

Central Joint Fire District

Standard Operating Procedure



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SUBJECT: Radio Use

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PURPOSE: It is the intent of this standard to provide guidance in the use of all department radio equipment.

SCOPE: This standard is to be used by all members of the department who operate department radio equipment.

ENFORCEMENT: The responsibility for adherence to this standard rest with the Chief.

APPLICATION:

413A.1 Radio Channels

The department is assigned to Wood County Fire channel 1, which has a primary frequency of 153.890 MHZ by the Federal Communications Commission. We also have Wood County Fire channel 2 154.220 MHZ, Wood County Fire channel 3 154.415 MHZ and Wood County Fire 4 154.280 MHZ.

1. Wood County Fire 1 is to be used for dispatching purposes. Once the apparatus goes en route with Wood County Communication Center all radios shall go to Wood County Fire 2.
2. Wood County Fire 2 shall be used for communications from en route till in service at station. Only exception to this would be if we are mutual aiding a department whose scene is on Wood County Fire 1. When responding with North Baltimore EMS shall be contacted on their frequency.
3. Upon responding from the station of, apparatus shall go en route with Wood County Communications on Fire 1 and advise them "Unit _____ is en route going to Fire 2". If other units are en route or on scene be sure that you advise them of your status.
4. Wood County Fire 3 & 4 can be used as operational channels on scene and are not monitored by the Wood County Communications Center.

413A.2

1. All radio transmissions shall be from transmitter to receiver in a clear concise tone. The receiver should repeat an order back to the transmitter to confirm message was understood.

2. The officer or senior firefighter of each unit is responsible for radio communications to and from that unit when en route and returning from scene.
3. For safety reasons the driver of the apparatus should not operate the radio when responding or returning from scene unless absolutely necessary.
4. Profane or abusive language on the radio will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.