
	STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE				
	OPERATIONS				
	MABAS RADIO OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES				
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1.0 Objective

- 1.1 The purpose of this guideline is to establish procedures for the uniform use of operational radio frequencies at MABAS Division III incidents.
- 1.2 This guideline will provide operational structure for incident communications to ensure the essential elements of Incident Management: Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence.

2.0 Responsibility



- 2.1 It is the responsibility of all Department personnel to understand the procedures documented in this Standard Operating Guideline.

3.0 Implementation

- 3.1 Communications at an operational level between the Incident Commander, Branch/Group/Division Officers, Special Teams, and working companies is of critical importance. Whether the focus of the message is to provide instruction, give progress reports, request resources, or initiate emergency actions, all messages have a bearing on the success of an emergency operation.

4.0 Procedure

- 4.1 Effective incident communications will be achieved by:
 - 4.1.1 Proper and preplanned assignment of radio frequencies
 - 4.1.2 Adherence to fireground radio discipline
- 4.2 Radio communications at all MABAS alarms will be handled using the following frequencies:
 - 4.2.1 **Dispatch:** (IFERN 154.265) Position #3 on portable radios and Position #3 on mobile radios.
 - 4.2.1.1 **Alternate:** IFERN 2 (154.3025) Position #4 on portable radios and Position #4 on mobile.
 - 4.2.2 **Primary (Red) Fire ground:** (153.830) Position #16
 - 4.2.3 **Tactical Fireground:** Gray, Black, Gold, Blue, White, Green
 - 4.2.3.1 Green Fire ground is only on Battalion 33's Fire ground radio.
 - 4.2.3.2 Fire ground Gray, Black, Gold, Blue and White are positions #11-15 on Department portables.
- 4.3 The Incident Command Post will monitor and communicate on all dispatch, primary, and tactical frequencies.
- 4.4 The following list demonstrates what tasks should be assigned to the proper frequencies:
 - 4.4.1 **Dispatch**
 - 4.4.1.1 Communication Center - Division III (RED Center)
 - 4.4.1.2 Staging Officer and Staged Units
 - 4.4.1.3 Incoming Units
 - 4.4.1.4 Water Supply Officer
 - 4.4.1.5 Rehabilitation Officer
 - 4.4.2 **Fireground**
 - 4.4.2.1 Branches/Division/Group Officers
 - 4.4.2.2 Company Officers
 - 4.4.2.3 Safety Officer

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- 4.4.3 **Tactical**
 - 4.4.3.1 Special Teams
 - 4.4.3.2 Intelligence Reports to Command
 - 4.4.3.3 Functional Assignments
 - 4.4.3.4 Alternate tactical frequency for multiple incidents or activation of a Rapid Intervention Company (RIC).
- 4.5 The Incident Commander may, at his/her discretion, assign various support operations to any of these frequencies to enhance operational effectiveness and incident safety.
- 4.6 Officers and personnel should be aware of the importance of interpersonal and radio communication discipline. Particular care should be exercised to avoid the following breaches of radio discipline:
 - 4.6.1 Units with non-emergency transmissions breaking into radio traffic. Units should not transmit routine traffic until the air is clear.
 - 4.6.2 Units transmitting unnecessarily long and detailed messages. Lengthy messages should be transmitted by telephone or by face to face.
 - 4.6.3 Units failing to monitor radio traffic and not acknowledging transmissions as promptly as radio traffic allows.

5.0 Reference

- 5.1 Highland Park Fire Department
- 5.2 MABAS Division III Operating Guidelines

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