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Interoperable UHF Communications

UTAC channels are National Interoperability Channels for UHF radios that are available for use by any licensed public safety agency.

UTAC channels allow for interoperable communications between personnel from different agencies and jurisdictions

UTAC channels include both repeated (UTAC 40, 41, 42, & 43) and Direct non-repeated (UTAC 40D, 41D, 42D & 43D)

UTAC repeated channels are normally not enabled until needed. Contact FRES Communications (FIRECOM/MEDCOM) to be assigned a channel when needed

UTAC 43 is the primary repeated channel for Suffolk County

UTAC Direct channels are radio-to-radio (fireground channels), so effective range is less distance than a repeated channel

Direct channels can be used during company and department training/drills to verify proper radio programming and to promote familiarity with the channels



Fire Department Actions

Program UHF Radios to include UTAC channels

Include communications/channel information in mutual aid plans

Include information on use of the UTAC channels during agency radio/communications training

Consider utilizing UTAC frequency(s) at large incidents that will involve numerous mutual aid departments-all should have them!

Have dispatch advise responding mutual aid units of communications information at time of dispatch or upon acknowledging unit response/Sig. 2



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