

Section 5.5: Frequently Used Radio Codes

The following radio codes and terms are those which are most frequently used by this service.

1. **10-Codes** – Texas A&M EMS only has two approved 10 codes. These codes are used so that the person that it is referring to does not know when the dispatcher and crew are talking about them. In both instances, police should be contacted. If the dispatcher is on the phone with a caller, mute the microphone or avoid using words that indicate police are being notified.
 - a. **10-96** – Psychiatric/Mental patient that could be harmful to themselves or others, thereby creating a scene safety concern – Contact Police
 - b. **10-100** – Crew in distress – Contact Police
2. **In Service** – Available for Alarms
3. **Out of Service** – Unavailable for Alarms
4. **Affirmative** – Yes
5. **Negative** – No
6. **Public Service** – Call by Telephone
7. **Received/Clear** – Message understood, acknowledged
8. **Back at Station/Out at Station (BAS)** – At Post #1
9. **Available on Radio/Air** – In Service but Out of Station and able to be contacted via the radio
10. **Patient Released** – Patient care is transferred from TAMU EMS to other healthcare agency or hospital
11. **Partially Available** – Crew remaining at hospital, but they are available for calls

Other 10- codes should be avoided because they can cause confusion in mutual aid situations and are not NIMS compliant.