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**A-16 USAGE OF HCFA 800 MHz FREQUENCIES BY NON-FIRE PARAMEDIC AMBULANCES****CENTRAL ZONE**

Usage of the HCFA 800 MHz frequencies will be limited to HCFA incidents ONLY. The non-fire paramedic or BLS units should communicate directly with their dispatch agency for response status updates. The exception to this are the AMR ALS units operating out of El Cajon Fire Department stations. Those units will continue to communicate directly with HCFA on all responses.

The non-fire paramedic or BLS units dispatch agency and/or HCFA will communicate directly with each other regarding response status updates of the non-fire resources. Non-fire paramedic or BLS units will typically be assigned to use the following HCFA or RCS 800 MHz radio system talk groups when responding or working with Central Zone resources.

- Zone 1: 1A Dispatch: will only be used by Dispatch (incident dispatching)
- Zone 1 & 2: 1B/2B: use when not assigned to an active incident and there is a need to obtain or give HCFA dispatch information
- Zone 1: CMD/TAC 1C through 1N: as assigned to LKS, SNT, HRT, BON, SMG for communication with Dispatch and units on an active incident
- Zone 2: CMD/TAC 2C through 2N: as assigned to ACP, VJS, SYC, BBB, RFB, CBK for communication with Dispatch and units on an active incident
- Zone 2: CMD 2L/TAC 2M: primary radio assignment for wild land incidents within Central Zone (will use VHF assigned frequencies for SRA/FRA fires)

Frequencies will be assigned by HCFA at time of dispatch. After all units are at scene and assigned a task, all incident related traffic should be conducted on Tactical Channels, thus leaving the Command Frequency open for appropriate Command communications.