

ACT Rural Fire Service Standard Operating Procedure 5.3 TRN Radio Use

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Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to outline the use of the ACT Government Trunked Radio Network (TRN).

Operating Procedure.

ROUTINE AND OPERATIONAL USE

Dispatch of all RFS will be via TRN (RFS Ops1). Fire Towers will transmit their weather on TRN (RFS Ops 1). COMCEN will broadcast both AM and PM weather on TRN (RFS Ops 1).

TRN is the ACTRFS Primary Radio network. The VHF network will be utilised as a secondary back up network and for incidents in areas of Namadgi National Park and Brindabella National Park that have limited TRN coverage.

RFS Ops 1 is the primary radio channel for the ACTRFS.

FG 2 – FG 7, these can be utilised for incident communications.

RFS IMT, this channel is to be utilised for Incident Management communications.

Air Ops, this channel is to be used for Air Operations during large incidents.

PLT Ops, this channel is to be used for Heavy Plant during large incidents.

ESA 1 – ESA 6, these are to be used as a common channel for communications with other ESA agencies during incidents.

FIREGROUND COMMUNICATIONS

For responses to fires within the Built up Area and where both ACT RFS and ACT Fire Brigade units are in attendance a common TRN incident channel will be used for communications. COMCEN will advise the responding units of the allocated channel for the incident upon dispatch.

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Cross Reference SOP/s:



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Amendments: