



## Missouri Valley Fire & Rescue Department

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Missouri Valley, IA 51555

Phone 712-642-2945 Emergency 911

### STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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##### Chronological History

Effective: January 1, 2010

#### RADIO COMMUNICATION

This procedure is written to minimize communications at incidents so that priority messages are appropriately transmitted and received.

**GENERAL:** Radio messages shall be short, concise and clear; using clear text as defined in SOP 110, whenever possible. Command should be established as outlined in SOP 301. Common, brief messages that may be used are:

- a) "43-131 is en-route to 2214 Laredo."
- b) "43-131 is on scene."
- c) "Assignment complete, 43-131 returning to station."
- d) "43-131 is back at station."
- e) "43-131 is on scene, we have light smoke showing from a one story single family dwelling."

**PROPER COMMUNICATIONS:** All radio communications with Harrison County Dispatch should be kept as short and as direct as possible. The dispatcher is quite often too busy to handle unnecessary communication.

- a) Necessary transmissions to the dispatcher should be repeated until they are acknowledged by the dispatcher.
- b) Once "Command" has been established, "Command" should communicate with dispatch and all other personnel should communicate with "Command" with the exception of en-route and on scene information. Dispatch records these times.
- c) Apparatus designations are to be used along with unit numbers. Example: 43-120, 43-131, 43-133 etc.
- d) Upon arriving at the scene, all radio traffic should remain on Harrison County Fire frequency.

**EMERGENCY TRAFFIC:** The term MAYDAY will be utilized when an imminent hazard to emergency responders is present. It will receive priority over all other communications.

**Example:** “MAYDAY, North Sector to Command, the roof is falling on the north side, we need to evacuate!”

**AUTHORIZED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** Missouri Valley Fire Department radios and frequencies are intended to be used by MVFD personnel conducting MVFD business. Private use and abuse of these radios and/or frequencies is unauthorized and will not be permitted. The use of privately owned radios with MVFD frequencies is a privilege that may be revoked at any time if it is deemed to have been misused and/or abused. All radio identification numbers will be issued and assigned on an as needed basis as defined in MVFD Constitution and By-Laws.

**By Authority of:  
Fire Chief**

**Eugene Shaeffer**