ginger is there. She will have a supply of zip-lock bags and understands the procedure. Please do not leave your radio at Station 13 until after January the 11th.

Programming changes will affect every zone channel and all Yellow Radios will need to be reprogrammed. **After January 11th you will not be able to communicate within your zone unless your radio has been reprogrammed!**