



Section 4/200 ♦ Communications		
4 / 211	Clear Speech Communications	09/02/2005
Accreditation Standards	81.1.2	

4 / 211.05 PURPOSE

To establish radio procedure for field personnel and Communications by use of a predominantly clear speech format. This procedure will simplify and clarify radio transmissions between the Communications Section and field officers.

constant, superfluous, unnecessary, repetitive and unprofessional radio transmissions.

Phrases such as please, thank you, very well are superfluous and not appropriate in police communications. Slang has no place in police communications and will not be utilized by field or Communications personnel.

4 / 211.10 POLICY

Communication procedures will be consistent with those regulations established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

END OF ORDER

4 / 211.15 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Federal mandates require that radio transmissions be made in “plain speech” with very few exceptions.

4 / 211.20 SPECIFICATIONS

All Communications and field personnel shall use plain, descriptive speech during radio transmissions. This will ensure uniform understanding between allied agencies. The exceptions to the clear speech requirement, due to officer safety reasons, are:

- Signal 13 Officer in trouble
- 10-75 Are you presently with...
- 10-89 Bomb Threat
- 10-96 Mental Subject
- 10-99 Wanted or Stolen

4 / 211.25 COMMUNICATIONS

All Communications personnel when dispatching field units to the scene of an emergency, or calls for service will use the clear speech CAD call selection, except in the few rare instances when 10-codes are authorized.

4 / 211.30 FIELD PERSONNEL

When notifying or contacting Communications, field personnel will use clear designation of the nature of assignment, unless a 10-code is authorized.

4 / 211.35 RADIO DISCIPLINE

Radio discipline is the proficient and efficient use of the police radio system. All personnel shall refrain from