



On Monday, November 7, 2007, the Verdugo Fire Communications Center (VFCC) became the latest agency to join Interagency Communications Interoperability System (ICIS) Radio System.

The Verdugo Fire Communications Center serves 11 fire and EMS agencies in the Eastern San Fernando Valley and the San Gabriel Valley. The Center serves a population of over 800,000 people in a 126 square mile area. The Center processed more than 60,000 calls for service in 2006.

The ICIS radio system is a regional network that provides voice communications for all portions of municipal government. ICIS is a cooperative agreement between the Cities of Culver City, Beverley Hills, Burbank, Glendale, Montebello and Pomona, who have agreed to share the radio resources that they own in order to improve coverage and capacity for each of the participating agencies. The result is a regional radio network that covers much of Los Angeles County. Since all of the users share the same technology, interoperability is an inherent component within the network.

The current ICIS user base includes the Police, Fire and municipal services of the six owner agencies as well as the San Marino Police Department, the San Fernando Police Department, Glendale Community College Police, Pasadena Police, Bob Hope Airport Police, Pomona Valley Medical Center and the fire agencies from Arcadia, Monrovia, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, Monterrey Park, Alhambra, Sierra Madre, Pasadena and San Marino. The system currently provides service to an area of approximately 170 square miles and a population of over 1,100,000 citizens.

Questions related to the ICIS network can be directed to Battalion Chief Don Wright, Glendale Fire Department at 818-548-6415.

Questions regarding the Verdugo Fire Communications Center should be directed to Fire Communications Administrative Supervisor Don Wise at 818-548-3313.