

FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: II SOP: 2601
SECTION: 2600 INCIDENT COMMUNICATIONS
SUBJECT: INCIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

PURPOSE: To provide for standard communications for incident scene management that are consistent with other Santa Cruz County Fire Agencies.

SCOPE: This procedure should be practiced by all personnel involved with an incident.

PROCEDURE:

Face to Face

Face to face communication is the most effective method of communication and should be used whenever possible.

Telephone/FAX

The telephone and/or FAX should be used instead of the radio whenever possible. This will increase the effectiveness of communication and free up the radio time for priority traffic. In the case of the FAX, accuracy is enhanced through written communication and should be used when highly accurate information is needed.

Radio

Radio communication should be used when the above mentioned forms are not available. Radio traffic should be limited to necessary information and messages.

Dispatch Net

Dispatch will be done by Santa Cruz County Emergency Communications Center (NetCom) as per SOP 2602. All dispatching will be done over the Red Fire net (154.325). Responding units will advise NetCom that they are responding.

Tactical Net

Upon determination that the incident will be a working incident, the Incident Commander should call for a tactical channel. All tactical operations will be conducted on the assigned tactical channel from that point on. A tactical net may also be assigned by County Comm. to free up the dispatch net.