

New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 112 Usage of personal two-way radios

PURPOSE: To describe the usage of personal two-way radios

SCOPE: All Department Personnel

SPECIFICS:

- Use of personally owned two-way radios on Fire Department frequencies is at the discretion of the Fire Chief
- Non-Officers of the department shall only use these radios on the VFIRE24 frequency to communicate with officers or the station only when responding to calls
- VFIRE24 must be properly programmed into the radio as follows:
 1. Frequency: 154.2725
 2. Transmit PL 156.7
 3. Narrowband 12.5K analog transmissions
- Non-Officers of the department shall not use personally owned two-way radios to communicate with our Dispatch Agency
- Access to a personally owned two-way radios should not be considered a replacement of, or to be used in lieu of the I Am Responding application for notification of a members response to a call
- If an officer or apparatus is waiting for a member that has indicated that they are responding via the I Am Responding application, the officer or apparatus may attempt to call the member by title and last name (i.e. EMT Smith or FireFighter Jones) on VFIRE24 to determine how far out the member is to determine if apparatus response should be held for the member.
- Violations of these procedures will result in revocation of the privilege to operate a private radio on department frequencies

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