

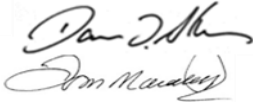



Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

	OPERATING PROCEDURE	No. 221	
	NOVA Field Communications Manual		
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PURPOSE

To adopt and implement the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual titled Field Communications Manual, first edition (2020).

SCOPE

All personnel shall become aware, understand, and implement the NOVA field communications manual.

I. PREFACE

- A. The Northern Virginia area fire and rescue departments have been utilizing such manuals for over a decade. The information, strategy and tactics, initial incident command objectives, and various other incident management concepts contained in the manuals represent years of planning and development. This has been completed through numerous incident responses, local and regional pre-incident planning and lessons learned throughout the region and county.
- B. By having the area fire and rescue departments operate on incident scenes using the same manual, consistency and overall situational awareness are known and understood by all operating on scene of incidents. Fauquier County is considered part of the NOVA Fire and Rescue Departments, and by implementing the communications manual will allow for consistency for mutual aid companies (receiving and assisting).

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Chiefs Group and the Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management, hereby adopt the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Field Communications Manual, first edition (2020).
- B. All members in the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System (career and/or volunteer) shall adhere to the procedures and roles/responsibilities outlined in the Field Communications Manual, first edition (2020).

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III. ADDENDUM

- A. Fauquier County Fire and Rescue units while operating on incidents within Fauquier County and on a Fauquier County radio channel will not utilize the COG designated prefix and unit number. Units shall use the "11" COG designation when responding to any incident outside of Fauquier County and operating on another jurisdiction's radio channel. Instances where an incident is dispatched in Fauquier County, but the incident scene is ultimately in another county, radio traffic will be based on which jurisdiction's radio channel the incident is operating on.
- B. Exceptions to this amendment are units that are not assigned to a specific fire station (ex: FM1100, AC1100, EMS1101, BC1101).

- 1. Examples of an incident in Fauquier County and on a Fauquier County radio channel:

“Battalion 1101 from Engine 7, I recommend holding Engine 7 and placing all other units in service”

“Fauquier, Medic 1 is at the hospital.”

- 2. Examples of an incident outside of Fauquier County and operating on another jurisdictions radio channel:

“Tanker 505 from Engine 1107, charge the supply line.”

“Command from Engine 1102, we’re conducting a primary on the 1st floor.”