



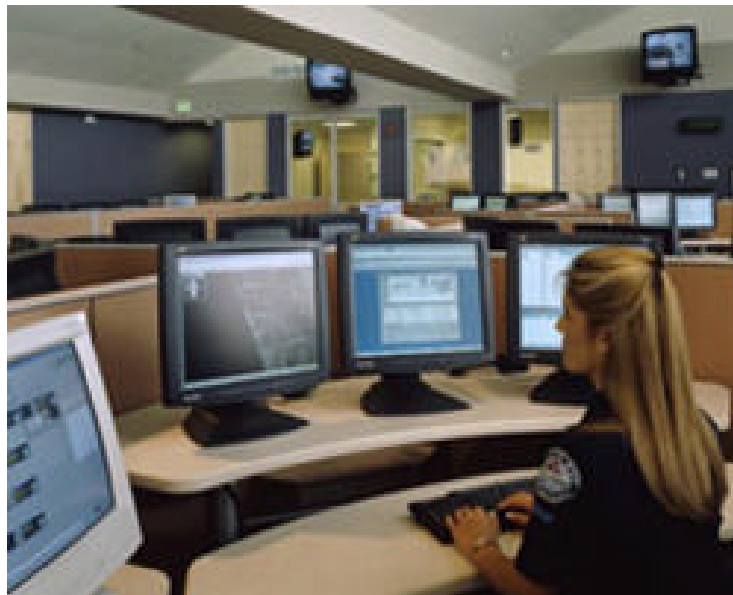
The Monitoring Post

The Newsletter of the Southern California Monitoring Association

In God We Trust – All Others We Monitor

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Monitoring South Bay Radio Frequencies



Dispatch Console at the South Bay Regional Communications Authority in Hawthorne, CA

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The Southern California Monitoring Association (SCMA) is an organization for persons interested in listening to all kinds of radio communications including Police, Fire, Aircraft, Business, Shortwave and Public Safety. Members of the West L.A. Chapter of the nationwide Radio Communications Monitoring Association (RCMA) founded the SCMA after the RCMA's demise in 1996.

The Goals of the SCMA...

1. To share information and help others in the radio monitoring community.
2. To conduct and encourage the organization of meetings and tours for its members.
3. To encourage and facilitate contact and interaction among its members.
4. To publish a club newsletter devoted to the monitoring hobby in Southern California.
5. To be a "clearing house" of knowledge about two-way radio systems and communications radios.
6. To offer suggestions and recommendations to the manufacturers of monitor receivers and other equipment related to the hobby.

SCMA Meetings...

Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month at the Grinder's Restaurant in Westchester at the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and Manchester Blvd. about 1 mile north of LAX. SCMA members and nonmembers alike are invited to attend. Meetings include a free exchange of information, handouts and updates of local frequencies, programs or guest speakers, and door prizes. Members are encouraged to arrive at 7:00 PM for dinner and before-meeting discussion. The official meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

The SCMA holds a weekly radio net on N6CIZ's private Amateur Radio repeater. Licensed Amateur Radio (Ham) Operators are encouraged to check in. Everyone is encouraged to listen for the latest club news. The nets are every Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. The frequency is 446.260 MHz with a PL of 131.8 Hz.

Other SCMA Activities...

SCMA uses its contacts to set up and conduct member-only tours of sites of interest to radio monitors. Past tours have visited the new LAPD Police Dispatch Center, the LACoFD Dispatch center, an FAA Air Traffic Control Center, the U. S. Coast Guard Air Rescue Squadron, and several broadcast radio and television stations. Tours are conducted by people who work at the facility who usually give us the *real* inside story.

The SCMA maintains an active home page on the World Wide Web at: www.SoCalScanner.com

SCMA Board of Directors...

