

Section 5.9: Tone Tests

Tone tests are used to check the radios' working status. Although there are no definite times where a tone test is necessary, the crew, a supervisor, or incident command may request that dispatch complete one.

During special events such as football games when multiple radios are in use, it may be necessary to do radio checks on all units. The following format should be employed:

D: [Tones] Texas A&M University EMS checking all radios on [Specified Channel], 861?

861: 861, clear.

D: 862?

862: 862, clear.

D: 811?

811: 811, clear.

etc.

If all units were clear and answered during the radio check,

D: Texas A&M University EMS clear with all units at [Time].

If one or more units did not answer or were unclear,

D: Texas A&M University EMS clear with all units except for [Units] at [Time].

If a unit does not answer during the tone test, you may repeat its radio number to see if it answers on the second try. If the unit still does not answer, continue to the next unit and attempt to contact the unit not responding by page.