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"NW Interior" Channel SOP

Policy:

- Licensing for the "NW Interior" frequency is held and maintained by the Norfolk Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
- Written authorization from the NVFD must be obtained to operate on this frequency.
- Maximum output power will be 5 watts.
- Frequency RX/TX 154.2275, 12.5Mhz, DPL 343
- Firefighters operating at any fire or IDLH atmosphere incident, will utilize the "NW Interior" channel before making entry into any building or structure.
- (If applicable) Frequency will be labeled "NW Interior" on all radio displays.

Scope:

- To provide a dedicated Interior to Interior, Interior to Operations frequency on the fire ground.
- To give firefighters reporting a "May-Day" direct communications with operations and other firefighters working within the building.

Procedure:

- The "NW Interior" frequency will only be allowed in portable radios. *Max 5 Watt output*.
- The "NW Interior" frequency will be monitored by the on-scene RIT team in preparation for any emergencies or may-days that may occur within the structure.
- Non-Interior, Tanker shuttle, and Relay Pumping communications are strictly prohibited on this channel.
- Operations on the fire ground, such as water supply, logistics, staging, and traffic will be conducted on a separate frequency.
- Interior communications to the pump operator will be relayed through Operations. I.e. Pressure changes, etc.

Summary:

- Reliable communication between units operating in a hazardous situation is critical to the safety of personnel and the success of their mission.
- Interior crews will have direct communication with Ventilation, Search & Rescue, and Suppression Teams.
- Any firefighter in trouble will not need to worry about what channel he needs to be on to summon help. This means he will not have to change channels to communicate. His/her only task will be to call for help.
- Crews operating in the structure, in addition to the RIT team will hear the call for help.
- Interior Crews will have a common frequency to communicate on with other departments without being "walked-on" by high power non-interior transmissions.

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