

## Favorites List - Washtenaw County

Posted by Pete Moss - 27 Jul 2014 18:59

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Location: Washtenaw County, Michigan. Sentinel software version 2.02 revision 4. Database dated 7/20/2014.

I created a favorites list from the sentinel software and loaded it to the radio. I've put in my favorites list Washtenaw county (81) sheriffs Department, metro dispatch and fire & rescue. When I activate the list, I get no traffic. Avoid is set to "off" for all channels. The atten is turned off. squelch is set to two bars. Range is 10 miles. I am about three miles from one of the main antennas for county communication. In January, there was a radio upgrade in our area.

When listening to the full data base, I do get traffic, not necessarily what I am trying to hear, but traffic none the less. Thinking I had an antennae issue, I connected the 800 MHz antennae from my pro 106 to the hp1.

Any ideas as to what I may be missing? Thus far I am not too impressed with this HP1. So much for plug & play.

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## Re: Favorites List - Washtenaw County

Posted by Acolar - 14 Aug 2014 00:09

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Rob,

I took your .HPE file and loaded it into my HP1. Yes! I was able to receive my first Saline PD transmissions. Thanks!

I tried looking at the .HPE file I created in sentinel and yours - they are structured different. I have attached my and hope you maybe able to comment. I have a broadband dis cone antenna and know I have good reception capability. SO its either my sentinel programming or the low volume of traffic Saline PD which prevented me from hearing them in the past, I noticed after I loaded your file it only indicated 2 channels were loaded, both saline so I didn't have to try and AVOID the more active channels.

I'll look over your latest email on Types.

Thanks

Tony

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## Re: Favorites List - Washtenaw County

Posted by rwier - 14 Aug 2014 02:46

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**Acolar wrote:**

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over your latest email on Types. Tony

1) Your ZIP file is not in the proper format. If you convert an HPE file to a ZIP file, It will have the format  
&quot;MyNewList.zip&quot;, not &quot;MyNewList.hpe.zip&quot;.

2) Yes on Service Types. Make all the &quot;bright white&quot; ones &quot;yellow and orange&quot;.  
Then it should load 80 - 100 channels. Let's make sure you can scan all of them before turning off  
Service Types or avoiding channels. There will eventually be other items to avoid, turn off, or remove  
from the FL. That will be a different subject to be addressed later.

3) Just a guess ahead of time: When you made your Favorite List (&quot;MyNewList), did you do it by  
using ONLY the Database in Sentinel, and also using ONLY the &quot;Append Favorites List...&quot;  
option? Or did you, by chance, copy and paste ANYTHING, either from the Database in Sentinel or the  
Database in RR. I used ONLY the &quot;Append Favorites List...&quot; option in Sentinel, NOTHING  
else.

Don't be in a rush, once you get it, you will sing the praises of the HP-1 and the Sentinel Software. Pay  
no attention to the enormous number of negative comments as to the HP-1, and/or the Sentinel Software  
(mostly on the RR Forums). Nearly all of them are actually confessions of &quot;pilot error&quot;, lol.

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## Re: Favorites List - Washtenaw County

Posted by Acolar - 14 Aug 2014 10:57

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Rob,

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I have tried to rezip the file I used aand reattached it here.

I did use only Sentinel with Append, I did cut out many of counties in the MPSCS list.

I notice in your file when loaded into MP1 The System in the HP1 display stays on MPSCS all the time.

In my file the System display would go from MPSCS, to Washtenaw-AnnArbor County Government.

At least I am now able to hear Saline PD - when they do trasnmit which is very infrequent!

Thanks again for all your help.

Tony

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**Re: Favorites List - Washtenaw County**

Posted by rwier - 14 Aug 2014 13:14

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Sounds like your's is working better than mine! Good Luck!

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**Re: Favorites List - Washtenaw County**

Posted by Acolar - 14 Aug 2014 13:48

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**Re: Favorites List - Washtenaw County**

Posted by rwier - 14 Aug 2014 14:33

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**Acolar wrote:**

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Is there a good place to learn about Sentinel, editing, and building FL using Append?

I looked my previous try over, and I must have been half asleep. Good thing I wasn't flying a plane, lol. Try the attached (edited) FL and check for improvement. Looks like you have the "append" method working ok. For editing FL's, just remember one thing: ALWAYS start by clicking on the "gold star with the stubby pencil" (upper left, top row, 5th from the left). It will allow you to change names, avoid multiple "entities" at once, cut/copy/paste, etc. Just remember the star/pencil comes first.

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