

## Clear Text Words & Phrases

**Unreadable:** Used when signal received is not clear. Try to add the specific trouble. Ex: "Unreadable, background noise."

**Loud and clear:** Self-explanatory

**Stop Transmitting:** Self-explanatory

**Copy, copies:** Used to acknowledge message received. Unit radio ID must also be used. Ex: "Engine 2163, copies."

**Affirmative:** Yes

**Negative:** No

**Respond, Responding:** Used during dispatch – proceed to or proceeding to an incident. Ex: "Engine 2180, respond..." or "Oroville, Engine 2180 responding."

**En-route:** Normally used by administrative of staff personnel to designate destination. En-route is not a substitute for responding.

**In-quarters, with Station number:** Used to indicate that a unit is in a station. Ex: "Oroville, E-2176 in-quarters" (when in quarters assigned station), or "Oroville, E-2176 in-quarters, Station 45" (another station where the equipment is not assigned).

**Uncovered:** Indicates a unit is unstaffed, because there are no personnel to operate it.

**Out-of-service:** Indicated a unit is mechanically out of service. When repairs have been completed the following phrase should be used: "Oroville, Engine 63, back-in-service, available".

**In-service:** This means that the equipment is returned to service from an "out of service" state.

**Repeat:** Self-explanatory

**Weather:** Self-explanatory

**Return to \_\_\_\_\_:** Normally used by ECC to direct units that are available to a station or other location.

**Disregard:** Self-explanatory

**Standby:** Self-explanatory

**Available for a phone call? Place a call.:** Self-explanatory

**At Scene:** Used when unit arrives at the scene of an incident.

**Available:** Used when a unit is ready for a new assignment or can return to quarters. The ECC will give the unit a new assignment or direct it to return to quarters.

**Available at Scene:** Used when a unit is still committed to an incident, but could be dispatched to a new emergency if needed.

**Can handle:** used when the amount of personnel & equipment needed to handle the incident is at scene. Example: "Oroville, Palermo IC, can handle with units at scene."

**Report on Conditions:** Self-explanatory

**Fire Under Control:** Self-explanatory

**Emergency/Priority Traffic:** Radio users will restrict traffic to emergency/priority radio traffic.

**Emergency Traffic:** Term used to gain control of a radio frequency to report an emergency. All other radio users will refrain from using that frequency until cleared for use by an ECC.

**Resume Normal Traffic:** Self-explanatory