

Clear Text Terminology

- **Unreadable** – signal received is not clear
- **Loud and Clear** – self explanatory

- **Affirmative** – yes
- **Negative** – no

- **Respond, Responding** – proceeding to an emergency (ex: Engine 4 Responding)
- **Enroute** – proceeding to non-emergency location (ex: Engine 4 enroute Chico)
- **In Service** – proceeding to function (ex: Engine 4 in service for training)

- **Status** – What is your status? What are you doing?
- **Available** – released from current assignment, ready for new assignment.
- **Available at Scene** – committed to incident, available if new emergency dispatched
- **Committed** – not available for dispatch
- **In Quarters** – arrived at, normally followed by location
- **At Scene** – arrived at incident
- **Out of Service** – mechanically out of service
- **Uncovered** – not in service due to lack of personnel

- **Emergency Traffic** – Attention, I have emergency information
- **Emergency Traffic Only** – used by Dispatch to gain control of the frequency
- **Resume Normal Traffic** – cancels “Emergency Traffic Only” declaration

- **Code 1** – at your convenience
- **Code 2** – priority, proceed without red lights and siren
- **Code 3** – urgent, use red lights and siren

- **Break** – used to switch units you are talking with while not releasing the microphone, or to momentary release the microphone, but still retain the frequency
- **Can Handle** – no other resources are needed (ex: Engine 4 can handle)
- **Clear** – releasing the frequency, finished talking
- **Copy, copies** – acknowledge message received
- **Disregard** – self explanatory
- **Fire Under Control** - self explanatory
- **Location** – What is your location?
- **Repeat** – repeat last transmission
- **Report on Conditions** – what is going on?
- **Stand By** – self explanatory
- **Stop Transmitting** – self explanatory

- **Do not use:** “Roger”, “10-4”, “Wilco”, “5 by 5”, or “Out”