A Board of Directors selected from Association members manage and direct the SCMA. The current members of the Board of Directors are:

Rick DiFiore, SCMA-101, President
Hugh Stegman, SCMA-102, Vice President
Rich Sauer, SCMA-104
Khalil Ladjevardi, SCMA-118
Michael Suchar, SCMA-106
Dennis Field, SCMA-110

Membership...

Anyone interested in Radio Monitoring may apply for membership in the SCMA. Dues are \$15 per year. Please see the membership application in this newsletter for more information.

South Bay Public Safety Radio Frequencies

South Bay Regional Public Communication Authority



The South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC) is a multi-jurisdictional emergency communications system providing police dispatching for the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. They also provide fire dispatching for Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. Gardena and Hawthorne contract their fire services to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The RCC has provided police and fire 9-1-1 dispatching for nearly one-quarter of a century. Last year, the RCC processed approximately 250,000 police and fire incidents.

The RCC is currently budgeted for 55 full-time positions. A technical services staff of six provides radio communication installations, as well as light bars, computer systems and all necessary equipment for full-service emergency agency vehicles.

These technical services are also provided to the following outside agencies: Cal State Dominguez Hills University Police Department, El Camino College Campus Police Department, Gardena Public Works Department, Hermosa Beach Fire Department, Hermosa Beach Police Department, Hermosa Beach Public Works Department, L.A. Impact, Manhattan Beach Public Works Department, Redondo Beach Police Department, Los Angeles County Coroner and U.S. Marshall.

Description	Frequency	Tone
Police		
Beach) Ch1 Dispatch (Manhattan Beach, Hermosa	470.6375	203.5
Ch2 Dispatch (Hawthorne)	470.3875	203.5
Ch3 Dispatch (Gardena)	470.8125	203.5
Ch4 Tac 1	471.1125	203.5
Ch5 Tac 2	470.3125	203.5
Ch6 Tac 3	470.0375	77.0
Ch7 Tac 4	470.0125	118.8
Fire		
Dispatch (Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach)	506.0125	192.8
Fireground	506.0375	100.0
Mutual Aid WHITE-1	154.280	
Mutual Aid WHITE-2	154.265	
Mutual Aid WHITE-3	154.295	

City of El Segundo

The El Segundo Public Safety Communications Center provides complete dispatching services for the El Segundo Police and Fire Departments. State-of-the-art telecommunications systems have been installed and implemented to aid in providing the services expected by the citizens and businesses of El Segundo. Additionally, the facility's Emergency Operations Center has been furnished and is multi-functional for emergent situations, as well as everyday training and conferencing needs

Personnel costs include funding for 1 Police Lieutenant Manager, 4 Senior Dispatchers, 13 Communications Dispatchers and 2 part-time Communication Dispatchers.

Description	Frequency	Tone
Police		
Dispatch	482.9625	85.4
Fire		
Dispatch	483.8875	85.4
Fireground (South Bay Tac 1)	471.1125	
Mutual Aid WHITE-1	154.280	
Mutual Aid WHITE-2	154.265	
Mutual Aid WHITE-3	154.295	



A Preview of the New Uniden Scanners

Thanks to www.scannersunlimited.com and www.strongsignals.net

BC246T



Major Features

- Compact Size
- TrunkTracker III
- Close Call
- Flexible Memory with up to 3300 channels for frequencies and talkgroups (1600 Typical)
- Text Tagging
- PC Programming
- PD September, 2004

SC230



Major Features

- 300+ Channels
- RaceTracker Memory
- On-Air Programming
- Flexible Memory
- Preprogrammed for NASCAR/BUSCH
- Close Call
- Text Tagging
- PD November, 2004

BC72XLT/BC92XLT



Major Features

- Compact Size
- Close Call
- Increased Channels
- BC72XLT 100 Channels (w/o 800) PD December, 2004
- BC92XLT 200 channels (w/800 MHz) PD September, 2004

BC898T



Major Features

- 500 Channels in 10 Banks
- 1000 Talkgroup Memories
- TrunkTracker III (Motorola/EDACS/LTR)
- Signal Strength Meter
- CTCSS/DCS Decode
- PC Interface
- Display Backlight
- SAME Weather Alert
- PD June, 2004

UNIDEN ANNOUNCES BC246T COMPACT TRUNKING SCANNER Close Call™ RF Capture Technology Unveiled

Representing the first in a new generation of compact handheld scanners, the BC246T introduces several innovative new features, including Uniden's exclusive Close Call™ RF Capture Technology.

