

ShipCom Appoints TCS as HF Radio Consultant

ShipCom, a provider of High Frequency (HF) maritime single sideband voice and electronics mail services has appointed Tusa Consulting Services (Covington, LA) as its authorized radio consultant supportive of emergency operations throughout the states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and coastal Texas.

ShipCom has been solely authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide voice and data communications services to municipal, county, state and federal agencies, hospital and other emergency responders during emergency events. ShipCom's HF frequencies are monitored 24/7/365 by skilled operators, thereby providing utmost call security during the most critical 48 hours following an emergency event.

Operation of HF equipment on ShipCom's network has been simplified through the use of half-duplex channels and idle channel marker tones. If a user hears ShipCom's unique idle channel tone on any of a set of pre-assigned channels, one can simply call the ShipCom operator and they will respond in kind. Once communications is established, the ShipCom operator can then patch the call anywhere in the United States. An emergency electronic mail service is likewise available that operates in a fully automatic mode. Simply compose an email in the normal fashion, press Send and the ShipCom system does the rest.

The annual cost for ShipCom's emergency communications service is affordable and there are no per-minute charges.

Tusa Consulting Services, as a result of this appointment, will assist ShipCom and its emergency responder clients in the development of compact, efficient radio antenna systems, procurement of suitable user equipment devices and user training.

To gain further information on this infrastructure-independent backup emergency communications medium, please contact ShipCom's Rene Stiegler (rene@shipcom.com). Those public safety agencies desiring information on HF radio communication systems and are located within the states of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana or Texas should contact Tusa Consulting Services (nick.tusa@tusaconsulting.com).

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