

Alton Fire & Rescue Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 2.0.1 Apparatus Intercom/Radio Headsets (Reference SOP 2.0.1)

PURPOSE: To facilitate communication in responding apparatus

SCOPE: All Department members in apparatus so equipped.

SPECIFICS:

- Intercom/radio headsets in the apparatus will be worn when available and appropriate.
- Utilization of intercom/radio headsets will help provide better communications as well as protect the members' hearing.

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SPECIFICS:

- The Alton Fire-Rescue provides intercom/radio headsets in its apparatus in an effort to protect its members from the elevated noise levels which can be produced by engine noise, sirens, and air horns. The use of the intercom/ radio headsets will protect the members' hearing from the elevated noise levels and will also allow the crew members to communicate effectively amongst themselves, with other apparatus and the dispatch center. In order for the system to be effective, crew members must wear the headsets.
- Use of intercom/radio headsets: The headsets will be used by the crew members when:
 - Apparatus is responding to an emergency incident where the use of or potential use of audible warning devices is indicated.
 - Crew members riding in the rear compartment in the ambulance.
- The use of the intercom/radio headsets in the ambulance or rescue truck during non-emergency use may be optional at the officer's discretion.

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