

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Purpose:

To provide a standardized format for the operation of fire communications in the district and Boone County, Kentucky.

Guidelines:

- A. All units shall call RESPONDING on channel 1 or use the MDC, if the unit is equipped with one. Do not use terminology such as Burlington 703 responding.
Example: “Boone Center, Engine 703 responding Pebble Creek Way”.
- B. Each arriving unit shall signal “on scene”. The first arriving unit at an emergency shall provide a brief arrival report.
Example: “Boone Center, Engine 703 on scene, 2 story single family dwelling with fire showing from the second floor, side 1”.
- C. Should additional units be needed above the “working fire” assignment, the Incident Commander shall request that Boone Center transmit a second alarm. At any time should more help be needed, the Incident Commander may transmit additional alarms up to the fifth, this is the highest alarm level for this district.
Example: “Boone Center, Kingsgate Command transmit a second alarm and have the units stage at Kingsgate Drive and Oxford Terrace”.
- D. Radio traffic shall not consist of fuel runs, parades and training details etc.
- E. Units out of service for maintenance shall be removed and put back into service by PSCC computer system.
- F. All units responding to an incident shall switch to channel 3 once near or upon the scene unless otherwise directed by PSCC or Incident Command.
- G. All units responding to the airport for a “signal 500” shall switch to channel 4 once they are close to the airport and the staging area. Mutual-Aid from other counties on the I-275 beltway may require the use of channel 4.
- H. Channel 1 and channel 5 are the only repeater type channels.
- I. Channel 4 should be used for communication with aeromedical helicopters.
- J. The Incident Commander shall handle all communications with PSCC.
- K. When an incident is cleared or units become available, the Incident Commander shall be the only person communicating this information to PSCC unless otherwise directed.
- L. Playing on the radio will not be tolerated. Anyone caught doing so shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

- M. All personnel are expected to maintain a professional attitude and image while using the radio system.
- N. The following call signs shall be utilized for all district vehicles:
 - 1. Engine 703
 - 2. Engine 704
 - 3. Ladder 710
 - 4. Squad 714
 - 5. Squad 715
 - 6. Brush Truck 717
 - 7. Utility 718
 - 8. Tanker 720
 - 9. Tanker 721
 - 10. Car 725
 - 11. Car 726
 - 12. Car 740
 - 13. Air 1517
- O. When a company is contacted, or is contacting the Incident Commander, another unit or dispatcher, the Company Officer shall perform all communications unless the Officer gives other instructions.