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Safety Message: Radio Channel Currency Issue

Due to frequency changes at the national level, it has been identified that the NIFC Command 1-6 channels currently being deployed to incidents will be different than those pre-programmed into radios as part of the 2017 wildland fire VHF channel plan. This issue will be rectified when agencies in California reprogram their radios with the newly released FIRESCOPE 2018 MACS 441-1 Channel Plan <http://www.firescope.org/macs-docs/MACS-441-1.pdf>.

Until that time, when responding to an incident, it is imperative that CA fire agencies either have their radios programmed at the incident or their pre-programmed radios checked before deploying to a line assignment to ensure they are programmed appropriately. Simply checking to see if the channel names match is not sufficient.

Please direct any additional questions to your representative on the FIRESCOPE Communications Specialist Group <http://www.firescope.org/specialist-groups/communications/comm-roster.pdf> or your Cal OES Fire & Rescue Region Assistant Chief <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/FireRescueSite/Documents/Cal%20OES%20Region%20AC%20Map.pdf>.