



Buxton Fire-Rescue

Standard Operating Guideline

Subject: Vehicle Repeaters (4)

Section: Procedure (1)

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Purpose:

To establish a guideline for the use of in-vehicle repeaters (VRS).

Procedure:

This guideline shall be utilized at all incidents (including fire and EMS), events, or trainings where radio communication is needed, or could be needed by personnel.

Upon arrival the first arriving apparatus equipped with a VRS shall perform the following:

1. Give the initial radio report/and or size up, and then announce "Repeater is Active"
 - a. *Example: Buxton Car 1 is on scene, with a 2 1/2 story residential home, nothing showing from 3 sides; Car 1 establishing Portland Road Command, Repeater is Active.*
2. Ensure the apparatus' mobile radio is not in scan mode, and is on Buxton Primary.
3. Activate the VRS by flipping the toggle switch to the "ON" position.
4. All other apparatus arriving on scene should also activate their VRS with the same procedure.
5. All personnel arriving on scene shall switch portable radios to VRS for the duration of the incident.
6. At anytime a VRS is not on scene, not activated, or is not working properly, all personnel shall use the Buxton Primary channel in their portable radios.
7. When the incident has been terminated, all VRS shall be returned to the "OFF" position.