

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Communications

Rescinds:

Title: Tone Alerts

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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the use of radio alert tones by the department.

POLICY

Communicating important information to units in the field is critical to the department's goal. To aid in alerting units of important information the following procedures have been established.

Procedures

A. Use of Radio Alert Tones

1. Prior to the dispatching of certain calls radio alert tones will be used.
2. The following are a list of those tones and the calls that will follow.
 - a. **Alert 1** Steady tone that will alert units that communications is trying to raise a unit not answering radio calls.
 - b. **Alert** High-Low Tone indicating a crime in progress call will follow.
 - c. **Alert** Intermittent tone indicating a general broadcast will follow.
 - d. **Channel Marker** Tone every 10-15 sec. indicating a signal 91 is in effect and all non-emergency transmissions should be avoided.