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## LA TUNA CANYON COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The LA TUNA CANYON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN is in effect as of August 1, 2013.

The plan has been vetted by the Foothill Fire Chief's for the Operational Area, the Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association for TICP-2013, and both the Verdugo Task Force and Operations Committee members. A great deal of care and concern went into the development of this plan from operations, technical and radio communications staff from Los Angeles County Fire, Los Angeles City Fire, Angeles National Forestry and Verdugo Fire Communications.

This plan is being implemented due to the desire and need to have interoperable communications with not only Operational Area agencies, but outside cooperators as well.

Many of the agencies outside of our Operational Area do not have UHF capabilities whatsoever. Executing this plan resolves the concern for greater radio communications interoperability, lessens the chance of a firefighter being unable to communicate, and supports Unified Command operations for the Mutual Threat Zone (MTZ) areas.

Due to the size and location of the bordering areas where agencies could potentially come together, the plan will be used in all areas dispatched by Verdugo Fire Communications. The plan may also be used by other MTZ agencies as well.

The plan is VHF and not UHF. The plan shall be implemented for radio communications on any Brush or Vegetation fire when a 5-engine response is recommended by the Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) system.

Operationally this plan is not much different than how firefighting staff use LAC BLUE 6 / TAC 19 style radio operations today. There will be a Command Channel, a primary and a secondary Tactical Channel, an Administrative Channel for ordering of additional resources, and an Air-to-Ground channel (A/G).

In addition to verbal communications, the plan specifics will be transmitted as a supplement to the MCT. The plan can be found, depending on make/model of your radio, in T7 VHF.

Go to [www.unified-response.org](http://www.unified-response.org) – Training Section to download the current PowerPoint or PDF for more information on the use of the plan. The PowerPoint is modifiable by any agency for the section starting with "Practice".

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