The BC246T uses a new dynamically allocated memory system, allowing the user to program its 3300+ channels into any configuration desired. While traditional scanners have been limited to only 10 banks, the BC246T groups channels into systems, allowing for 50 or more systems to be programmed and scanned simultaneously. Systems can still be quickly enabled or disabled using the 0-9 keys, and each system can have up to 10 groups of channels that are also available for quick selection.

Uniden's exclusive Close Call™ RF Capture Technology zeroes in on nearby transmissions without the need for programming, even when the BC246T is in other modes, scanning, searching or holding on a frequency. For example, if someone transmits within a few hundred feet (range depends on transmit power and other radio traffic in the area), the scanner immediately detects and tunes to the transmission, ideal for use at events when the frequency being used is unknown. ;

From the President

Rick DiFiore, WA6KFI, SCMA-101

Hello from the "Home Office" in West Los Angeles. While everyone else has been suffering with hot weather, it's actually been a little on the cool side here. We've even had some fog that likes to hang in...

Sorry there hasn't been a newsletter in a while. As some of you know, I have been going crazy trying to get *The SCAN Directory* published. Putting together this frequency guide has not been easy and publishing it has been even harder. Just when we think everything is ready to go, another problem crops up. The book is now in the hands of the printer who published my last two amateur repeater guides and who actually came out of retirement to help.

With a little luck, *The SCAN Directory* will be available in radio stores soon. Keep an eye out for this new public safety/amateur repeater directory with a cover photo by Rich, N6CIZ, SCMA-104. We should have them available at a club meeting and they will also be available on our Web site.

OK, let's get to club news now. Our monthly meetings are doing great and we hope you folks we haven't seen in a while will get it in gear and make it to a meeting soon. You have no idea how much fun the meetings really are and the amount of information you get by being there. A lot more than from any book! That's why we decided to get together and have a scanner club like the Southern California Monitoring Association. Once a month we can all get together, share information and find out about some of those hidden frequencies others have ferreted out.

If you are a club member and have not received your membership card or wall certificate, please let either Rich or myself know so we may fix the problem. We try to do our best, but sometimes things DO fall between the cracks. We've recently made some changes and hope to process memberships, badges and stuff much faster. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll read about the recent Board of Directors meeting and actions we've take to improve the club for everyone.

Well, that will do it for this month. Again, I hope to see you at an upcoming meeting – especially if you haven't attended one in a while. Also don't forget that if you are a ham radio operator, we'd LOVE to have you check in to the weekly net Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM. The frequency is 446.260 with a PL of 131.8. If you're not a ham, please listen on your scanner! We're also at the W6TRW Swap Meet on the last Saturday of every month in space "J-16." Look for the blue tent with the SCMA sign and come by to say Hi.

All of us here at SCMA would like to hear from you, so drop us a line! Thanks. 73's. And the best of monitoring to you! ;

CLUB EVENTS

TUESDAYS

7:30 PM, SCMA CLUB NET. Club and Scanner News. News from Club Members.

2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00 PM, SCMA CLUB MEETING. Grinder's Restaurant in Westchester. Please come around 7:00 and have dinner before the meeting starts. Meet other scanner listeners, guest speakers, and a club raffle.

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

W6TRW RADIO SWAP MEET. 7:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Stop by the SCMA Booth at Space J-16.

SCMA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The SCMA Board of Directors (BOD) met on July 24, 2004 and the following are the results of that meeting.

