

MassPort Fire-Rescue Radio Channels

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In an effort to improve interagency communication and coordination during a combined incident at Logan International Airport (Logan) or other location at which MassPort Fire-Rescue (MFR) is operating, MFR frequencies have been programmed in the 800 megahertz radio at Dispatch Operations and several BEMS Command, Supervisory and Special Operations vehicles. Additionally, MFR has patched their “Fire Ground” talk group to a radio frequency available in Boston EMS mobile and portable UHF radios.

1. 800 MHz Radios

1.1. The MassPort Fire-Rescue talk-groups are identified as follows:

<i>Talk Group</i>
MPA Fireground
MPA Emergency 1
MPA Emergency 3

1.2. “MPA Fire Ground” will be the selected talk group for the radio at Dispatch Operations unless directed to another talk-group by MassPort Fire-Rescue personnel.

1.3. The radios in the mobile units are configured to enable the user to “scan” the various talk groups. When responding to an incident at Logan, BEMS units so equipped should select and monitor “Fire Ground” unless directed to another talk-group by MassPort Fire-Rescue personnel.

2. UHF Radios

2.1. The BFD / MFR interoperability channel is programmed in two zones of Boston EMS mobile and portable radios

- The channel is located in the BEMS zone with the channel name MASSPORT (position 16).
- The Channel is also located in the INTEROPERABILITY Zone (IOP) with the channel name MASSPORT (position 5).

3. Channel Use and Callsigns

3.1. Most interagency interagency communications will likely be handled by the Dispatch Operations Center (callsign “Boston EMS Dispatch”) and the MassPort Fire-Rescue Dispatcher (callsign “MassPort Fire Alarm”). However, there may be situations in which a responding BEMS unit wishes to speak with “MassPort Fire Alarm” directly to obtain further information regarding access instructions or patient care update.

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For these purposes, Boston EMS personnel should assume a callsign designating the type of unit when operating on the Massport Fire-Rescue talk group (800 MHz radio) or interoperability channel. For example, the Shift Commander would utilize “Boston EMS Command”, a Supervisor would utilize “Boston EMS Supervisor”, and an ambulance crew would utilize their unit ID such as “Boston EMS A-7”.

All requests for a Boston EMS unit to speak directly with an on scene MassPort Fire-Rescue Unit shall be coordinated through MassPort Fire Alarm.

Examples:

(Massport Fire Rescue Initiated)

Boston EMS dispatch from MassPort Fire Alarm

MassPort Fire Alarm- Boston EMS Dispatch Answering

Boston EMS Dispatch from Massport Fire Alarm- the ALERT2 has been secured with no injuries, you can cancel your responding units.

MassPort Fire Alarm- Boston EMS Dispatch has that: we will cancel our units.

(Boston EMS A7 Initiated)

MassPort Fire Alarm- Boston EMS A7 calling

Boston EMS A7- MassPort Fire Alarm Answering

MassPort Fire Alarm, Boston EMS A7- we are on scene at Terminal B, upper level Gate 4 but cannot find your unit. Can you have them meet us or give us a better location?.

Boston EMS A7 from MassPort Fire Alarm- stay at your current location and we'll send a Trooper to meet you. Or "Boston EMS A7 from MassPort Fire Alarm, cross talk directly with Terminal E command."