

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Patrol

Rescinds:

Title: Radio Procedures

Approved By:

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PURPOSE

To establish standard operating radio procedures for sworn personnel of the Hamden Police Department.

POLICY

All communications over the police radio will be transmitted in a professional manner and should be direct, concise and in accordance with department procedures set forth below, and regulations established by the Federal Communications Commission. Unidentified or superfluous communications and obscene and profane language are strictly prohibited.

Procedures

- A. When going on duty, sworn personnel will be responsible for:
1. Assuring that the car radio and portable radio are functioning properly.
 2. Patrol officers will be responsible for notifying dispatch when portable radio will be used.
- B. When using the radio, the following procedures will be adhered to:

A-ADAM

B-Bravo

C-Charles

D-Delta

E-Echo

F-Foxtrot

G-Golf

H-Hotel

I-India

J-Juliet

K-Kilo

L-Lima

N-November

O-Oscar

P-Papa

Q-Quebec

R-Romeo

S-Sierra

T-Tango

U-Utah

V-Victor

W-Whiskey

X-Xray

Y-Yankee

Z-Zulu

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3. The number "0" will be referred to as zero.
4. All transmissions shall be identified by unit designation. Units assigned to designated areas shall use the unit call number coinciding with the designated number of their area of patrol.
5. All officers and supervisors will be expected to constantly monitor their assigned frequency.
6. The appropriate codes will be used to advise dispatch when the officer will be in or out of service.
7. When attempting to contact Central Communications, the officer should, under normal circumstances, wait to be acknowledged before continuing to transmit or request information.
8. Officers are required to give the location and any identifying information regarding vehicles or pedestrians when making stops.
9. Officers will not sign off at HQ without permission from dispatch or unless directed by a supervisor.

C. General Information.

1. All officers should bear in mind that the calls dispatched are based on the best information the dispatchers are able to obtain. They should keep in mind that incorrect information may have been given or that an incident might have increased in seriousness from the time of the original call.