



Maryland Search and Rescue

Radio Protocol

PHONETIC ALPHABET AND NUMERAL PRONUNCIATION

ALPHABET		
ALPHA	JULIET	SIERRA
BRAVO	KILO	TANGO
CHARLIE	LIMA	UNIFORM
DELTA	MIKE	VICTOR
ECHO	NOVEMBER	WHISKEY
FOXTROT	OSCAR	X-RAY
GOLF	PAPA	YANKEE
HOTEL	QUBEC	ZULU
INDIA	ROMEO	

NUMBERS	
1	WUN
2	TOO
3	THREE
4	FOW-ER
5	FI-YEV
6	SIX
7	SE-VEN
8	ATE
9	NINER
0	ZE-RO

STANDARD PHRASES

THIS IS	Precedes information
OVER	It is your turn to transmit; I am listening
GO AHEAD	I am ready to receive your message
AFFIRMATIVE	Yes
NEGATIVE	No
STAND BY	Wait a moment and I will continue (use sparingly)
CLEAR	I have no more traffic, but am listening
OUT	I am turning off my radio
SAY AGAIN	Repeat previous transmission
I SAY AGAIN	I will repeat what I just said (or last transmission)
SAY AGAIN _____	Repeat the indicated specific information
CORRECTION	I have made an error; what follows is correct
PREPARE TO COPY	Write this down (wait for go ahead before sending message)
I COPY _____	I have received your message and am repeating it back for verification
READ BACK	For verification, read the message I just sent you
THAT IS CORRECT	I verify that you have received or relayed my message correctly
SPELL	Spell out your message with phonetics
SPELL _____	Spell phonetically the indicated specific information
I SPELL	A phonetic spelling follows
FIGURE(S)	Numerals and letters follow that do not spell words
STATUS 1	Subject found; alive – evacuation not necessary
STATUS 2	Subject found; alive – evacuation necessary
STATUS 3	Subject found; dead
SECURE THE NET	Radio traffic of a sensitive nature about to be transmitted. Ensure only authorized persons are able to listen and refrain from unnecessary traffic.
CLEAR THE NET	Similar to SECURE THE NET but with extra emphasis on reducing traffic.
BREAK	Ends a message to one recipient and begins different message to another

*Avoid excessive radio traffic. Use no foul language. Do not interrupt communication in progress. Be professional. Speak slowly, enunciate, and avoid emotions.