

Radio Communication Techniques

When initiating a call on the radio, first identify who you wish to contact, then identify yourself.

Example: "Command, this is Bus Seven."

Wait for the party you are calling to respond (ex. "Bus Seven, this is Command, go ahead"), then proceed with your message.

Example: "Command, Bus Seven has loaded all passengers, departing hospital for staging area."

Keep all radio communications brief and to the point. It is generally helpful to think about what you want to say, and how you want to say it, prior to initiating a radio call. Avoid the use of "codes" or acronyms that may be misunderstood by others. The use of plain English will usually result in more effective communications.

Please monitor your radio at all times for people trying to contact you. When you hear your callsign (ex. "Hospital Three Charlie, this is Command", respond by identifying yourself, and letting the calling party know that you are ready to receive their communication.

Example: "Command, this is Hospital Three Charlie, go ahead"

After you have heard and understood a radio message, let the calling party know.

Example: "Command, message received"

Phonetic Alphabet

A	Alpha	H	Hotel	O	Oscar	V	Victor
B	Bravo	I	India	P	Papa	W	Whiskey
C	Charlie	J	Juliet	Q	Quebec	X	X-Ray
D	Delta	K	Kilo	R	Romeo	Y	Yankee
E	Echo	L	Lima	S	Sierra	Z	Zulu
F	Foxtrot	M	Mike	T	Tango		
G	Golf	N	November	U	Uniform		