





**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
FIRE SERVICE POLICY**

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SUBJECT: CODES AND CLEAR TEXT	
APPROVED:	 _____ Chairperson, Fire Service Users Subcommittee
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Dispatchers will broadcast all radio transmissions in clear text (or “plain English”), except for a few standardized codes. Specifically:

- Code 2 – without delay; safest possible speed (obeying all traffic laws)
- Code 3 – immediate need; safest possible speed (under emergency operations)
- Code 4 – situation under control; no further assistance needed
- Code 7- DOA
- Code 99 – full cardiac arrest
- Medical Priorities
 1. Alpha
 2. Bravo
 3. Charlie
 4. Delta
 5. Echo