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MEMORANDUM

TO: All WSU Colleges, Divisions, Departments and Units

FROM: The WSU Emergency Management Committee

DATE: 03/10/2008

SUBJECT: Two-Way Radio Recommendations for Units Internal Communications

Over the last few years many WSU units have acquired FRS/GMRS/MURS radios for internal unit communications during emergencies or other purposes. After discussions with the Federal Communications Commission, the WSU Emergency Management Committee determined the use of these radios for various aspects of operations at WSU, including emergency communications is not legal or appropriate within the scope of the uses these types of radios were intended for. Please see the attached Recommendations. Following FCC requirements, all units having FRS/GMRS/MURS radios should cease using these radios for University business, immediately. If your unit acquired radios from WSU Central Stores, these radios cannot be returned for refund or credit. Follow appropriate procedures to surplus the radios through Surplus Stores.

A sub-committee of the Emergency Management Committee was established to find an acceptable alternative to these radios. Arrangements have been made with Sprint Nextel to provide just such an alternative. See the attached flyer on the options available from Sprint Nextel Business Services and the person you should contact with the company to make arrangements to acquire these radio/cell phone units. Acquisition and use of these cell phone/radios for emergency purposes complies with current WSU regulations regarding cell phones. See [http://www.wsu.edu/~forms/HTML/BPPM/85 Computing and Telecommunications/85.45 Cellular Telephones.htm](http://www.wsu.edu/~forms/HTML/BPPM/85%20Computing%20and%20Telecommunications/85.45%20Cellular%20Telephones.htm) for more information.

Please contact the Emergency Management Committee at [emergencymanagement@wsu.edu](mailto:emergencymanagement@wsu.edu) if you have questions. Thank you.

## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY PHONES

Motorola I-560



FREE

Motorola I-335



FREE

### Plans

- \$ 7.60 – Zero minute Emergency access plan. Radio or voice minutes are billed out at 40 cents a minute.
- \$11.40- 50 radio minutes are included in this plan. Minutes may be pooled with other phones on the same plan.
- Example 10 users with 50 radio minutes = 500 pooled minutes that may be used between the 20 users.

### ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Group Connect – Store up to 25 groups with up to 21 users per group  
\$ 7.60 for Unlimited per phone  
20 cents a minute with no plan

### Text Messaging Options

\$ 3.80 – 300 text messages  
\$ 7.60 – 1000 text messages  
\$11.40 – Unlimited text messaging  
20 cents a minute with no plan

For further questions please contact:  
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