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providing a channel take over feature associated with said radio bridge to selectively activate and deactivate the radio bridge for a selected communication endpoint for a selected period of time, said channel take over feature including at least one of (i) disconnection of the bridge by said instructions being sent as IP packets or (ii) generation of a dominating radio signal at a selected location(s) for which the channel take over feature is to be activated to temporarily interrupt transmissions.

13. A method, as claimed in claim 12, wherein: said channel take over feature further includes activating and deactivating the radio bridge by manipulation of one or more icons on a user interface associated with said computer processor.

14. A communication system especially adapted for facilitating emergency communications between communicants having respective radio systems that communicate over a communications network, said system comprising:

first and second computer processors located at respective communication endpoints

a communication server for managing communications between the communication endpoints, said server and each of said computer processors having respective IP addresses;

at least one public safety radio associated with one of said communication endpoints;

at least one local radio associated with the other of said communication endpoints;

a radio bridge for facilitating direct radio communications between said at least one public safety radio and said local radio, said radio bridge enabling communication between said radios, said bridge communicating with said server to receive activation and deactivation instructions sent from an authorized user, said instructions being sent as IP packets over the communications network;

computer coded instructions associated with said server and said computer processors to selectively control and monitor the system to include (i) activation and deactivation of said radio bridge as controlled by said first computer and to prevent activation and deactivation control at said communication endpoint associated with the

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at least one local radio, and (ii) to produce visual displays on respective user interfaces of said first and second computers; and

wherein said visual displays include an activation or status screen showing an audio detect feature indicative of which communication endpoints are transmitting radio communications.

15. A communication system especially adapted for facilitating emergency communications on a communications network between communicants having respective radios, said system comprising:

first and second computer processors located at respective communication endpoints

a communication server for managing communications between the communication endpoints, said server and each of said computer processors having respective IP addresses;

at least one public safety radio associated with one of said communication endpoints;

at least one local radio associated with the other of said communication endpoints;

a radio bridge for facilitating direct radio communications between said at least one public safety radio and said local radio, said radio bridge enabling connection between the radios, said bridge communicating with said server to receive activation and deactivation instructions sent from an authorized user, said instructions being sent as IP packets over the communications network;

computer coded instructions associated with said server and said computer processors to selectively control and monitor the system to include (i) activation and deactivation of said radio bridge as controlled by said first computer and to prevent activation and deactivation control at said communication endpoint associated with the at least one local radio, and (ii) to produce visual displays on respective user interfaces of said first and second computers; and

wherein said visual displays include an activation or status screen showing a channel take over feature, said channel take over feature indicating whether an authorized user has interrupted the ability of radio transmissions at a selected endpoint location.

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