

Purpose:

To provide a method of supplemental radio alert tones for all Countywide Communication Centers to use as a standardized practice.

Policy:

The San Diego County Fire Chiefs Communications Section is standardizing the alert tones used by all Communication Centers. This policy has been adopted by all four County Zones (North, Metro, Central, and East).

Procedure:

The Zones Communication Centers shall be consistent with the use of alert tones when providing notifications to field units from any agency. This will ensure that the responder's safety is not compromised with different alerting methods or tones while operating within San Diego County.

The dispatcher will use the appropriate alert tone prior to any verbal radio traffic for the following purposes:

DISPATCH ALERT TONE STANDARDIZATION:

Dispatching Tones	3 Short Beeps
Cancelling Calls	2 Short Beeps
Emerg Button - RIC Activation	Warble Tone
Emerg Button - Non-Fire Inc.	No Tone
Life Hazard Notification	3 Short Beeps
Announcement - General Msg	1 Long Beep