



**FORESTRY  
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The past year has been most challenging for us in many respects, especially in regards to the weather we have all experienced. It has brought us too much water or not enough; high temperatures and wind or cold with snow; sleet and often freezing rain.

The question that goes along with all the differences in the weather patterns is – how have our communications systems held up? What challenges and opportunities have you had to face and how were you able to solve problems and continue to take care of business? Has your system lived up to your mission requirements or have you been found wanting? What does the future hold in equipment needs for you to do your job? Have you started your migration to narrow band (deadline 1/1/2013)?

Come to Orlando, Florida from September 30- October 3, 2007 for the 58<sup>th</sup> FCCA National Conference and share your concerns with your peers. See how others have dealt with their opportunities or the challenges they have faced so you don't have to find out the hard way at a cost of time and money to solve the same issues. The Florida State Forester, Michael Long (Past President FCCA) will be the welcoming speaker at Monday's breakfast. Ira Jolly, Fire Supervisor of Florida, will speak on the large fires they've had over the past few years and the challenges and successes they have experienced with their communication systems. He will present a brief overview at the breakfast and will go into more detail during our training session. Also, our vendors will have their many wares to view and purchase!

One of the greatest benefits of our conference is the networking that goes on and the training provided by our vendors and the FCCA. Mark your calendar and come to Orlando to build your network and expand your knowledge base. The field trip on Wednesday will take us to Cape Canaveral to the Kennedy Space Center. There we will see some of the communication challenges that have faced NASA. Take a few moments and make your reservation now. You will find the registration form on the website along with the tentative agenda (may be needed for approval of out-of-state travel).

See you in Orlando!

Paul

P.S. The FCCA Frequency Coordinators are here to help – so please do not hesitate to give us a chance to do your radio frequency coordination. We think you will be most pleased with the services and experience of our team.