



SPECIAL ORDER



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2005	70	Administration & Finance	9/20/05	9/30/06

Subject:

EMS Radio Terminology

1. Delete and destroy Special Order #46, 2005, “EMS Radio Terminology.”
2. Effectively immediately verbalization of the EMS status of suppression unit shall be included as part of a unit’s radio identity.
 - a. When equipped and staffed as paramedic – EMT/P – the word “Paramedic” shall precede the unit’s normal radio identity. Example: While Engine 21 is equipped and staffed as a paramedic unit the radio identifier shall be stated as “Paramedic Engine 21...”
 - b. When equipped and staffed as medic – EMT/I or CRT – the word “Medic” shall precede the unit’s normal radio identity. Example: While Tower 10 is equipped and staffed as a medic unit the radio identifier shall be stated as “Medic Tower 10...”
3. Personnel should continue to verbalize their transport unit status, i.e., A15, M15 or P15.
4. The dispatchers will continue to track the EMS status of the suppression units, i.e., E91, E91M or E91P.
5. It is *imperative* that Communications be notified when a unit’s level of care changes. This will allow communications to change the status of the unit so it can be appropriately assigned to calls. It is the responsibility of all field personnel to keep Communications abreast of any and all changes.



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6. These changes should be done over the radio or through the center supervisor at extension 2950.

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