

Communications Exercise

You will be assigned a team number. Use the team number as your radio channel. Use tone 6 for all communications. Replace X with Team Number while speaking on the radio.

You will need three actors. An Incident Commander (IC), a Rescue and Fire team leader.

Before and after each scenario: The team IC should say the words "This is an exercise".

Safety First: If an actual emergency occurs during the exercise, any team member may say the words "Code Romeo" to end the exercise and rally your team members to the assembly area.

Scenario 1 - Basic Message

This scenario is intended to practice the basic parts of a message. Who you are, who you are calling and the the "body" of the message. It also introduces the pro-word "clear" so that other participants will know that the conversation is over and the channel is available for use.

- Rescue:** "IC X, Rescue X."
- IC:** "Rescue X, go ahead."
- Rescue:** "I need more bandages at 123 Main Street."
- IC:** "Stand-by." (followed by pause)
- IC:** "Rescue X, I'm sending Medical X with bandages."
- Rescue:** "I will watch for Medical X. Rescue X clear."

Scenario 2 - Break

This scenario is intended to practice interrupting another team in an orderly way.

- Fire:** "IC X, Fire X."
- IC:** "Fire X, go ahead."
- Fire:** "We need a stretcher at 123 Main street to evacuate an injury."
- IC:** "Stand-by (followed by pause)."
- Rescue:** "Break, Rescue X."
- IC:** "Rescue X, go ahead."
- Rescue:** "We are standing by to take a stretcher to 123 Main street."
- IC:** "Roger that Rescue X, please proceed to 123 Main street."
- Rescue:** "We are on our way to 123 Main street, Rescue X clear."

Scenario 3 - Changing Channels

This scenario will put all the teams on the same channel. This exercise is intended to practice changing channels and operation with interference from other teams.

- IC:** "All stations, let's switch to Channel 14, Tone 6."
- Rescue:** "Rescue X switching to Channel 14, Tone 6."
- Fire:** "Fire X switching to Channel 14, Tone 6."
- [Rescue and Fire switch]
- IC:** "IC X and NET switching to Channel 14, Tone 6."
- [IC switches]
- IC:** "IC X on Channel 14, Tone 6."
- Rescue:** "Rescue X on Channel 14, Tone 6."
- Fire:** "Fire X on Channel 14, Tone 6."
- IC:** "IC X reestablishing NET on Channel 14, Tone 6."

Change back to team channel. Use tone 6 for all communications. Try to use the same procedure.

Scenario 4

- Rescue:** "IC X, Rescue X."
- IC:** "Rescue X go ahead."
- Rescue:** "We are finished searching 125 Main St, moving on to 127 Main St."
- IC:** "IC X copies, clear."

Scenario 5

- Fire:** "IC X, Fire X."
- IC:** "Fire X go ahead."
- Fire:** "There's a small fire at 201 Main Street, we need everyone to help out, bring buckets and hoses."
- IC:** "I copy the fire at 201 Main St, we're sending help."
- Fire:** "Copy that, Fire X clear."

Scenario 6

- Rescue:** "IC X, Rescue X."
- IC:** "Rescue X go ahead."
- Rescue:** "We smell gas at 150, we are evacuating everyone and need help."
- IC:** "I copy the gas leak, we're sending people to help."
- Rescue:** "Thank you, Rescue X clear."

An Invitation to Improvise

The last scenarios are not scripted. You are encouraged to decide among yourselves, which team members will be on the radio and how to communicate.

Scenario 7

- There is a child walking in the street crying, and you need someone to come get him. You are near 143 Main St, and your group is called Rescue X.
- You are working in HQ and you need to ask someone on the radio to get the crying child at 143 Main St. and bring him to the child care center.

Scenario 8

- You need a ladder at 160 Main St to climb a fence, and your group is Rescue X.
- You are working in HQ and you need to find a ladder to send to Rescue X's location at 160 Main St, but you don't know where one is.