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The following scripts are used to standardize communication procedures for aerial supervisors of aircraft assigned to all hazard incidents. “Clearance” scripts are covered in the standardized written format to ensure communications are understood. “Briefing” scripts are tailored by the aerial supervisor to meet the needs of the incident and provide assigned resources with the best information to increase effectiveness and safety.

Flight Following Script

The following information is required every time you initiate flight following with dispatch.

- Call sign.
- Departure location.
- Number on board.
- Fuel on board (hours).
- ETE.
- Destination.
- AFF confirmation.

The transmission is as follows:

“Boise Dispatch, Air Attack 1SA on NFF.”

“1SA, Boise Dispatch.”

“Air Attack 1SA is off Boise, 2 on board, 4.5 hours fuel, 15 ETE to the Beaver Incident, confirm AFF?”

“1SA, Boise dispatch copies, and you’re positive AFF.”

“Air Attack 1SA copies.”

Key Points

- Always identify yourself as Air Attack, Recon, Jumper, Helicopter, etc.
- Always state the frequency you are transmitting on.

FTA/TFR Calls in the Blind Script

- Receiving unit.
- Call sign.
- Location.
- Altitude.
- Intent.
- “Any traffic please advise.”
- Frequency.

Example: “Beaver fire traffic, Air attack 0DT, 12 miles to the south west, 6500, inbound, any traffic please advise 122.925.”

Initial Briefing Script

Clearance to Enter:

- Altimeter setting.
- Clearance altitude.
- ATGS altitude.
- Other aircraft altitudes.

Enroute hazards medium range mission description.

Tactical Briefing Script

Orientation.

Specific Hazards.

Objectives.

Target Description.

- Coverage level.
- Load portion.
- Exit Instructions.

Clearance to Maneuver.

Line is clear.

Clearance to Drop.

Departure Briefing Script

Drop evaluation.

Instructions.

Emergency Script

Consider Load.

Acknowledge/Maintain Visual.

Communicate.