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**D-2.6 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPARATUS**

## PURPOSE:

To standardize tactical communications between personnel from the same apparatus.

## Guidelines:

- All communications to apparatus are presumed to be directed to the apparatus CAPTAIN. The CAPTAIN may designate other personnel to answer on their behalf.
- Communications between personnel on units should identify the unit ID followed by the rank(ENGINEER, FIREFIGHTER X). Firefighters last name should be included when more than one firefighter is staffing the apparatus.  
Example: "Engine 12 ENGINEER from FIREFIGHTER SMITH, reduce pressure."
- ICS designators supersede rank identifiers. ICS designators examples include: Command, Interior, Roof, Staging, Base, Division x, Safety, etc.
- First names of personnel may not be used as a substitute for the radio identifier.

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