Overview:

The SCMA is primarily a radio monitoring/scanner club. While we will be open to discussing all aspects of radio monitoring, our primary focus will be on VHF/UHF monitoring and radio scanning. Less emphasis will be given to HF, Ham Radio, air shows, commercial broadcasting, etc.

Membership:

Membership will no longer coincide with the calendar year (January to January) but will begin in the month a person joins the club (or renews his membership) and end one year later. For example, a person joining the club in July 2004 will remain a member through July 2005 at which time he must renew in order to remain a member.

Meetings:

Rick DiFiore will select several members who agree to act as Sergeant at Arms at the monthly meetings. The primary responsibility will be to act as a Greeter for new attendees and visitors to the meetings, making them feel welcome.

The "club business" portion of the meeting will be kept as short as possible so that the majority of the time is available for "member's reports" or questions. To involve everyone, we will go around the room asking each attendee to introduce himself or herself and ask them if they have anything for the group. These "member reports" will be kept brief and on-topic by the BOD.

A request will be made that members provide handouts of their information for the attendees. A table or other suitable place will be set aside for distribution of handouts. If individual handouts are not available, a request will be made to write down the key information (frequencies, agencies, actions, etc.) and give that to Rich Sauer for distribution to the membership-at-large via the web site, email, or newsletter.

The SCMA will hold a few "special events" during the year like picnics or lunches at places away from our normal meeting location.

Tours:

Tours are open to members only or (on special announced occasions) to members and their invited guests. Typically, no guests or visitors are allowed on SCMA tours. Prior to the tour, the BOD will approve a list of tour attendees.

Tour attendees will wear their SCMA ID Badges during the tour.

Tours will be announced as much in advance as possible. Announcements will be made at the meeting, on the web site and via email to the members. Members wishing to attend the tour must notify Rick DiFiore. Participation will be on a first-come/first-served basis.

Web Site:

Rich Sauer will update the web site with the addition of more frequency lists a priority.

There will be a "Member's Only" section created on the web site. Access will be only to members who will be given a username and password.

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SCMA Board of Director's Meeting

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Newsletter:

The SCMA will produce a newsletter each month.

The primary distribution method of the newsletter will be via the web site. Members will be sent an email containing a link where they can view and download the latest newsletter. Any member without computer access (or for another legitimate reason) may request that the newsletter be mailed to them each month.

Michael Suchar has agreed to print a limited number of copies of the newsletter each month that he will bring to the monthly meeting.

Ham Radio Net:

For the time being, we WILL continue to have the Tuesday night nets on the N6CIZ repeater. Beginning August 3rd, the nets will begin at 7:30 PM rather than 8:00.

The earthquake information will be discontinued and we'll concentrate more on club news and scanner-related news.

Other Issues Discussed:

We will set up an email list for SCMA members only. This will be either a Yahoo group or a forum on the web site. Rich Sauer will determine which way to do this after investigation options. For the time being, we will continue the current SCMA Yahoo group as-is (open to anyone who wants to join) but it may be discontinued or changed in the future.

There will be no more "in the blind" notification of breaking news on the repeater. This is because the repeater may be linked to a wide-area system and that system's owner does not want those notifications to go out over his system. It's OK for a member to call another member and, after making contact, make those reports. Rich Sauer will unlink the repeater for nets or other club use.

The BOD will, at a future time, discuss the possibility of having elected positions for such things as club secretary, treasurer, membership, etc. but the Board of Directors will remain in charge of the club.

Submitted by Rich Sauer, SCMA-104 ;

For the Latest Club News...

Go to www.SoCalScanner.com

Frequencies Submitted by Our Members

The following frequencies were reported by SCMA Members to be in use as indicated. Verification and/or clarification by other monitoring stations is appreciated. Send your reports to SCMA@socalscanner.com

July, 2004

FREQ	TONE	DESCRIPTION
138.225		Military Aircraft (AM Mode) – Very Active
150.400	100.0	Navy MARS
157.150		San Diego Coast Guard
162.710 S		U.S. Marshall
163.795		Earthquake Telemetry Transmitter
381.925		Navy Aircraft?
407.275		Vandenberg Launch Control
414.400 R	D306	West L.A. VA Hospital Tac 3
415.300	D503	West L.A. VA Hospital
446.900		ALERT System (Ham Radio) – Earthquake Info Here
886.0125		OES Fire?

