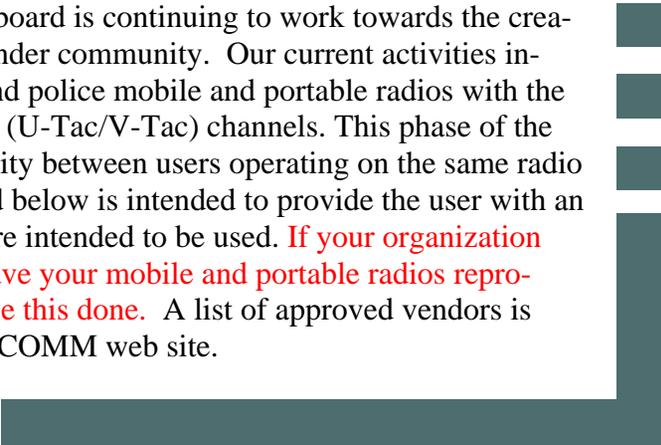


The Vermont Communications (VCOMM) board is continuing to work towards the creation of a "lifeline system" for the first responder community. Our current activities include the reprogramming of all EMS, fire and police mobile and portable radios with the national calling (U-Call/V-Call) and tactical (U-Tac/V-Tac) channels. This phase of the project will provide immediate interoperability between users operating on the same radio bands (UHF / VHF). The brochure included below is intended to provide the user with an overview of the frequencies and how they are intended to be used. **If your organization has not yet been contacted by a vendor to have your mobile and portable radios reprogrammed, please contact your vendor to have this done.** A list of approved vendors is posted in the Radio Vendor section of the VCOMM web site.



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Vermont Communications U-Call/V-Call (U-Tac/V-Tac) User's Guide

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<u>Label</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>CTCSS</u>	<u>Description</u>
U-Call	453.2125	156.7	National Calling
U-Tac 1	453.4625	156.7	UHF Tactical
U-Tac 2	453.7125	156.7	UHF Tactical
U-Tac 3	453.8625	156.7	UHF Tactical
V-Call	155.7525	156.7	National Calling
V-Tac 1	151.1375	156.7	VHF Tactical
V-Tac 2	154.4525	156.7	VHF Tactical
V-Tac 3	158.7375	156.7	VHF Tactical
V-Tac 4	159.4725	156.7	VHF Tactical



Who determines when to use U-Call/V-Call and U-Tac/V-Tac?

An Incident Commander or Unified Command determines whether or not to use these channels and which ones will be used.

What are U-Call/V-Call and U-Tac/V-Tac?

U-Call and V-Call are shared national calling channels and U-Tac and V-Tac are shared national tactical channels. These channels are for **multi-agency** responses similar to Fire Ground and Mutual Aid channels. The U-Tac/V-Tac frequencies will allow interoperability between all agencies who have these frequencies in their radios. The U-Call/V-Call frequencies will allow direct communication with a PSAP while responding to any region in Vermont.

When can these frequencies be used?

During any **multi-agency** response. Note: The PSAPs will not have the ability to monitor the U-Tac/V-Tac frequencies.

Where can I use these frequencies?

Anywhere in the State of Vermont. In the future you will be able to use these frequencies in our neighboring States & Provinces for interoperability or for “lifeline” requests.

Why would I want to use these?

They will alleviate the congestion often encountered at an incident by having multiple channels available for use.

Note: When the Incident Commander, Unified Command or Communications Officer decides to communicate on these frequencies, the area PSAP should be notified that the U-Tac/V-Tac frequencies are being utilized.