

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

90.03.12
ALARM RESPONSE,
O/S ARRIVAL
COMMUNICATIONS



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Purpose: To minimize and abbreviate communications during alarm response and limit response communications to only those within the county-wide resource tracking system.

References: N/A

Procedure:

1. Apparatus Response Communication.
 - a) All District apparatus shall report to Dispatch their status as outlined in the communications procedures section 90.03.05. Units shall report to Dispatch via radio on the designated frequency as to their status when responding to an incident.
2. Personnel Response Communications.
 - a) 800 Series Personnel: Those District personnel that have 800 series numbers and are within the county resource tracking system i.e. 820, 801, 802, 840, 860 may report their response to dispatch via radio on the designated frequency. These personnel are tracked as resources on a county-wide level for major incident response.
 - b) Non-800 Series Radio Designators: Those District personnel that have a radio designator number that are not within the county-wide resource tracking system (i.e. Captain 82, Lieutenant 85) shall not report their response to Dispatch. These personnel are not tracked in the county-wide resource tracking system. Use of the radio designators cause confusion with other tracked resources.
3. Response to Staff Apparatus or Station.
 - a) At times personnel with radio designators may be responding to the station to staff or respond with an apparatus. Personnel should refrain from contacting dispatch to advise of their response.
 - b) Personnel shall contact the on-duty 820 officer or the Incident Commander via radio only if they are aware that another apparatus may be dispatched in lieu of the apparatus they are going to staff and/or respond in.
 - i. The following is an example of this type of communication:
Dispatch notifies 820 that the water tender from Station 82 has not responded, and requests authorization for re-tone. Captain 82 reports to 820 - "820 from Captain 82 - responding to station to pick up Tender 82 ETA 1 min."

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4. Coordination of Apparatus Staffing and/or Response Communications.
 - a) At times it is necessary to coordinate the response of apparatus due to manning and staffing levels at the stations. District personnel may use cellular to coordinate their response to the station with other responding personnel. Personnel using fire-ground talk groups shall comply with all rules and regulations as imposed by the FCC and district communications procedures.
 - i. *Captain 82 and Lieutenant 81 have set up a response plan to contact each other while responding to fires to coordinate which person will pick-up the water tender.*
5. Communications with Dispatch When Arriving on Scene.
 - a) Tracked Resources: Apparatus, units and personnel that are tracked resources shall report their arrival at the incident per the communications procedures section and S.O.P. 90.03.05.
 - b) Non-tracked Resources: Resources that are not tracked shall not report their arrival at the incident to Dispatch.
6. First Arriving Unit or Personnel on Scene.
 - a) The first district unit or personnel that arrive at the scene of the incident shall report a size-up of the situation and establish command per S.O.P. 90.03.05 item 11.