

S.O.P. #: 300-13

SUBJECT: FIREGROUND COMMAND AND TACTICAL TALKGROUPS

DIVISION: COMMUNICATIONS

Objective: To improve radio communications during incidents to which a Division/Battalion Commander is assigned by utilizing fireground command and tactical talkgroups in an attempt to reduce "Talkover" and interference.

Terminology: Fireground Talkgroups

Battalion	Command Net	FGC	TAC
1	11	12	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
2	21	22	23 24 25 26 27 28 29
3	31	32	33 34 35 36 37 38 39
4 spare	41	42	43 44 45 46 47 48 49
5 spare	51	52	53 54 55 56 57 58 59
6 spare	61	62	63 64 65 66 67 68 69
7 spare	71	72	73 74 75 76 77 78 79
8 spare	81	82	83 84 85 86 87 88 89

1. A FGC TG will be used on any incident where a DC/BC is assigned.
2. Dispatch will ONLY monitor the FGC TG or Command Net TG. Only COMMAND will communicate with Dispatch via the FGC TG or Command Net TG.
3. Under normal operating conditions, the FGC TG will be noted by the assigned BC. Dispatch will announce the assigned FGC TG, at the conclusion of the dispatch just before the time.
4. If COMMAND institutes the Command Net, dispatch will announce that the Command Net is being instituted. Dispatch will now monitor the assigned Command Net TG.
5. TAC TG's may be utilized by COMMAND as required.
6. Dispatch will NOT monitor any TAC TG. All communication to Dispatch must be through COMMAND via the FGC TG unless an Emergency situation occurs. All request for additional resources must come from the incident commander.
7. Once the DC/BC physically clears the incident scene and transfers COMMAND to another unit, all units will be advised that Dispatch is no longer monitoring the FGC TG and confirm that the new COMMANDER (OIC) receives the message.
8. Dispatch will not simulcast on a divisional TG and an FGC TG unless absolutely necessary.
9. If units are operating at the scene of an incident to which a Division Chief/Battalion Chief has not been assigned, the OIC may request a spare FGC talkgroup. The FGC that may be utilized will be 61, 71, or 81. Dispatch will not monitor this FGC talkgroup unless a Division Chief/Battalion Chief has been assigned or approved by the ADO. The Incident Commander must maintain communications on their divisional talkgroup at all times.

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10. On multi-alarm(s) incidents, (second alarm and greater) including all “Working Fires”, units will respond and report “enroute” & “at location” status’s on the divisional talkgroup assigned to the Command Net or FGC talkgroup. If a unit(s) are needed prior to staging, Dispatch will instruct the requested unit(s) to switch and operated on the fireground command talkgroup. All other units are to report to the staging location and report to the Staging Officer.
11. See the Incident Management System manual for details and procedures on incident command procedures.