



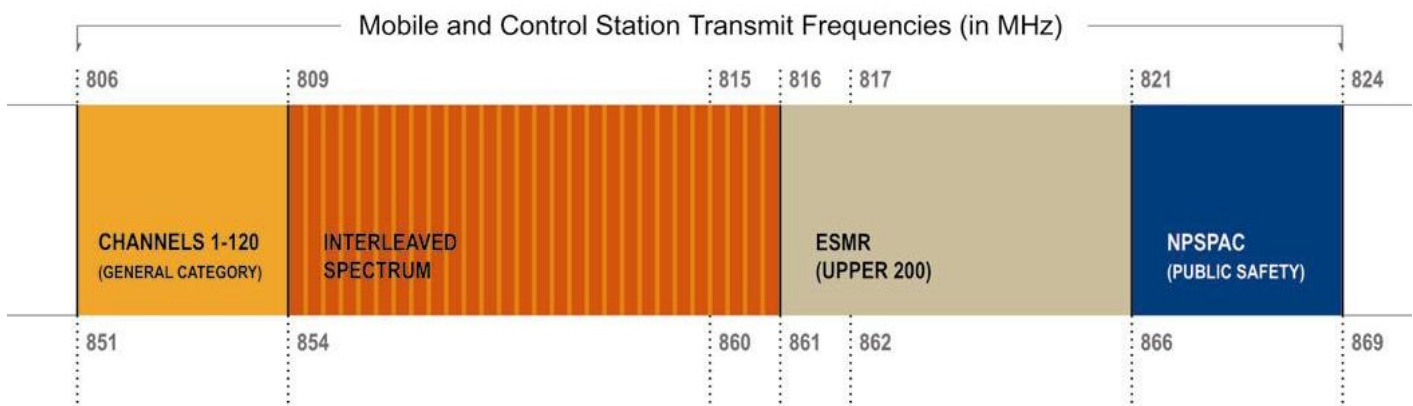
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The Official Reconfiguration Manager

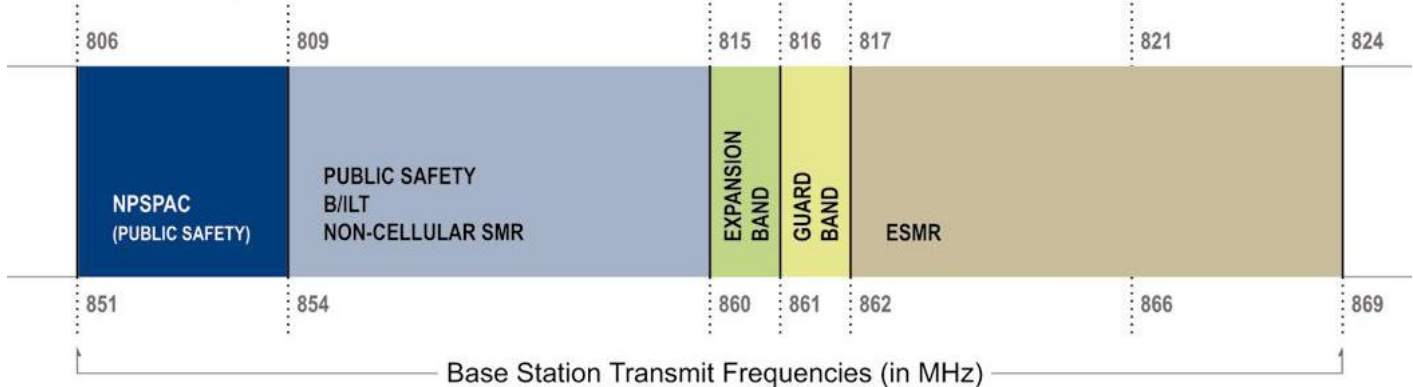
800 MHz Reconfiguration Program: The Expansion Band

Over the past several years, public safety communications systems operating in the 800 MHz band have increasingly been experiencing interference from cellular-type commercial systems. To address the harmful interference, the FCC ordered a reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band, moving public safety licensees to lower segments of the band and commercial cellular networks to higher segments, separated by an Expansion Band and a Guard Band. The diagram below shows the 800 MHz band before and after reconfiguration.

Current Channels



Reconfigured Channels



The Expansion Band

The Expansion Band is located at **815-816 MHz/860-861 MHz**, and is the portion of the reconfigured 800 MHz Band that serves to separate cellular communications from public safety entities. In certain areas of Southeast U.S. (Appendix G area), the Expansion Band is 812.5-813.5MHz/857.5-858.5 MHz and within a 70-mile radius of Atlanta the Expansion Band is 813-813.5 MHz/858-858.5 MHz.

If you are an incumbent Public Safety entity currently operating in what will be the Expansion Band, you will be relocated unless you affirmatively elect to remain in the Expansion Band.

Public Safety licensees electing to remain in the Expansion Band should notify the TA of their election by completing and returning an Expansion Band Election Form available on the TA's website, via email to elections@800TA.org, or by fax at (866) 432- 8317. The TA will accept licensee elections to remain in the Expansion Band immediately and is requesting all elections be submitted no later than:

Wave	Expansion Band Election Deadline
1	September 27, 2005
2	January 3, 2006
3	April 3, 2006
4	October 3, 2006

Please note that:

- Licensees who elect to remain in the Expansion Band are entitled to interference protection equal to that received by licensees relocating out of the Expansion Band.
- The Expansion Band channels from which Public Safety licensees reconfigure will be available to commercial Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) operators after reconfiguration and will no longer be Public Safety Pool channels.
- Public safety entities that do not make an election to remain in the Expansion Band will be relocated at Nextel's expense to the 809-815 MHz/854-860 MHz Band (809-812.5 MHz/854-857.5 MHz in the Appendix G area).
- Potentially affected licensees in the Southeast U.S. should consult the FCC's Second Erratum to the 800 MHz Order for additional information.
- Relocations related to licenses within, or affected by, the Canadian and Mexican border areas will be deferred pending additional guidance from the FCC. Petitions for reconsideration related to the Expansion Band are currently pending before the FCC and may affect Expansion Band elections.
- The TA will provide proposed replacement frequencies to Public Safety licensees in conjunction with the start of voluntary negotiations for the 806-809/851-854 MHz ("1 -120") Stage. However, the timing of negotiations with Nextel and actual Expansion Band channel reconfiguration is dependant on the other 800 MHz channels the licensee may have in their system.
 - If the Expansion Band licensee also has 1-120 channels (but no other 800 MHz channels requiring reconfiguration) and will be negotiating a relocation agreement regarding 1 – 120 channels, they should discuss their Expansion Band channels at the same time.¹
 - Otherwise, if they only have Expansion Band channels or Expansion Band and NPSPAC (including NPSPAC mutual aid channels), then they will negotiate and reconfigure in the NPSPAC stage.

If you did not elect to remain in the Expansion Band and you belong to Wave 1, 2, or 3 as described by the Regional Prioritization Plan, you should have received an information packet from the TA. If you have not received the mailing, please contact the TA.

For further guidance on reconfiguration, please visit our website (www.800TA.org). FCC Certified Public Safety Frequency Coordinators may have additional information available to aid licensees in deciding whether to reconfigure their Expansion Band channels.

¹ Certain licensees may be licensed for frequencies in all three bands, 1-120, Expansion and NPSPAC. These licensees will negotiate an agreement with Nextel for 1 – 120 in the first stage. Relocation of their Expansion Band channels will be dependant on their particular circumstances, considering among other things, what minimizes disruption and cost. It may be unavoidable for licensees in this case to have multiple separate reconfigurations and agreements.