





PSERN Project
Emergency Radio Communications Division
King County IT Department
400 Yesler Way, Suite 700
Seattle, WA 98104

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«Company_or_Building_Name» «Address» «City», «State», «ZIP»

Dear Building Manager,

The fire code stipulates that emergency radio communications function in your building. According to King County records and as verified by Fire Marshals throughout King County, the building you represent is required to own, operate, and maintain a public safety Distributed Antenna System (DAS), which provides police, fire, and other first responders with emergency radio communications in your building. You are receiving this letter as notification of the upcoming implementation of a new emergency radio system, which will require that you take action by September 1, 2021 to remain compliant.

If you are not the Building Manager for this location, please forward this message to the appropriate person. RCW 19.27.031 requires all public safety DAS in buildings be properly maintained and operational. This is enforced by local fire code, which in most cases is your Fire Marshal (Authority Having Jurisdiction or AHJ).

The Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) Project is upgrading and expanding the current emergency communications system and will be transitioning all users of the system next fall. This includes the police and fire agencies that serve your building. Updates and more information can be found at www.PSERN.org.

- ➤ ACTION REQUIRED In preparation for this transition, you will need to take the following actions prior to September 1, 2021:
 - Review this letter with your facilities or building engineering service
 - ☐ Contract a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) Vendor to:
 - Assess your current DAS equipment and configuration,
 - Perform updates to meet the new PSERN radio system requirements, and
 - Provide instructions and demonstrate to your Building Engineer how to temporarily disable your DAS in the event it is causing interference.

For questions, please contact PSERN Project DAS Coordinator, Creighton Watley, at DAS-PSERN@kingcounty.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in making transition to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network a great success!

Sincerely,

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Matthew L. Morris, President

King County Fire Chiefs Association (or KCFCA)

David Mendel, Director

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