

Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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DEPARTMENT RADIO CHANNELS

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The following list indicates the radio channels used by the department:

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| Channel 1 | Smithfield FD (repeated) |
| Channel 2 | Smithfield FD (direct) |
| Channel 3 | Isle of Wight FD (repeated) |
| Channel 4 | Carrollton FD tac #1 (fire) |
| Channel 5 | Isle of Wight VRS |
| Channel 6 | Tidewater mutual aid |
| Channel 7 | Smithfield PD |
| Channel 8 | Isle of Wight Sheriff's Dept. |
| Channel 9 | State Police (scan only) |
| Channel 10 | Carrollton FD tac #2 (EMS) |
| Channel 11 | Statewide search and rescue |
| Channel 12 | Weather |
| Channel 13 | Isle of Wight FD (direct) |
| Channel 14 | Gwaltney of Smithfield (maintenance) |
| Channel 15 | Smithfield Packing Co. (maintenance) |
| Channel 16 | Gwaltney & Smithfield Packing (security) |
| Channel 17 | Isle of Wight school system |

The incident commander may elect to move tactical communications to an auxiliary radio channel. The primary purpose of this move would be to relieve the primary channel of the voluminous tactical communications which occur at a large incident.

The incident commander shall be responsible for notifying all fireground units when to switch to the tactical communications channel. It is not necessary for each unit to notify the dispatcher of the change since all communications should be with the incident commander.

The incident commander shall be responsible for ensuring that channel 1 is monitored at all times during an incident.

Portable radios with the capability to use channel 6 are available for use on those fire apparatus which do not already have channel 6 installed.

While using any department radio, communications shall be brief as possible. Every effort should be made not to transmit needless information that ties up radio traffic. Using profanity, vulgarity, or being argumentative on department radios is strictly prohibited.

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10 - CODES

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The following list of 10-codes and definitions are to be utilized while communicating via department radios.

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| 10-1 | Unable to copy |
| 10-2 | Signals good |
| 10-3 | Stop transmitting |
| 10-4 | Acknowledgement (OK) |
| 10-6 | Busy - standby unless urgent |
| 10-7 | Out of service |
| 10-8 | In service |
| 10-9 | Repeat |
| 10-19 | Returning to Station 1 |
| 10-20 | Location |
| 10-21 | Place telephone call |
| 10-22 | Disregard |
| 10-23 | Arrived at the scene |
| 10-24 | Assignment complete |
| 10-25 | Report in person to |
| 10-39 | Use lights and siren |
| 10-40 | No lights or siren (non-emergency) |
| 10-50 | Accident |
| 10-50pi | Accident w/ personal injury |
| 10-50F | Accident w/ fatality |
| 10-76 | Enroute |
| 10-89 | Bomb threat |
| 10-90 | Automated alarm |

During multiple agency incidents, plain text radio communications shall be utilized.