





**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS  
FIRE SERVICE POLICY**

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<b>SUBJECT: TACTICAL FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS</b>	
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Dispatchers will assign a tactical frequency:

- Upon request of responding personnel.
- When indicated by CAD.
- Automatically when a Command Net channel is identified at time of dispatch, assigned or changed during an incident.
- When available, for drills or radio equipment tests.
- As deemed necessary by NetCom to clear the dispatch net for emergency traffic.

Except when assigned during the initial dispatch, the broadcast format for assigning a tactical frequency is:

- Single alert tone.
- “All units assigned to (*nature*) at (*location*) switch to the (*color*) tactical frequency. [for (*Incident*) Command (if applicable.)] (*Time*)

Units assigned to a tactical frequency will communicate with NetCom via a command or dispatch net. Line of sight tactical frequencies can be used in more than one geographical area at the same time.

The dispatcher will note the tactical frequency color assignment on the dispatch incident.

Below is a chart defining Tactical Channel descriptions and uses. It should be used as a guideline in making channel assignments and recommendations.

CHANNEL:	PRIMARY ASSIGNED AGENCIES:	USES:
BLACK	BOU,BEN,FEL,ZAY,SCO	TAC-CAD ASSIGNED
BLUE	SCZ,CTL,UCZ,BRN	TAC-CAD ASSIGNED
GREEN	WTS,APT	TAC-CAD ASSIGNED
SILVER	ALL	SECOND TAC,SECOND TRAINING
ORANGE	ALL	PRIMARY TRAINING, THIRD TAC