



**FCM 023-2016**

**FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 17, 2016  
**TO:** All Uniformed Members  
**THROUGH:** Todd A. Bower, Acting Chief of Department *TAB*  
Charlie Drennan III, Division Chief, Operations *CD*  
**FROM:** Mark Ruzycki, Assistant Chief, District 2 *MR*  
**SUBJECT:** **2016 RADIO ENHANCEMENT- START DATE CHANGED TO 2/22/16**

There has been a small change to the starting date for the new radio line-up. There will be a need for the Lineshop and Dispatch to work with other City agencies during the changeover; this can be more easily accomplished by changing the start date to Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 0815. At that time, Dispatch will notify all firehouses by Vocalarm to switch to the new line-up. Then Dispatch will conduct a roll call of companies on one of the TAC channels to ensure that all radios are switched over successfully.

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 14<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup> radio tests 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

MR:kfc/H/FCM/2016/023-2016 2016 Radio Enhancement – Start Date Changed to 2-22-16

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

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