June, 2004

FREQ	TONE	DESCRIPTION
121.500		Civilian Air Guard (Emergency)
122.750		Aircraft Banner Tow Comms
129.275		News Helicopters
143.710	103.5	Seal Beach Navy Security
163.000	77.0	JPL Fire
163.150	146.2	California Condor Monitoring Project
243.000		Military Air Guard (Emergency)
453.825 S	127.3	State Police Surveillance
460.375		State Police Surveillance
464.900	141.3	Funeral Cops
484.5875		LAPD Metro 3 (Channel 193)

May, 2004

FREQ	TONE	DESCRIPTION
112.450		Wireless Mics in use
120.675		Catalina Island Airport Weather (ATIS)
156.500		Marine Channel 10 U.S. Navy comms heard here
156.800		Marine Channel 16 (Calling/Distress) U.S. Navy comms heard here
169.435		Wireless Mics in use
183.600		Wireless Mics in use
236.450		Very Active Mil Comms
282.000		Beaver Control
384.000		Military Aircraft?
384.500		U.S. Navy comms heard here
419.475 R		Some kind of surveillance activity on a repeater
465.250	103.5	Surveillance in Orange County
589.020		Wireless Mics in use

Southern California Monitoring Association Membership Information

The SCMA is the largest Radio Monitoring and Scanner Group in Southern California. The Association is for persons interested in listening to all kinds of radio communications, whether as a professional or for a hobby.

General

Anyone interested in radio monitoring may apply for membership in the SCMA. You must be a member to receive the newsletter and access certain areas of our web site. Association-sponsored events (such as group tours) may be limited to members only.

Upon receipt of a completed application and payment of dues, your application will be forwarded to the Membership Committee for review. Acceptance of membership in the Association will be at the discretion of the SCMA Membership Committee. *Membership is not automatic!*

If accepted for membership, you will be issued an ID Card and a unique Membership ID Number. If the Committee does not approve your application, it will be returned to you, along with your membership fee.

Dues

Membership dues are \$15. Membership is valid for one year from the date of your application's acceptance.

Payment

Dues may be paid at any SCMA Meeting or mailed to our mailing address. You must include a completed Membership Application with your payment.

Important! Checks MUST be made payable to: **Richard Sauer**. *Anything else will result in your check being returned!* Mail to:

SCMA Membership
P.O. Box 66701
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Dues may also be paid online using a credit card via PayPal at our website, www.socalscanner.com. Please follow the Membership links on the web page for more information.

Thank you for your interest in the Southern California Monitoring Association!

Southern California Monitoring Association Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Date of Application:

First Name:	Last Name:		
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	

E-Mail Address:
Amateur Radio Call Sign (if any):

Day Phone Number (<i>will <u>not</u> be published</i>):	Night Phone Number (<i>will <u>not</u> be published</i>):
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Briefly state your radio monitoring interests, favorite frequencies, etc.:

For SCMA Use Only:

<i>Amt Paid</i>	<i>Valid Thru</i>	<i>Database</i>	<i>ID Card</i>	<i>Ack Mailed</i>	<i>ID Number</i>

Your Articles Wanted!

The SCMA wants to publish this newsletter every month but, to make that a reality, we need information to share with other members. If you have anything you think other members would find interesting, please share it with us. You can send your information in ANY format and we'll "pretty it up" to put in the newsletter. Send your submissions to:

SCMA, PO Box 66701, Los Angeles, CA 90066

or via email to SCMA@SoCalScanner.com

All the SCMA members will thank you.

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