

Springdale Fire Department
Policy & Procedures Manual
Volume 2 – Operations
Section 202 – Communications
202.7 – Radio Emergency Activation Button

All SFD portable radios are programmed with an orange “emergency” button. Activation of this button causes the radio to transmit an emergency signal along with the radio’s alias identifier to all other SFD radios operating on the radio’s selected channel.

Personnel should only activate the emergency button when a situation which threatens personnel life or limb exists and they are unable to advise Command and/or other units of the situation.

If an accidental activation of the emergency button occurs, personnel whose radio transmitted the emergency signal shall immediately transmit to all other units that the activation was accidental and no emergency exists.

In the event that an emergency signal is transmitted, Battalion 1 (Command) shall immediately visualize the radio identifier and transmit acknowledgement of receipt of the emergency signal from the unit which transmitted the signal. Battalion 1 (Command) shall immediately attempt to contact the unit to confirm the emergency situation and then immediately take appropriate action based on the emergency situation.

Battalion 1 shall make a maximum of two attempts to obtain confirmation of the emergency from the unit. If these attempts are unsuccessful, he shall immediately contact any other units operating in the area of the personnel who transmitted the emergency signal to determine the personnel’s status. If other units cannot quickly confirm that **NO** emergency exists, Battalion 1 shall immediately activate the Rapid Intervention Team to locate the personnel who transmitted the emergency signal.