

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION POLICY

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PURPOSE:

To develop a procedure for utilization of radio alert tones by Washtenaw Central Fire Dispatch.

DEFINITIONS:

Alert Tone 1 - Solid radio tone



Alert Tone 2 - High / Low tone



PROCEDURE:

1. The purpose of alert tones is to create an attention-grabbing noise that precedes a radio message.
2. Alert Tone 1 is **ONLY** to be used for evacuations as prescribed in the WAMAA Emergency Evacuation Signal Policy #107
3. Alert Tone 2 is to be used emergency traffic notifications as prescribed in the WAMAA Priority / Emergency Radio Traffic Policy #101.
4. Alert Tone 2 may also be used by the dispatcher at their discretion, when field crews fail to answer their radios when hailed.
5. The Incident Commander may request dispatch to activate an Alert 2 Tone if a crew fails to answer their radios when hailed. In this case the Incident Commander would direct the dispatcher to “give me an Alert 2 Tone” the dispatcher would generate the tone for 3-seconds, upon conclusion of the tone, the Incident Commander would try to hail the unit again.