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**D-2.6 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPARATUS****PURPOSE**

To standardize tactical communications between personnel from the same apparatus while assigned to an incident.

**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 apparatus identifier followed by the rank (Engineer, Firefighter X). Firefighters last name should be included when more than one firefighter is staffing the apparatus.
  - Example: "Engine 1 ENGINEER from FIREFIGHTER SMITH, reduce pressure."
- Communications between personnel should take place on the assigned Tactical channel.
- ICS designators supersede rank identifiers, ICS designators examples include: Command, Interior, Fire Attack, Staging, Division, Safety, etc.
- First names of personnel shall not be used as a substitute for the radio identifier.

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