

Fire Scene Radio Frequency Policy

Purpose – to establish a guideline for safe and efficient radio communications at the scene of a working structure fire.

It shall be the responsibility of the Incident Commander to designate specific radio frequencies for specific fireground sectors when the incident requires it. Hiawatha Fire and Rescue will recommend the following radio frequency assignments.

1. County Fire Frequency (F1)- this frequency shall be used by the initial responding apparatus to facilitate communications with Linn County Dispatch.
 - A. This frequency shall be the frequency used by the Incident Commander to communicate with Water Supply Sector, incoming mutual aid, and Linn County Dispatch
2. Tactical Fire Frequency (F3) – When determined that the scene is of scope that radio communications are not occurring safely and efficiently the Incident Commander shall direct all fireground operations to switch to Tactical Fire Frequency.
3. Search and Rescue (F2) – All Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) communications are reserved for Search and Rescue frequency. Only the RIT, Safety Officer, and the Incident Commander shall utilize this frequency at a working structure fire scene.

NOTE: The scan function on all radios other than the Incident Commander and Incident Safety Officer shall be turned off.

When calling another sector or command on the radio please identify the frequency you are on.

EX: "Command from Interior on Tactical"

Hiawatha Fire and Rescue does not use ten codes in radio transmissions.

As good radio practice, all instructions and assignments are to be repeated to the person issuing the instruction.