



Standard Operating Guideline	
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PURPOSE: Units must notify Communications of changes in location and status on a routine basis. Special notifications should also be made when unusual circumstances are encountered.

Communications will be notified:

1. When the incident is at a location different from the dispatched location, the responsible officer will notify Communications.
2. Upon a response to an electrical emergency requiring the services of an electric department.
3. Upon a response to an emergency involving or indicating a leak of oil, gasoline, or a liquefied petroleum product, give the exact location, nature of the emergency, and, if possible, the agency involved.
4. When utilities have been shut off in a building during emergency operations.
5. When the fire is in a U.S. mailbox. These fires will be controlled with a minimal amount of damage to the contents. Efforts will be made to preserve the mail, and a department member will remain at the scene until a postal authority arrives and is properly identified.
6. When debris from an incident is left on a public street, and in the judgment of the Incident Commander, the debris represents a hazard to the public. Communications will be notified to request the Street Department to place barricades around the hazard.
7. Any time an explosion is thought to have occurred in sewers, storm drains, or utility manholes
8. Any time the Incident Commander needs to contact an outside agency, communications will be responsible for the notification of the proper agencies.
9. When fatalities occur at a fire or emergency where the Fire Department is in command, Use "Death in the Field" when contacting Communications.
10. When working at fires where water pressures are unusually or dangerously low, the Incident Commander shall request Communications to notify the Water Department of the conditions.

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