



Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

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TO: EMS Provider Agencies
EMS Communications Center
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SUBJECT: Reconfiguration of MED-14/16

Beginning at 1000 hours on Monday, January 11, 2010, MED-14 and MED-16 radio channels will be reconfigured so that regardless of which of the two MED channels that you have selected on your radio, you will now hear all radio transmissions originating from mobile/portable radios, including those from your Radio Operator. The present configuration only allows you to hear the MED-14/16 Radio Operator and mobile/portable radio transmissions that originate on the MED channel selected on your radio. This new configuration is being made to reduce inadvertent "talk-over" situations by units on different MED channels and to reduce the chances of your Radio Operator missing a radio transmission.

Due to system designs of Kingsburg Fire and Sanger Fire Departments' fire radio channels, this reconfiguration will have no impact on the fire radio channels. They will continue to monitor only those mobile/portable radio transmissions that are transmitted on their respective channels. When a fire response is being dispatched, the initial alert and broadcast will be transmitted over both MED and fire radio channels. Once it's determined that the response is for a working fire or other non-medical emergency, the incident will be assigned to another Radio Operator, and all radio communications for that incident will be moved off of the "grouped" system and assigned to a separate radio channel.

As before, your Radio Operator will be simultaneously monitoring and transmitting on both MED channels and both fire channels. Because some unit numeric identifiers are similar, it's crucial that all units, as well as the Radio Operator, use the alpha and numeric portions of unit identifiers at the beginning of each radio transmission. An example of unit identifiers that are similar is, "Medic-41" (Pistoresi Ambulance) and "Engine-141" (Kingsburg City Fire).

If you have any questions, please contact David Jones at 456-7410.

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