



PURPOSE

The accuracy and credibility of all reports, records, radio logs and command decisions depend upon the proper understanding, by 911 Dispatch and all other RFD personnel, of the “benchmark” events during a response or assignment. To minimize confusion at 911 Dispatch as to how certain radio transmissions are to be logged on the dispatch computer system, and to minimize confusion about the current status of a particular unit, it is necessary to utilize standard phrases to report the status of units during benchmark events.

All RFD personnel shall be responsible for knowing the proper phrases used to define the particular status of their units, and shall utilize such phrases without variation during the course of any given response, or assignment.

POLICY

“Benchmark Radio Traffic” shall be defined as any radio traffic which changes a unit’s status during the course of a response or assignment, or any radio traffic which must be logged in a certain way to be retrieved for the purpose of filling out reports. The following phrases shall be used without variation by all RFD personnel:

All Clear	Indicates the fire building and all exposures have been searched and all civilians evacuated
Command Terminated	There is no longer a single person in charge of the incident
Defensive	Units operating in the defensive strategy
Emergency Traffic	Emergency Traffic has been declared on an incident
Extrication Complete	All patients extricated
Fire Out	The fire has been extinguished, salvage and overhaul operations are beginning
In Quarters	Unit is back at its regularly assigned station
In Service	Unit is in service and available for calls
Offensive	Units operating in the offensive strategy
On the Air	Unit is out of station
On the Scene	Unit arrives at the scene of the incident

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Fire Chief



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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Out of Service	Unit is unavailable for response
PAR Check	All personnel assigned to a particular work area have been accounted for
Primary All Clear	Primary Search has been completed
Responding	Unit begins a response
Secondary All Clear	A more comprehensive search of the building has been completed
Triage Complete	All patients have been triaged
Under Control	The fire has been contained and will not extend. It does not mean the fire is out
Utilities Secured	The power has been shut off to the occupancy

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