


SHELBYVILLE FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Purpose:

The purpose of this S.O.P. is to define call signs that will work on all incidents. This will help unify the use of the Incident Command System.

Definitions:

Apparatus Radio: Radio mounted in apparatus.

Primary Transceiver: Radio used by the Company Officer of the Apparatus.

Secondary Transceiver: Radio used by a company member or team operating remotely from the Company Officer.

General:

Communications should be effective and efficient during all incidents. It is important to safety and accountability during emergency operations. Members shall use secondary transceivers only when separated from their Company Officer.

Procedure:

Secondary radios shall be used, but not limited to the following;

1. Members performing exterior ladder operations, ventilation or multiple rescues.
2. Personnel positioned at a hydrant during LDH lays.

Designations:

The Company Officer shall utilize the apparatus radio until he exits the unit and is on a portable radio. At that time the Sergeant shall utilize the apparatus radio as needed.

Primary transceiver is designated by the Company # followed by "W".

Secondary transceiver is designated by the Company # followed by "S".

Examples:

Primary (Officer) "Quint 11 W to Command, we have light smoke on the 2nd floor"

Secondary "Quint 11S to Engine 31W, primary search on the 1st floor is negative"

Apparatus "Quint 11 to Engine 31S, start your water"