



**REDWOOD DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
STANDARD OPERATING POLICY**

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4.0 CLEAR TEXT

- 4.1 Clear text is standard phrases, in plain English, utilized to transmit a clear understanding of the intended message.
- 4.2 Clear text shall be used for all REDCOM radio communications. Due to the extensive use of fire and rescue mutual aid within the State of California, the Mutual Aid System requires that clear text be used in all jurisdictions. With the exception of the terms “Code 2, Code 3, Code 4 and Code 6” (see SOP 2 for definitions), codes shall not be used in radio communications.
- 4.3 The following are commonly used clear text terminology and phrases used by REDCOM:

Affirmative	En Route	Reduce the Assignment
All Clear	Extrication TC	Repeat
At Scene	Fire Contained	Report on Conditions
Automatic Aid	Fire Out on Arrival	Return to _____
Automatic Response	Fire Reported Out	Respond or Responding
Available	Fire Under Control	Respond PD
Available at Scene	HBD	Resume Normal Traffic
Available in Quarters	In Service	SO
Available in Zone	In-Quarters	SRA
Burning Operations	Loud and Clear	Stand-by
Call_____ by phone	LRA	Standing by
Can Handle	MCI	Stop Transmitting
Cancel	MTZ	Structure Fire
Check for Extension	Mutual Aid	Support Frequency
Command Frequency	Negative	Tactical Frequency
Control Channel	No Sign of Extension	TC
Copy	Out of Service	Uncovered
Coroner Case	Person Down	Unreadable
Delayed Response	Possible Suicide	Upgrade the assignment
Disregard	Primary Dispatch Center	UTL
DRZ	Priority Traffic	Vegetation Fire
Emergency Traffic Only	Quick Attack	What is your location?

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- 4.4 The following are commonly used radio identifiers of Fire resources or overhead used in the Incident Command System (ICS), which is adopted statewide:

Air Attack	Dozer Tender	Patrol	Tanker
Ambulance	Engines	Plans	Task Force
Battalion	Group	Preventions	Training
Branch	Finance	Recon	Transport
Chief	HazMat	Repair	Truck
Copter	Helitack	Rescue	Utility
Crew	Helitender	Safety	Water Tender
Dispatch	IC	Staging	
Division	Logistics	Strike Team	
Dozer	Operations	Supply	

- 4.5 The following is the phonetic alphabet adopted for Fire Service use:

A-Alfa	G-Golf	M-Mike	S-Sierra	Y-Yankee
B-Bravo	H-Hotel	N-November	T-Tango	Z-Zulu
C-Charlie	I-India	O-Oscar	U-Uniform	
D-Delta	J-Juliet	P-Papa	V-Victor	
E-Echo	K-Kilo	Q-Quebec	W-Whiskey	
F-Foxtrot	L-Lima	R-Romeo	X-X-Ray	