

NIMS/ICS ACCEPTABLE COMMON TERMINOLOGY

ADVISE	- Give message to.....
AFFIRMATIVE	- Yes
AT SCENE	- Unit is arriving on the scene of the incident
AVAILABLE	- Unit is available from assignment. Used with CLEAR. Unit is CLEAR and AVAILABLE assignment or scene.
BREAK	- Break is used during a transmission to indicate you still have more to say but temporarily pausing.
CANCEL	- Cancel response. Do not use "Stand Down"
CONFIRM	- Verify message is correct
COPY	- Acknowledge message received
CORRECTION	- Correcting an error message
DISREGARD	- Ignore the previous message or radio traffic
DO YOU COPY	- Do you understand?
EMERGENCY TRAFFIC	- Term used to gain control of frequency to report an emergency. All others refrain from using radio.
EN ROUTE	- Resources are headed to the incident no lights or siren
HOLD TRAFFIC	- All personnel are to cease radio transmissions
IN-QUARTERS	- Units are back at the station
IN-SERVICE	- Starting your shift or apparatus placed in service after being taken out of service for repair. Not used when clearing a call. Clear and Available should be used in place of.
LOUD AND CLEAR	- Transmission is coming in loud and clear.
NEGATIVE	- "NO"
OKAY	- Message is received and understood.
OUT OF SERVICE	- Apparatus taken out of service for repair etc. A unit is ending shift or off shift or unavailable.
PRIORITY TRAFFIC	- Imminent danger to life or property exists to clear the airways
REPEAT	- Repeat your message, I did not understand.
RESPOND	- Respond to incident lights and siren.
RESPONDING	- Responding to incident lights and siren.
STAND BY	- Listen but do not transmit until directed
UNDERSTOOD	- Message received and understood
UNREADABLE	- Not clear. Did not understand.