



RADIO USE SOG

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department (SPFD) and shall be adhered to by all members. With radio communications being a vital part of an effective fire ground operation, it is important that all personnel be fully aware of the following radio communication guidelines.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this SOG is to establish procedures to identify the radio communications guidelines adopted within this county and to identify radio designations and procedures to be followed by all personnel of the Stoney Point Fire Department.

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DEFINITIONS

The Fire Department radios are used for receiving and transmitting emergency information to Fire Department personnel and other agencies. The radio should not be used for general conversations except as a last resort and at no time be used as a "PLAY TOY".

Radio communications should be kept brief, clear and complete. Know what you want to say before going on the air. The Stoney Point Fire Department personnel will use clear text while talking on the radio. A list of verbal text examples and terms follows this procedural guideline.

Standard Radio Procedures:



RECEIVING AN ALARM – Upon receiving an alarm, Cumberland Central or Fayetteville will activate Stoney Point Fire Department's tone and set off all pagers and send corresponding cellular text message. The message will include the departments station number, nature of the call, and incident address. Cumberland Central will reactivate the alarm in about three minutes if the department has not responded. (Example: Cumberland Central to Station 13, Structure Fire, 1234 Rockfish Road).

ANSWERING BASE STATION – Upon arrival at the station, personnel shall acknowledge to Cumberland Central or Fayetteville by checking the appropriate apparatus enroute and repeating the incident address the unit is responding too. (Example: 1331 enroute, Structure Fire, 1234 Rockfish Road.)

ENROUTE TO FIRE SCENE – Responding fire apparatus shall check en-route upon leaving the station. Cumberland Central or Fayetteville will acknowledge every responding unit. (Example: Cumberland 1331 is en-route).

Mobile Data Terminals – Shall be used to check apparatus enroute in addition to verbally checking enroute via radio.

ARRIVAL AT FIRE SCENE – Upon arrival at the fire scene, the first arriving company shall check on scene with Cumberland Central or Fayetteville and give a size up. Cumberland Central or Fayetteville will acknowledge the arrival of that company and repeat the reported information. (Example: Engine 1331 is on scene, Heavy Fire showing, 2-story Structure Fire.)

FIRE SCENE – All radio transmissions at the scene and en-route to the scene shall be limited to a minimum. All calls for assistance should go through Cumberland Central or Fayetteville. Only the OIC shall request mutual aid, Progress Energy, SHP, SO, EM, etc . . .

- a. Use of the following talk-groups at lengthy fire scenes should be avoided and the incident commander should request through the appropriate communication center the authority to utilize a Cumberland or Fayetteville Fire TACTICAL Channel.

TALK-GROUP	TALK-GROUP FUNCTION	RADIO SYSTEM
2A (County Fire)	Primary Dispatch	V.I.P.E.R. Network

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3A (County Fire)	Operations	V.I.P.E.R. Network
1J (County Fire)	Primary Dispatch (Back-up System)	4.1 800MHZ (Fayetteville System)

TALK-GROUP	TALK-GROUP FUNCTION	RADIO SYSTEM
2J (County Fire)	Operations (Back-up System)	4.1 800MHZ (Fayetteville System)
1C (City Fire)	Primary Dispatch	4.1 800MHZ (Fayetteville System)
2C (City Fire)	Operations	4.1 800MHZ (Fayetteville System)

- b. Mutual Aid (VHF) – Upon arrival of statewide Mutual Aid Channel, the departments having mutual aid channel as a fire ground frequency should correlate transmissions with departments having this frequency. This channel should not be used for administrative or non-emergency traffic.

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After the incident is over, and all of the equipment has been put back in service. The officer will then fill out the incident report and make phone contact with the emergency operations center to receive dispatch times and incident numbers only if the Faxed Event Report did not transmit.

Examples of Clear Text

CAUTION

UNABLE TO COPY

SIGNAL GOOD

STOP TRANSMITTING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (OK) / DIRECT

RELAY

BUSY-UNLESS URGENT



OUT OF SERVICE
IN SERVICE
REPEAT
FIGHT
STANDBY
QUICKLY
RETURN TO

LOCATION
CALL BY TELEPHONE
DISREGARD
ARRIVED AT SCENE
ASSIGNMENT COMPLETE
REPORT IN PERSON (MEET)
UNNECESSARY USE OF RADIO
URGENT USE LIGHTS & SIREN
SILENT RUN NO LIGHTS & SIREN

ASSIST MOTORIST
TRAFFIC LIGHT OUT AT

ACCIDENT (F,PI,PD)
WRECKER NEEDED
AMBULANCE NEEDED
ROAD BLOCKED AT.....

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LIVESTOCK ON HWY
INTOXICATED DRIVER
INTOXICATED PEDESTRAIN
HIT & RUN (F,PI,PD)
DIRECT TRAFFIC
MESSAGE RECEIVED
ADVISE NATURE OF FIRE
REPORT PROGRESS OF FIRE
SMOKE REPORT
NEGATIVE
IN CONTACT WITH
IN ROUTE

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL
NEED ASSISTANCE

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EXAMPLE OF DISPATCH AND RADIO PROCEDURES

Cumberland- Tone Out

CENTRAL – Central, Station 13, car fire on State Street off Camden Road
SPFD - Station 13 Direct on Traffic

CENTRAL - Direct



Tactical Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

- 1331 - Cumberland Central, Engine 1331 is en-route
- CENTRAL - Engine 1331, direct
- 1331- Cumberland Central Engine1331 is on the scene, heavy fire showing from a 2 story structure
- CENTRAL – Engine 1331 is on the scene, have a heavy fire showing.
- 1331 - 1331, is assuming Rockfish Road command
- CENTRAL – Direct on 1331 is Rockfish Command
- 1331- Rockfish Road command to Cumberland, fire is out at this time
- CENTRAL - Direct on Fire is out
- 1331- 1331 to Cumberland, Rockfish Road Command is terminated 1331 is returning back available.
- CENTRAL – Direct

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