



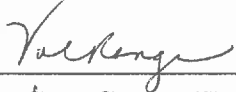
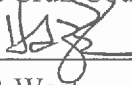

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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE POLICY

Policy No. 6340	Date Issued: June 1, 1996
Section: 6300 – Radio Procedures	Date Revised: October 1, 2002
Accreditation Standards: CALEA 6.3.1(e)	
SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF TACTICAL FREQUENCIES	
APPROVED:	 _____ Santa Cruz County EMS
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Dispatchers will assign a tactical frequency:

- Upon request of responding personnel.
- When indicated by CAD.
- When a Command Net channel is identified at time of dispatch or changed during an incident.
- As deemed necessary by the dispatcher to clear the dispatch net for emergency traffic.

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

- Single alert tone.
- “All units responding to (nature) at (location) switch to the (color) tactical frequency [for (agency) 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 one time.

If a unit has urgent traffic and command or dispatch net selection is inconvenient, it is permissible for the unit to try to communicate with NetCom on the tactical frequency. If possible, NetCom will respond to the broadcast on the same tactical frequency. It may not be possible for NetCom to respond to the unit on the tactical frequency because of technical and/or workload issues.

Note the tactical frequency assignment, by name, on the dispatch incident.