



**FCM 089-2016**

**FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 28, 2016

**TO:** All Members

**THROUGH:** Eric C. Tade, Chief of Department *ECT*  
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**FROM:** David M. McGrail, Assistant Chief, Technical Services / Fire Dispatch **DMc**

**SUBJECT: RESERVE APPARATUS RADIO I.D. AND RESERVE PORTABLE ALPHA RADIO ID**

On Wednesday, July 20, 2016, the Lineshop personnel completed an upgrade to the VocAlarm and Reserve Apparatus / Reserve Portable A-Alpha Identifier / Alias.

What this means is that when an Operations Division Company or Unit is in a reserve apparatus, we will now have the ability to change that rig mobile radio to be identified as that Company or Unit for the purposes of CAD status changes. This identifier will now work with all status changes.

This upgrade also includes all reserve Portable A-Alpha radios and the corresponding radio status changes to be identified with that Company / Unit.

In order to ensure that Operations Division Companies and Units have the appropriate radio identifier / alias, the following procedures are recommended:

- Whenever an Operations Division Company or Unit is assigned a Reserve Apparatus, confirm upon receipt of the reserve apparatus, and every morning during the rig check, that the radio identifier corresponds to that Company or Unit.
- Whenever an Operations Division Company or Unit, specifically a Chief or Company Officer is assigned a Reserve Portable A-Alpha, confirm upon receipt of the Reserve Portable A-Alpha and every morning during the rig check, that the radio identifier corresponds to that Company or Unit.
- Last, whenever an Operations Division Company or Unit returns a Reserve Apparatus or a Reserve Portable A-Alpha, contact the fire dispatcher and or the Lineshop to ensure that the radio identifier / alias is returned to the default position. This procedure will prevent a

situation where we have more than one rig or Portable A-Alpha with the same radio identifier / alias.

If you have any questions, please contact Lineman Brian Kopp at the Communications Center.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

DM:kfc/H/FCMs/2016/089-2016 Reserve Apparatus Radio ID and Reserve Portable Alpha Radio ID

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