

The Federal Bureau of Investigation on Shortwave

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was founded on July 26, 1908. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte appointed an unnamed force of special agents to be the investigative force of the Department of Justice. Later that year it was named Bureau of Investigation (BOI). On 1 July 1932, the BOI became United States BOI or USBOI. Within a year it was named the Division of Investigation (DOI). The DOI officially became the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1936. [1]

The FBI evolved from this small group. The FBI is an intelligence-driven and threat-focused national security organization with both intelligence and law enforcement responsibilities. It is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Justice and a full member of the U.S. Intelligence Community. The FBI has the authority and responsibility to investigate specific crimes assigned to it and to provide other law enforcement agencies with cooperative services, such as fingerprint identification, laboratory examinations, and training. The FBI also gathers, shares, and analyzes intelligence, both to support its own investigations and those of its partners and to better understand and combat the security threats facing the United States. [1]

The FBI is active on Shortwave. You can hear their ALE calls on the SHARES net and on their own frequencies. The short calls are being used for communication between FBI stations and the official call signs are used on the SHARES frequencies.

SHARES

National security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) personnel need to transmit critical messages to coordinate emergency operations even when traditional means of communicating via landlines and cellphones are damaged or destroyed. The SHARED RESOURCES (SHARES) High Frequency (HF) Radio Program, administered by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) National Coordinating Center for Communications (NCC), provides an additional means for users with a NS/EP mission to communicate when landline and cellular communications are unavailable. [2]

Modes:

MIL-STD-188-141A/USB ALE
MIL-188-110CN2 ANDVT
USB Voice

FBI frequencies:

2808.5	5048.5	5388.5	6845.0	7903.5	9106.0	10913.5	14485.5	14738.5	18666.0
4991.0	5058.5	6765.0	7778.5	8458.0	9183.5	14396.5	14493.5	15094.0	

Note:

All field offices appear to be linked via HF with ALE, the identifiers of which usually consist of two letters derived from the city name plus a number (usually 1, but sometimes higher).

Callsign	Location	ALE ID
KEC67	Albany, NY	AL1
KWX20	Anchorage, AK	AN1
KKJ67	Albuquerque, NM	AQ1
KIG67	Atlanta, GA	AT1
?	Baltimore, MD	BA1
?	Birmingham, AL	BI1
?	Buffalo, NY	BF1
?	Boston, MA	BO1
KIG81	Charlotte, NC	CE1
KSD61	Chicago, IL	CG1
KQC67	Cincinnati, OH	CI1
KQC77	Cleveland, OH	CL1, CV1
KII50	Colombia, SC	CO1
?	?	CQ2
?	?	DC4
KQC87	Detroit, MI	DE1
KKI68	Dallas, TX	DL1
KAG69	Denver, CO	DN1
KKI73	El Paso, TX	EP1
?		FM1
?	Houston, TX	HN1
KUR27	Honolulu, HI	HO1
?	HQ Washington, DC	HQ1
KSC63	Indianapolis, IN	IP1
KII95	Jacksonville, FL	JK1
KKJ45	Jackson, MS	JN1
KAG78	Kansas City, MO	KC1
?	?	KQ5
?	?	KT9
?	?	KV1
?	?	KW1
KIG91	Knoxville, TN	KX1
KMI66	Los Angeles, CA	LA1, LA5
KKJ78	Little Rock, AR	LR1, LR2
?	?	LRC33
KIH67	Louisville, KY	LS1
KOG55	Las Vegas, NV	LV1, LV2
?	?	MD4
KIH73	Memphis, TN	ME1
KIJ22	Miami, FL	MM1
KIH98	Mobile, AL	MO1
KAG81	Minneapolis, MN	MP1
?	?	MT2
KSC71	Milwaukee, WI	MW1
KII66	Norfolk, VA	NF1
KCC76	New Haven, CT	NH1
KEC86	Newark, NJ	NK1
KKJ88	New Orleans, LA	NO1, NO5
KEC96	New York, NY	NY1
KKJ98	Oklahoma City, OK	OC1
KAG98	Omaha, NE	OM1
?	?	OT1
KOG83	Portland, OR	PD1, PO1

KGG76	Pittsburgh, PA	P0G1
KGG64	Philadelphia, PA	PH1
?	?	PJ1
KOG71	Phoenix, AZ	PX1
?	?	QR2
KRR50	Quantico, VA	QT1, QT2, QT4, QT9
KGE22	Quantico, VA	QT1, QT2, QT4, QT9
KGE22A	Quantico, VA	QT1, QT2, QT4, QT9
KGE28	Quantico, VA	QT1, QT2, QT4, QT9
KII74	Richmond, VA	RH1, RI1
?	?	RJ1, RJ2
KKI99	San Antonio, TX	SA1, SA2, SA3
KSD73	Sacramento, CA	SC1
KMG22	San Diego, CA	SD1
KOH22	Seattle, WA	SE1
KKJ22	San Francisco, CA	SF1
KSC81	Springfield, IL	SI1
WWR20	San Juan, PR	SJ1
KAH63	St Louis, MO	SL1
KOG93	Salt Lake City, UT	SU1
?	?	SUP, SUP03
KII83	Savannah, GA	SV1
KIJ44	Tampa, FL	TP1
KGG85	Washington, DC	WF1
KGG83A	Winchester, VA	?
?	?	XI3, XI9
?	?	XJ1
?	?	XU7

Sources / related websites

FBI <http://www.fbi.gov>

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References:

[1] FBI website <https://www.fbi.gov>

[2] Homeland Security website <https://www.dhs.gov/shares-program-information>