



San Diego-Imperial County Regional Communications System

Field Radio User Course Information

FIELD RADIO USER COURSE DESCRIPTION

All field radio user classes cover the following information:

- How the radio system operates (*radio trunking, coverage areas, system busies, troubleshooting, etc.*)
- Use of the radio fleetmap to navigate channels in the radio
- Basic use and features of portable and vehicle radios (*transmitting, receiving, channel navigation, emergency button activations, programming scan lists, etc.*)

Classes are structured to cater to specific disciplines. See below for information covered in each discipline specific class.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CLASSES

General Field Radio User Class (4 hours)

In addition to the basic instruction on the radio system and use of radio equipment, a Public Services/General Field Radio User Class covers interagency communications during routine and emergency incidents.

This course is ideal for public works agencies, EOC/DOC personnel, parks and recreation personnel, community service agencies, school districts, hospitals, etc.

Fire/EMS (6 hours)

In addition to the basic instruction on the radio system and use of radio equipment, a Fire EMS Field Radio User Class covers talkgroups and

frequencies specific to fire/EMS operations, interagency communications during routine and emergency incidents, mutual aid interoperability communications, protocols for interagency communications, and communicating outside San Diego County.

Law Enforcement (8 hours – POST certified)

In addition to the basic instruction on the radio system and use of radio equipment, a Law Enforcement field radio user class covers talkgroups and frequencies specific to law enforcement operations, mutual aid interoperability communications, protocols for multi-agency vehicle pursuits and cover calls, and communicating outside San Diego County.

This course is POST certified, Plan IV.

EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS NEEDED

Students will be provided course handouts and reference documents in class.

To gain the most benefit from the instruction provided, students are asked to bring the following materials to class:

- Pen for note taking
- Student's agency issued portable radio (with fully charged battery)
- Fleetmap for portable radio

If a student is unable or unsure how to obtain the fleetmap for their radio, contact the RCS Training Coordinator by telephone (858) 694-2043 or emailing rcstraining@sdsheriff.org.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be sent to the RCS Training Coordinator by email at rcstraining@sdsheriff.org within 48 hours prior to the start of the class.