

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2602
	SECTION: 2600 INCIDENT COMMUNICATIONS	
	SUBJECT: EMERGENCY TRAFFIC	

Purpose: To provide a means for alerting fireground personnel of a severely hazardous situation.

Scope: All fireground personnel to strictly adhere to this procedure.

Definitions:

Emergency Traffic:

Will be used by any person, division/group, or resource encountering an immediately perilous situation that puts on-scene resources in imminent peril. Emergency traffic will receive the highest communications priority from the incident commander and all units operating on the emergency scene.

Priority Traffic:


Will be used by any person, division/group, or resource when encountering a high volume of radio traffic preventing the communication of a situation that requires immediate recognition and acknowledgment.

Procedure:

1. To initiate *Emergency Traffic*:
 - A. Field Unit
 - Notify incident commander of *emergency traffic* and your identifier.
 - State type of emergency and required action.
 - B. Incident Commander
 - The incident commander will notify dispatch center to announce an *emergency alert tone* over the command and tactical channels.

Example:

Net Com _____ IC requesting, *emergency traffic alert*
on _____ command and _____ tactical frequencies.

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- C. Dispatch Center
- Dispatch shall initiate a high low alert tone on the assigned tactical and command channels consisting of 3 alert tones.
"All units on the _____ incident standby for emergency traffic."
- D. Incident Commander
- After *alert tone* and alert message by dispatch, the incident commander shall deliver the *emergency traffic message* on both the command and tactical frequencies.

2. To initiate *Priority Traffic*:

- A. Resource desiring *priority traffic* preference will preface transmission of radio traffic with the announcement of "*Priority Traffic*".
Example:
"Glenwood IC..... Division A, *priority traffic*."

3. Dispatch Center initiated - *Emergency Traffic Only* and *Priority Traffic Only*

- A. Dispatch shall use *emergency traffic only* declaration to clear a channel of secondary traffic anytime the dispatcher is advised of a firefighter injury or a need for Code 3 law enforcement.
- B. Dispatch shall use the *priority traffic only* restriction to keep the dispatch net free for initial dispatch of new incidents and to keep the channel clear for responding units and incident commander to contact dispatch.
- NetCom, incident commander, zone coordinator, or a duty chief can request a *priority traffic only* restriction.

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