FIREGROUND OPERATION PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNICATION

The following procedures shall be followed at all times when using a radio for communication:

1. Companies assigned, as Ladder Companies will operate as a team identified by the apparatus they are on and use the following radio designations:

   - The Officer will be referred to as **2-8-** TRUCK # **OFFICER**
   - The Chauffeur will be referred to as **2-8-** TRUCK # **CHAUFFEUR**
   - The Forcible Entry Position will be referred to as **2-8-** TRUCK # **IRONS**
   - The Outside Vent Position will be referred to as **2-8-** TRUCK # **OV**
   - The Roof Position will be referred to as **2-8-** TRUCK # **ROOF**

     ➢ If 2-8-1 were assigned to perform Ladder Company Operations at the scene of a structure fire a radio transmission examples would be:

   "COMMAND, 2-8-1 OFFICER, the primary search of the first floor is negative."

   Or

     ➢ If 2-8-2 were assigned to perform Ladder Company Operations at the scene of a car fire a radio transmission example would be:

   "2-8-2 IRONS, 2-8-2 OFFICER, secure the vehicle with chocks."

2. Companies assigned, as Engine Companies will operate as a team identified by the apparatus they are on and use the following radio designations:

   - The Officer will be referred to as **2-8-** ENGINE # **OFFICER**
   - The Chauffeur will be referred to as **2-8-** ENGINE # **CHAUFFEUR**
   - The Control Position will be referred to as **2-8-** ENGINE # **CONTROL**

     ➢ If 2-8-8 were assigned to perform Engine Company Operations at the scene of a structure fire a radio transmission examples would be:

   *"COMMAND, 2-8-8 OFFICER, All visible **fire** has been knocked down."*

   Or

     ➢ If 2-8-14 were assigned to perform Engine Company Operations at the scene of a propane leak a radio transmission example would be:

   "2-8-14 CONTROL, 2-8-14 OFFICER, Stretch a line to cool the tank."

3. Companies providing Emergency Medical Services (rescue squad members) will operate as a team identified by the ambulance they are on and use the following radio designations:

   - The Officer will be referred to as **2-8-** AMBULANCE # **OFFICER**
   - The Chauffeur will be referred to as **2-8-** AMBULANCE # **CHAUFFEUR**

4. When the Incident Command System is utilized on an alarm the following communication procedures are to be followed:

   - Incident Commander will be referred to as COMMAND.

- If the incident requires Sector Officers, the Incident Commander will appoint members to these positions as defined in SOP 701. These Officers will be identified on the radio by the sector they command.
  - **Interior Officer**- the member assigned the Interior Sector of a structure fire.
  - **Triage Officer**- the member designated to supervise triage.