

Special Broadcast Requests

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1. Requests for special broadcast of messages must be made in writing and approved by a member of the Command Staff prior to broadcast. Broadcasts of road closings, hospital diversion or other routine broadcasts are not intended to be subject to this policy.
2. Every effort shall be made to honor special broadcast requests involving important union matters, funeral arrangements of public safety officers, upcoming training opportunities or other matters that may affect a large number of Boston EMS personnel.
3. Unless otherwise requested, these announcements shall be broadcast on TAC-1 at 10:00, 18:00 and 02:00 for a maximum of 3 (three) days. A brief alert tone shall precede the reading of any special announcement.
 - 3.1. At the Dispatch Operations Center Supervisor's discretion, a special broadcast message may be postponed if, because of high call volume, it may interfere with dispatch operations.
 - 3.2. Special broadcast messages forced to be postponed shall be made as soon as radio traffic permits.

See related SOP: "Special Broadcast Request Form"