



FCM 018-2016

FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2016

TO: All Uniformed Members

THROUGH: Eric C. Tade, Chief of Department *ECT*
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SUBJECT: PORTABLE RADIO ENHANCEMENT TOGGLE SWITCH

It has come to our attention that during the radio enhancement upgrade, a concern has been identified regarding the portable radio's A/B toggle switch. There have been instances where the radio has independently toggled from the B radio line-up to the A. This issue has been identified as primarily occurring while on the current District Channels, but may occur on other settings. For example: a company has the radio switched to District Channel 5; the radio will toggle to FTAC 5 and will remain there.

Other City agencies who utilize both the A and B portable radio line-ups are experiencing similar occurrences. The Line Shop is actively addressing the issue as they are made aware of an occurrence.

If any member encounters this issue, they are directed to contact the Line Shop immediately through their chain of command to address the issue.

It should be noted that if a member experiences this toggling issue with their portable radio, the ability of the member to rotate the channel selection knob to position 1 or 16 is still available to communicate on Fire Channel 1. This is true whether the user's portable radio toggle switch is in the A or B position.

All Mayday Procedures are still in effect.

CD:kfc/H/FCM/2016/018-2016 Portable Radio Enhancement Toggle Switch

DISPOSITION: Read at Roll Call for three (3) consecutive shifts.

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