

**FAUQUIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION  
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Condition 1 and 2		<b>NUMBER:</b> 04.012
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**1.0 Purpose**

To provide clear and concise directions to Communications Division staff for use in the event of a storm emergency, to limit unnecessary radio traffic during emergency and high volume situations, and to allocate resources effectively.

**2.0 Storm Status**

2.1 In the event of severe weather and storm emergencies only emergency calls will be dispatched via the radio.

2.2 Any calls for assistance/public service that are Fire and Rescue related will be routed to the appropriate station preferably by public telephone. If there is no answer company officers will be paged to contact communications.

2.3 During a Declared Local Emergency, every effort will be made to supply a SDO (Staffed Duty Officer) to communications to assist with this effort.

**3.0 OPERATING CONDITIONS**

3.1 Condition 1: Normal operations

This is the normal day to day operating level of the Communications Division and the Fire & Rescue Services.

3.2 Condition 2: Unusual operation conditions

Radio/Phone traffic has exceeded the capabilities of communications personnel limiting radio traffic emergency and pertinent information only listed below. It also scales back resources for box alarms if the emergency is Fire and Rescue related.

Condition 2 Procedures:

1. It is incumbent on all responders to maintain radio discipline at all times.

2. During high call volume and/or emergency calls it may become necessary for communications personnel to announce "Condition 2". When "Condition 2" has been declared a page shall be sent to all stations "All stations, Fauquier is now operating in Condition 2, any available personnel please report to your station." A "Condition 2" may be initiated in the following incidents/emergencies and is not limited to this list:
  - a. Officer Down/Signal 13 on any law enforcement talk group
  - b. Firefighter Down
  - c. Large scale weather event; tornado, severe thunderstorm, flooding, snow storm, etc.
  - d. Working Box Assignments – Working Structure Fire
  - e. Large scale law enforcement incidents such as bank robberies, hostage situations, etc.
3. A Communications Shift Supervisor, SDO/UFO, LE Command Staff or F&R Chief Officer will enact "Condition 2" using the above indicators.
4. Communications will announce over 11 Alpha and all active command and operations talk groups "Condition 2" and send an alpha page using the emergency notification page group.
5. Responders will limit all traffic to normal traffic only:
  - a. Responding
  - b. On Scene
  - c. Responding to the hospital
  - d. At the hospital
  - e. In service
  - f. Initial scene size up from first arriving unit
  - g. Incident command request for additional resources will be made by command only
  - h. Emergency Traffic – firefighter down, safety notifications, etc...
6. During "Condition 2" communications is taxed, responders will limit phone calls to communications with emergencies only, calls for times or other requests will be held until "Condition 1" has been announced.
7. During "Condition 2" non-emergency calls for service, calls for assistance, and calls for public service will be routed to the appropriate stations preferably by public telephone. If there is no answer, the company officer will be paged to contact communications.
8. As soon as communications has returned to normal conditions, "Condition 1" will be announced over 11 Alpha and all active command and operation talk groups and an alpha page sent using the emergency notification page group.
9. Full box alarms will be scaled back if the emergency event is Fire and Rescue related to 2 Engine companies, 1 EMS unit, and 1 Command Officer. If additional calls are received that indicate this to be a working incident, Communications will upgrade the assignment appropriately.