

Purpose

To establish a common language at emergency and non-emergency incidents where one or more fire departments are operating to transmit information, strategic modes of operation, situational reports, and emergency notification of imminent hazards.

Background

On September 14, 2005, during the Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Meeting held at the Clinton Fire Department, the Middlesex County chiefs voted to convert from the current Radio Code System to Plain Language to Comply with FEMA's NIMS Operations. The effective date for the change was October 1, 2005. The conversion became known as the Middlesex County Radio Operations Plain Language Conversion.

The following codes were converted to plain language as described below:

<u>Current Signal</u>	<u>New Plain Language Phrase {Explanations}</u>
19	On Scene - {First Arriving Unit is on scene followed by size up} Staging - {All other arriving units stage and await instructions}
22	Responding - {Emergency Mode}
53	Enroute - {Non-Emergency Mode}
51	Report To Station - {Public Service/Bomb Threat / Hazmat}
71	Returning Available - {Unit ready for another Assignment} Returning Out Of Service - {Unit Not ready for another assignment}
75	Station Manned
79	Your Location
80	Incident Under Control – To be followed by - All Units Clear/or specified units Remaining
81	Tone Test

85 Radio Test

86 On The Air - {Fuel – Driver Training – Errands }

Special requests to scene (State Specifics) – Lifestar to scene, DEP to scene, Fire Marshal to Scene, Police to scene, Power Company to scene {Priority} etc...

Ambulances transporting to hospitals – (Enroute to Hospital) (At Hospital) – state which hospital {Indicate Medic status and Vehicle status as needed}