

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICY

It is the policy of the department to ensure that emergency radio net procedures for any given incident are established to promote rapid, effective communications during critical incidents.

PROCEDURES

I. Initiating an Emergency Radio Net

- A. A radio net is a situation where radio access is limited to the units involved in an emergency incident.
- B. A Police Communications Officer (PCO) or a field supervisor may initiate an emergency net when:
 - 1. A Signal 63 has been declared.
 - 2. A pursuit of any nature has been declared.
 - 3. It becomes apparent that an officer is too deeply involved in an incident and may be in danger.
 - 4. Contact has been lost with an officer who has indicated involvement in or possible involvement in an emergency situation.
 - 5. Requested by a field supervisor.
- C. The PCO assigned to the affected channel must notify all units that an emergency net has been activated as soon as possible.
 - 1. The communications officer will activate one short emergency tone and state, "All units, net 10-33".
 - 2. During this time period, **only** the units involved in the incident and communications will transmit.
 - 3. All other units will switch to their designated talk channel.
- D. If interference occurs from units or officers not aware of the existence of an emergency net, they will be directly, briefly, and courteously advised of the situation and directed to avoid further interruptions.

II. Canceling the Emergency Radio Net

- A. When it is apparent that the emergency condition no longer exists, dispatch will confer with the officer(s) involved in the incident or a field supervisor to determine if response by other field personnel can be reduced or discontinued.

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- B. When the decision has been made to discontinue or reduce response to an emergency situation, dispatch will issue a general broadcast to all units advising them of the cancellation of the emergency net.
- C. Immediately upon notification of cancellation of the emergency net, all affected personnel will return to their primary dispatch channel.