Adams and Jefferson County Hazardous Response Authority
FIELD OPERATING GUIDELINES

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

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I. Purpose:

    A. To define the communications systems used by the AJCHRA.

II. Guideline:

    A. The AJCHRA vehicles have both VHF and 700/800 MHz Motorola dual band mobile radios. Some have been configured with GE Ericsson mobile radios as well.

    B. The primary operations network for the AJCHRA is the Consolidated Communications Network of Colorado, Inc (CCNC) Digital Trunk Radio System (DTRS). Although there are several Adams County agencies which use the Front Range Communications Consortium (FFRC) network as their primary communications system. Both networks are included in the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TIC-P) used within the greater Denver metropolitan area or the "Front Range" of Colorado.

    C. AJCHRA mobile and portables are configured to access all of the TIC-P common talk-groups including the Blue (law enforcement) Red, (fire service), Green (EMS), Gold, (Incident Command), Mutual Aid Channels (MAC) Intra-agency ITAC and I-CALL) talk-groups. Primary radio communications will be done on the Red channels as determined by the location of the incident. Initial dispatch instructions and resource tracking will be done on Red Southwest through Jeffcom Dispatch Center. The Red Southwest talk group is provided as Zone A, channel 1 on each radio for this purpose.

    D. Jeffcom dispatch, in conjunction with the local incident command on scene, will determine the most suitable TIC-P compatible talk group to use if a channel change is necessary. All radio communications will be coordinated through Jeffcom Dispatch.

    E. The ITAC and ICALL channels may be used to talk with other Agencies not within the particular talk group or same 800-radio system as the AJCHRA.

    F. HazMat vehicles are configured with a VHF dual band radios for direct communications with those agencies that are unable to communicate on the DTRS network. VHF channels are to be used when outside of the TIC-P footprint or 800 MHz is not available due to location or for other situations as necessary.

    G. For specific operating instructions see **Appendix F**.

III. References:

    A. Appendix F