

**Redundant Radio Sayings**

06/22/06 56 W - + 14 - 8

My favorite redundant radio saying: "dispatch fire and EMS to this location, and tell them to hurry up." Second favorite: "nothing showing at this time." (Though the latter is actually well-understood shorthand for "nothing showing on arrival and from this vantage point, but wait till we see the other sides of the structure.")

As heard on a local EMS channel- "En route to \_ *ER, 10-18, emergency traffic*" (as opposed to maybe "10-18, routine traffic"?). Or on a local fire channel- "\_\_\_ ENGINE 1, 10-23, condition red, working fire". Of course, there are the contradicting phrases- dispatched as "unresponsive person" but the is provided the info "conscious and breathing"...

**DJ** - 06/23/06 - 02:27

How about "be advised"? People tend to wear that one out. If you are talking to dispatch on the radio, then you are advising them of something, no need to say "be advised".

**Guest** - 06/23/06 - 19:42

one of my biggest pet peeves....

"be advised ..... at this time"

you could eliminate those 5 words and the message stays the same... but I truly can't stand hearing... "at this time" it drives me nuts for some reason!

**CFP 7021** - 06/24/06 - 04:09

I thought I was the only one....thanks 7021.

**Silver** - 06/24/06 - 05:12

"RESCOM from EMS \_\_\_ on dispatch one" as opposed to "RESCOM from EMS \_\_\_ on dispatch three"?

When dispatched to an MVC pin-in the dispatcher will come back with "authority of (insert PD, SO, or SHP) respond 10-18". I don't know about anyone else, but I respond routine to pin-ins all the time.

"be advised...", "at this time...", or "if you would ascertain..."

**EMS Guest 2** - 06/24/06 - 17:10

You always hear, "We're 10-8 in service." – This has to be one of the worst.

**EMSGuest** - 06/25/06 - 05:54

Would it not be more appropriate to say "available" after completing a call? I always thought "in service" was the opposite of "out of service", as in "out of service for repairs".

**EMS Guest 2** - 06/25/06 - 06:08

When clear text first came about in the RFD, available was being used by a few. However, the uppers at the time didn't like hearing both "in-service" and "available". They nipped it in the bud and went with one standard saying. You know RFD and "uniformity".....for some things anyway.

In the northeast, a lot of departments use "in-service" like we use "responding" on the radio. When a company is "in service" that means they are going to work. Very different. Goes to show that even clear text isn't uniform sometimes.

**Guest** - 06/25/06 - 06:35

I love how the dispatchers now have to have a certain preamble to answer. Headquarters from Engine \_\_\_ on Tact 14. It may seem annoying at times but if you have ever sat at the communication center I do see why they ask for you to call out the channel you are on since they are

monitoring 20 channels at a time. I also like when units ask for an ETA for law enforcement at 10-50's. It does not matter, they are coming when they are coming. Call \*HP on your cellular phone and ask if you can move the vehicles. Lastly, I would rather hear "be advised" than no size up at all. It may be annoying, but it is nice to get the info.

**Guest1000** - 06/26/06 - 02:44

Both "be advised" and not relaying a size-up are annoying.

**Guest** - 06/26/06 - 07:12

what really irks me is when companies are on the scene and will call another unit on the same scene but will still preamble the tac channel. ex: "E-20 from T-20 on Tac14."

**guest** - 06/26/06 - 17:35

Name: (real name preferred)

E-mail: (optional)

Web Site: (optional)

Comment:

Remember personal info?

Yes

No

/ [Textile](#)

Comment moderation is enabled on this site. This means that your comment will not be visible on this site until it has been approved by an editor.

To prevent spam we require you to answer this silly question

**What are the FIRST TWO LETTERS of the word 'fire'?**

[\(Register your username / Log in\)](#)

Notify: Yes, send me email when someone replies.

Hide email: Yes, hide my email address.

**Small print:** All html tags except <b> and <i> will be removed from your comment. You can make links by just typing the url or mail-address.