



COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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1.0 Policy

Clear text (American English) will be used on all radio frequencies instead of radio codes, except for the situation codes listed later in this policy.

The law enforcement phonetic alphabet shall be the adopted standard. The use of phonetics should be limited to that necessary to ensure clarity only and should not be used unnecessarily.

2.0 Procedure

2.1 Law Enforcement Phonetic Alphabet

Table with 2 columns: Letter and Name. Rows include A Adam, B Boy, C Charles, D David, E Edward, F Frank, G George, H Henry, I Ida, J John, N Nora, O Ocean, P Paul, Q Queen, R Robert, S Sam, T Tom, U Union, V Victor, W William.

K	King	X	X-ray
L	Lincoln	Y	Yellow
M	Mary	Z	Zebra

2.2 Situation Codes

Code 1	Not urgent
Code 2	Without delay
Code 3	Emergency, lights and siren
Code 4	No wants or situation is under control
Code 5	Stakeout
Code 6	Wanted
Code 6M	Wanted, misdemeanor
Code 6F	Wanted, felony
Code 7	Dead body
Code 8	Officer DOWN and needs any and all Code 3 law enforcement assistance
Code 10	Bomb