

## **BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE**

### **3.2 Communications – Fire Ground Radio Operations**

- 3.2.1 Unless directed otherwise portable radios will be maintained with the channel selected to Gloucester Township Fire Ground.
- 3.2.2 Portable radios should be checked for the proper frequency and turned ON while enroute to the scene (will not interfere with apparatus radio on F2). Apparatus mobile radios shall not be selected to SCAN while responding.
- 3.2.3 Mobile radios and the IC will maintain communication on the appropriate Operations Channel (F2, SJ Net, etc). High power mobile radios will not transmit on the FG frequency.
- 3.2.4 On structure fires or multiple resource incidents, the IC and apparatus operators will monitor the appropriate operations channel on their mobile radio and Gloucester Township Fire Ground on their portable radio.
- 3.2.5 During single resource incidents the apparatus driver shall monitor both frequencies and communicate with Camden County as requested by the IC.
- 3.2.6 Portable radios shall not have the scan function engaged during operations at emergency scenes.
- 3.2.7 On arrival at a multiple resource incident the IC should provide the initial on scene report and reinforce the correct fire ground channel with Camden County via the appropriate operating frequency.
- 3.2.8 The IC should announce operations on the fire ground channel with a brief report and provide the incident command designation. (ie 8402 on location with a 2 story dwelling, light smoke showing assuming Central Ave. Command).
- 3.2.9 Until provided an IMS division or group designation firefighters operating on portable radios will use their company and assignment designator (Ladder 84 OV, Engine 841 pump, Rescue 84 driver, etc...)
- 3.2.10 The IC will designate an aide as soon as possible in the incident to assist with communications.
- 3.2.11 In the event of a Mayday or Urgent transmission firefighters will first utilize the fire ground channel. If they can not get through on the fire ground channel or inadvertently change frequencies the channel selector knob can be turned in either direction to Channel 1 or 16 which is Camden County F2.