

	Queen Anne's County Fire & EMS Commission Operations Manual	No. 05.01
	Fire Department Talk Group Operations	Effective Date: January 12, 2005 Revised Date: June 6, 2013

I. SCOPE

- A. This policy applies to all Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS service personnel.

II. PURPOSE

- A. To establish the proper utilizations of the Fire Department, Talk-Groups on the Queen Anne's County 700 MHz radio system.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. All personnel affiliated with a Queen Anne's County Fire Department will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this policy.

IV. POLICY

A. QFDISP

1. Talk-Group utilized for all Fire and EMS dispatches and incident status updates.
2. Talk-Group utilized for informational broadcasts by Queen Anne's.
3. Talk-Group utilized for all transfer assignments.
4. Non-Incident transmissions shall be kept to a minimum and/or directed to QFADMIN.

B. QFTAC2

1. Talk-Group utilized for Medical assignments.
2. Fire suppression units responding for a medical assist.

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C. QFTAC3

1. Talk-Group utilized for primary fire operations.

D. QFTAC4

1. Talk-Group utilized as overflow fire operations talk-group.

E. QFTAC5

1. Talk-Group utilized as overflow fire operations talk-group.

F. QFTAC6

1. Talk-Group utilized as overflow fire operations talk-group.

G. VRS (Portable Radios)

1. Talk-Group utilized on portable radio in conjunction with mobile. When portable radio has trouble transmitting on 700 MHz only.
2. Digital Vehicle Repeater System (DVRS) needs to be turned on from the mobile radio, for transmitting on VRS channel on the portable radio.
3. First arriving unit with VRS capabilities, shall turn the system on when operating at a commercial structure.

H. QFADMIN

1. Talk-Group utilized for administration transmissions.

(No need for notification to Queen Anne's for use.)

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I. QSPECIAL

1. Talk-Group for Special Events, Drills. Parade, Etc.

J. QSW 1 and 2 (State Wide)

1. Channels used to contact other counties dispatch center, that are in the state of Maryland and not in our radio system.

K. BAY BRIDGE DISPATCH

1. Secondary channel for Bay Bridge operations and to contact the Bay Bridge Police.

L. MARINE 2

1. Talk-Group utilized for all water operations.
2. Primary channel for OPS with DNR.

3. DNR OPS

1. Secondary channel to communicate with DNR

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