

BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel
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SUBJECT: Direct Channel on Incidents – Use of “Oscar” Channels

Beginning February 1, 2017, the Metro Zone will begin using the “Oscar” channels (examples 60 XSD DIR, 70, 80 and 90 SND DIR) in each talk group as the preferred channel for direct communications during incidents. The intent of this change is to make moving to direct channels easier by using the ones programmed into each talk group. For example, if an incident was assigned 8A/8B the IC would select 80 as the preferred direct channel. FMAR D (12P) will still be available as an alternate and/or secondary direct channel.

Direct channels can be used for RIC operations, high-rise, below ground, cliff rescues, etc., when repeated radio transmissions are ineffective. As a reminder, direct channels cannot be added into a regular scan group as they are conventional channels.

Any questions or need for clarification should be routed through your chain of command.