

305 Radio and Mobile Data Computer Use

305.3.2 RADIO TRANSMISSION PROTOCOL

- (a) Only English shall be spoken.
- (b) Employees calling or responding to dispatch shall identify themselves by their assigned unit number. They should not continue the transmission until acknowledged by the dispatcher.
- (c) The employee's primary talk-group dispatcher shall be notified before an employee changes to another talk-group (e.g., a Central West officer switching to the North West talk-group).
- (d) Employees working a patrol assignment, intending to conduct a follow-up investigation or any other non-exigent police action in another Sector, shall notify the secondary dispatch via radio of their intended destination and needed resources (if any).
- ~~(d)~~(e) Employees shall not call for another employee by name unless their radio or unit number is unknown (e.g., "Baker 101 to Sgt. Doe").
- ~~(e)~~(f) Long transmissions should only be done over a secondary talk-group, as an MDC message, or via a cell phone if available.
- ~~(f)~~(g) Employees shall refrain from seeking advice from a dispatcher regarding a point of law, enforcement action, or Department General Orders. Employees should consult their immediate supervisor on these matters or obtain the information from their laptop computers.
- ~~(g)~~(h) Under normal circumstances, employees will not turn off or lower their in-car police radios to a volume that cannot be captured by the vehicle's DMAV equipment regardless if the employee is wearing an ear-bud listening device on their portable radio. An exception would be under circumstances when it is deemed necessary to safeguard transmissions from a prisoner seated in the patrol car during and incident.