



## Police and Fire Mixed Messaging

It is now possible to send text messages between fire and police units in the field. The only requirement is to know the unit ID. Some limitations still exist though. As stated before it only works between units in the field. Units in the field still cannot send text messages to dispatcher of the opposite type (i.e. fire units cannot send messages to police dispatchers and vice-versa.) Also, fire units cannot send messages to the police groups.

### **Text Message Transmissions (Proper entries for the "To" field):**

1. To send a message from a police unit to a fire unit:

E67

**To** (Use no spaces, slashes or dashes.)

1. To send a message from a fire unit to a police unit:

5123A

**To** (Use no spaces, slashes or dashes.)

1. To send a message to \*multiple units:

5123A/E67/1501

**To** (Any combination of units is allowed.)

Or,

E421/E813/8234/R17/6712

**To** (Up to 5 total units are allowed.)

\*After sending a message to multiple units it may be necessary to type in a space after entering in the unit you are now sending a message to. Example: A message is sent to 5123A/E67/1501. You now want to send a message to 5123A only. If you were to simply type in 5123A and then tab down to the message field, the MDT will assume you are trying to send a message to all three units again and "remember" the other two units. If you were to type in 5123A and then press the spacebar once before tabbing down to the message field, it will clear out the other two unit numbers and send the message to just 5123A. The same is true if you send a message to just one dispatcher (i.e. DISP6509) and then want to send a message to all dispatchers in your command area. You will have to type in DISP and then a space in order to get the MDT to clear out the extra information.