

# Galveston Fire Department

## 1000.10 Radio Communications

**Fire Chief** \_\_\_\_\_

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In an effort to streamline our radio communications by minimizing non essential radio traffic and ensuring the receipt of incident specific information by first due companies, the following models shall be used for daily radio communications and emergency responses.

### **Routine Communications**

In our everyday routine operations, there is little need for a lot of radio communications. Companies are regularly moving throughout their districts and across the Island for training, fuel and other department business. For routine operations, a Company leaving their station to complete an in-service task shall simply announce that they are ***Mobile in district***. If an Engine Company is leaving their district and will need another company to cover their assignments, they shall notify Dispatch of their destination and that their calls should be given to a specific station. Squad 5, Tower 1 and Ladder 7 can simply state that they are mobile. Safety and Battalion will no longer need to advise when out of the station except when responding to incidents.

### **Emergency Response Communications**

Once a 1 alarm or any other incident requiring multiple units to respond has been dispatched, responding units shall announce their response in the following order;

1. First due Engine Company

Dispatch will then repeat the address and give any additional information for that incident. Following the dispatch information, all other responding units will announce their response and Battalion shall be the last to announce Responding.

### **First Responder Calls**

Once a Company receives a first responder call (***not including major accidents, rescues and GMR incidents***), they shall advise they are responding on Fire 1. Dispatch will repeat the address and give them all available patient information. After receiving this information, the responding Unit shall switch to the EMS channel A7 and advise dispatch that they are on EMS. At all times, it will be necessary for at least one radio to remain on Fire 1 to monitor GFD calls. It will be at the discretion of the Incident Commander of multi-unit incidents to determine if units need to switch to another channel. After the call is complete, return to Fire 1 to return to service and for all other communications.