

Buechel Fire Protection District

Fire-ground Operations

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Section	Instruction
	<p>The purpose of this guideline is to initiate, maintain and control efficient fire-ground operations, and to attain a high degree of proficiency in the use of two-way radio communications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="284 640 1448 709">1. Jefferson County Telecommunications Bureau will be referred to as "Radio".<li data-bbox="284 739 1448 808">2. When transmitting to or from the base station radio, it will be referred to as "Buechel Base".<li data-bbox="284 837 1448 947">3. The unit completing the report will clear the air when all apparatus are back in service. Individual units are not to go "on the air" unless specifically instructed by the officer in charge.<li data-bbox="284 976 1448 1115">4. All mobile units will use the four digit numbering system and the word "Unit" before the number. <i>Example: "Unit 3701" etc.</i> All apparatus portable radios will use the apparatus number with the suffix "W" or "X". <i>Example "Unit 3734W" etc.</i><li data-bbox="284 1144 1448 1493">5. Receipt of Alarm: All necessary information can be collected from the stored voice pagers. If not sure of the nature and/or the location of the emergency, ask Radio for any information needed. When a firefighter receives a fire run by phone, obtain the caller's name, phone number, what is on fire, and the address. Advise them we are on our way and if they can, call 911, then advise radio. <i>Example: "Buechel Base to Radio, knock Buechel out on a house fire at 4101 Bardstown Road, we received this by phone". Give box number if known.</i><li data-bbox="284 1522 1448 1774">6. Response to Emergencies: All responding units are to say "RESPONDING". No unit will use the phrase "on the air" in place of responding". It may be necessary for the first unit to repeat RESPONDING more than once to be acknowledged. All other units will issue RESPONDING only once, regardless if it is acknowledged by RADIO or not. Due consideration should be given to other districts when saying "RESPONDING" on an automatic back-up.<li data-bbox="284 1803 1448 1873">7. The Buechel Fire Protection District's normal operation channel is fire 2. On occasions the telecommunication bureau will ask us to operate from

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	fire 1, 3, or 4. All units will switch to the channel requested and operate as normal from it. As the first unit clears the air or your unit returns to the station, all radios should be returned to our primary operation channel - Fire 2.
8.	Chief Officers will not use their radio number when riding on an apparatus unless there is no other Chief Officer responding.
9.	All responding units are to say "on scene" indicating that they have arrived at the scene of the incident. It may be necessary for the first unit to repeat ON SCENE more than once to be acknowledged. All other units will issue ON SCENE only once. The first unit on scene will give a brief description of the SITUATION. Reporting a building description during this report is left to the discretion of the officer.
10.	The first arriving company at a property with a sprinkler and/or standpipe system will state whether or not they are "taking" the Siamese. If the first arriving engine company does not take the Siamese, the second arriving engine company will, and advise Radio, unless otherwise ordered by the officer in charge.
11.	Canceling Equipment: When an officer in charge determines to "Have Control" of the incident, apparatus not at the scene are to cancel their run automatically, unless told to continue. Apparatus already at the scene will be told when to return to quarters directly by the officer in charge. Do not go through Radio to cancel equipment unless it is another district responding for mutual aid.
12.	<p>AUTHORIZED RADIO CODES: The following are the authorized radio codes for the Jefferson County Telecommunications Bureau. No other codes or signals are permitted or recognized.</p> <p>RespondingResponding to the scene On SceneArrived at the scene Clear The Air.....Incident Termination OkayMessage received Emergency TrafficClear the Channel</p>

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	<p>Out of ServiceMechanically out of service (signal out of service only when responding)</p> <p>Respond InvestigatorRequest Arson Investigator</p> <p>Respond CoronerRequest Coroner</p> <p>Injured FirefighterRequest Emergency Medical Services</p> <p>Injury AccidentRequest Police and EMS* Advise if Fire Unit Involved</p> <p>Non injury Accident.....Request Police* Advise if Fire Unit Involved</p> <p>Emergency ResponseRespond with lights and siren or Code 3</p> <p>Non Emergency ResponseRespond in normal Traffic or Code 1</p>