

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

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ARTICLE 3: Emergency Procedures

EFFECTIVE DATE:

SECTION 4: Radio Communications Procedures REVISED DATE: 06-01-2020

**3.4.1**      **Purpose:** To provide consistent and standardized radio communications. To protect expensive hardware and resources. To prevent unnecessary repairs, eliminate portable radio loss and provide for easily accessible instant communications.

**3.4.2**      **Procedure:** All personnel shall have a working knowledge of the current District Radio Operations Plan and will follow the established radio use procedures.

**3.4.3**      **Definitions:**

- a) Portable radio: A District supplied Bendix King Radio, with a speaker-microphone attached, not permanently installed to an apparatus. Carried by the individual.
- b) Radio case: A District supplied container utilized to protect the portable radio.
- c) Belt loop swivel: A District supplied device attached to the wearer's uniform belt for the express purpose of securing a portable radio, in the case, to the person.
- d) NY Shoulder Strap: A District supplied belt used with the Radio Case to carry a portable radio over one shoulder.
- e) Chest Harness: A District supplied webbed pouch used to secure a portable radio and accessories to the wearer's chest.

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**3.4.4 Policy:**

a) All on duty personnel, while unassigned, shall monitor the Dispatch Frequency for new assignments. This shall be facilitated by base, mobile and portable radios or radio pagers or any combination thereof.

All personnel assigned at an incident shall monitor the assigned Tactical Frequency(s). Personnel may also need to monitor the Command or additional frequency(s) based on the situation and assignment.

b) Portable Radio Carry Methods: Personnel shall have available and protect the portable radio by carrying it by the following approved methods only:

1. In the Radio Case with NY Strap over one shoulder. This may be over the Class B uniform or under the Structural Turnout Coat.
2. In the Radio Case attached to the Class B uniform belt by the Belt Loop Swivel.
3. In the Portable Radio pocket sewn to the Structural Turnout Coat.
4. In the Chest Harness.

Note: Regardless of the carry method used the Speaker Microphone shall remain attached to the portable radio at all times.