Pleasant Valley Fire District

Standard Operating Guidelines

SOG #10 – RADIO OPERATIONS

PURPOSE: To set guidelines for radio use during incidents.

GUIDELINES:

1. All radio operations should be used in accordance with all rules and regulations set forth by the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response (DCDER) as stated in the latest Radio Plan for Dutchess County.

2. All vehicles will have one (1) radio on channel 56, and one (1) radio on assigned response channel, unless directed otherwise. The pump panel of the first arriving apparatus will use fire ground channel 14 in the "off scan" mode or the assigned channel.

3. All portable radios being used in the hot zone on fires will use fire ground frequency 14 on all incidents. Exterior portable radios will be assigned frequencies by command.

4. The Incident Commander (IC) will maintain communications with DCDER on command channel 3 as well as ensure that interior fire ground frequency is monitored at all times.

5. All radio communications will be made within the parameters of DCDER guidelines. Only the IC, or their designee should communicate directly with DCDER via radio. All other radio transmissions should be directed to the appropriate officer.

6. When addressing or referring to an individual on the radio, the person's radio identifier (56-1) or job title ("roof operations") should be used.

7. The first arriving apparatus should call "on the scene" with a brief size-up of conditions (e.g. "nothing showing", "heavy smoke condition on second floor", etc.). All other apparatus should refrain from calling "on the scene". Only the first arriving apparatus (other than Chief's car) and each ambulance should transmit "on scene"

8. Radio transmissions should be clear, concise, and only made when necessary.