



FCM 016-2016

FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2016

TO: All Uniformed Members

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FROM: Mark Ruzycki, Assistant Chief, District 2 **MR**

SUBJECT: 2016 RADIO ENHANCEMENT

As a reminder, on February 21, 2016 (A Shift Sunday), the Denver Fire Department will begin using the enhanced radio channel line-up. This line-up has already been programmed into all portable radios on the A position of the A/B switch located on the top of every radio.

If you have not already become familiar with the new line-up, please go through the Radio Enhancement PowerPoint and Excel spreadsheet on the DFD Bulletin Board. The District Chiefs are also available to assist with any questions that you might have. It is imperative that all members are familiar with the line-up because we are migrating to it on February 21st.

On February 21, 2016 (A Shift Sunday), we will switch to the new line-up for the Sunday morning radio test. From that point on we will be using the new line-up exclusively.

The Lineshop is in the process of updating all of the software and systems at Dispatch to incorporate the new line-up. Dispatch should be fully updated by February 1, 2016. In the coming weeks, Dispatch will be doing several roll call type trainings during slow periods in the City so that all personnel stay familiar with the line-up. For example, Dispatch will make an "All Stations" announcement for all companies that are in quarters to switch their portables to the new line-up and that a roll call will be conducted on TAC4 (or other channel designated by Dispatch). In addition, the February 14th radio test will be conducted on the new line-up on TAC4. After any of these tests, please remember to switch all portables back to the B line-up until February 21st.

For a short period of time after we switch to the new line-up on the portables, the rig radios will only be functional on channel 1. The Lineshop will have all rig radios reprogrammed as soon as possible after the switch, but there will be a small window of time until that is accomplished; the Lineshop is forecasting one to two days.

Lastly, the Dispatchers are asking that, once we switch to the new line-up, non-emergency radio talk between companies take place on that District's TAC Delta channel. For example, if Tower 1 needs to talk to Engine 1 on the air about a meeting location for training, that conversation should switch to TAC2 Delta. By using this channel, the Dispatchers will be able to turn the volume down on that channel bank and will not be distracted from traffic that needs to be monitored.

As we go through the training and implementation process, questions regarding this subject can be directed to AC Ruzycski (D-02-A) or AC Shepherd in Operations.

MR:kfc/H/FCM/2016/016-2016 2016 Radio Enhancement

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