

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department RADIO TRAFFIC PROCEDURE

Procedure:

Firefighter radio traffic for an incident will consist of the following:

1. The first responding unit will check enroute with Central Dispatch on Fire South.
2. All other responding units (other than first responding unit) will announce on Fire East (but not require a response) that their unit is enroute.
3. The first arriving unit will check on scene with Central Dispatch on Fire East. The unit will also give a status report on all incidents other than medical calls.
4. The incident commander will identify him/herself with Central Dispatch on Fire East and announce that all responding units will now conduct radio traffic on fire grounds frequency.
5. The incident commander will monitor Fire East for radio traffic and may conduct radio traffic with Central Dispatch. All other radio traffic will be conducted on fireground frequency.
6. When an incident is completed the incident commander will notify Central Dispatch that all department units are clear of the scene.

All radio traffic should be kept to a minimum and only pertinent information should be transmitted. General chit-chat (ex. You can back it down, or requests for information by responding units) should be avoided if possible. Radio traffic procedures on the incident scene should be followed as outlined by the Isabella County Incident Command Procedure.

Procedure Overview/Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline radio procedure for all firefighters. The department would also like to minimize the amount of radio traffic on Fire East to the essential information and requests. The department would also like radio traffic on its incident scenes to allow for smooth operations and demonstrate a well organized command structure.