6- FIRE/EMS TALK GROUPS

6.1 GENERAL

Fire/EMS talk groups are broken down into the following:

- Dispatch
- OPS 2
- OPS 3
- OPS 4
- OPS 5
- OPS 6
- OPS 7
- OPS 8
- OPS 9
- OPS 10
- OPS 11
- OPS 12
- OPS 13
- OPS 14
- OPS 15
- OPS 16

6.2 DISPATCH TALK GROUP

- The County has committed to continuing the practice of a voice announcement in conjunction with the digital paging notification.

- This announcement will be made on the Dispatch talk group for all fire, EMS, fire police, EMA and Hazmat dispatches.

- The Dispatcher will make a single voice announcement.
  
  - An example of a typical voice dispatch:

  “Springettsbury Township, 120 Davies Drive, cross streets of Heindel Road and the dead end, at the York County Department of Emergency Services, Fire Alarm. Box 89-34. Stations 89-3, 89-4, 21 and 89-1 are due, 1550 hours.”
6.3 OPS TALK GROUPS

- Routine incidents will be worked on OPS 2 through OPS 5 and the talk group assigned to the incident is dependent on the municipality’s geographic area assignment (e.g. metro, north, west or east). This talk group will be routinely monitored by the Communications Center.

- Significant incidents will be moved by the Communications Center to its own OPS talk group (OPS 6 - OPS 16) either upon dispatch or as units respond. The following types of calls will be assigned a separate talk group, either upon dispatch if evident or when the situation occurs:
  
  - Structure fires
  - Emergency HAZMAT Responses
  - Mass Casualty Incidents
  - Special Rescues
  - Long-term Search Details

  This talk group will be routinely monitored by the Communications Center.

- Units/Incidents may not move outside their assigned OPS talk groups unless authorized by the Dispatcher.

- Dispatch, Chief Officers or Command may request that an incident be moved to another OPS talk group should an incident become more significant and/or involved than initially determined.

- Obviously with the number of operational talk groups not all field operations can have its own OPS talk group and successfully be monitored from the Communications Center.

- Incidents where Dispatcher intervention is necessary and this is not evident on Dispatch, Command will notify the Communications Center of that request.

- If a Dispatcher is unable to monitor an operational talk group the Chief Officer or Command will be notified which OPS talk group to communicate back to Dispatch.

- Units are to respond on their home talk group.

- York City Fire will be contacted on City Fire Admin talk group for routine messages.
OPS 2 Talk Group
- This is the primary responding talk group for fire and EMS departments located in the Metro Area and includes:

  • Station 1
  • Station 2
  • Station 5
  • Station 25
  • Station 89-1, 89-3, 89-4, 89-5
  • Station 99
  • Ambulance 1
  • Ambulance 89-5
  • Ambulance 89-1, 89-3
  • Ambulance 89-2, 89-4
  • Ambulance 250
  • M102-1
  • M102-2
  • M102-4
  • M102-5
  • M1
  • MICU 89
  • MICU 250

OPS 3 Talk Group
- This is the primary responding talk group for fire and EMS departments located in the North Area and includes:

  • Station 6
  • Station 9
  • Station 20
  • Station 22
  • Station 23
  • Station 26
  • Station 27
  • Station 28
  • Station 31
  • Station 64
  • Station 65
  • Station 66
  • Station 67
  • Station 68
  • Station 69
  • Station 360
  • Ambulance 6
  • Ambulance 23
  • Ambulance 26
  • Ambulance 28
  • Ambulance 31
  • Ambulance 64
  • Ambulance 68
  • Ambulance 69
  • MICU 64
  • MICU 68
  • MICU 69
  • M98
OPS 4 Talk Group
   - This is the primary responding talk group for fire and EMS departments located in the West Area and includes:

   - Station 3
   - Station 4
   - Station 7
   - Station 8
   - Station 11
   - Station 12
   - Station 18
   - Station 33
   - Station 46
   - Station 47
   - Station 49
   - Station 52
   - Station 53
   - Station 58
   - Station 59
   - Station 61
   - Station 62
   - Station 63
   - Station 112
   - Ambulance 3
   - Ambulance 4
   - Ambulance 18
   - Ambulance 49
   - Ambulance 52
   - Ambulance 58
   - Ambulance 59
   - Ambulance 62
   - Ambulance 112
   - MICU 4
   - MICU 7-9
   - MICU 18
   - MICU 49
   - MICU 58
   - M102-3

OPS 5 Talk Group
   - This is the primary responding talk group for fire and EMS departments located in the East Area and includes:

   - Station 19
   - Station 20
   - Station 21
   - Station 34
   - Station 35
   - Station 36
   - Station 37
   - Station 38
   - Station 39
   - Station 41
   - Station 42
   - Station 43
   - Station 44
   - Station 45
   - Station 54
   - Station 55
   - Station 56
   - Station 57
   - Ambulance 19
   - Ambulance 37
   - Ambulance 39
   - Ambulance 41
   - Ambulance 42
   - Ambulance 54
   - Ambulance 56
   - Ambulance 57
   - MICU 19
   - MICU 36
   - M102-6
   - M46
   - M95
   - M36
   - MICU 56