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Acknowledge – Let me know that you've received and understood the message.

Advise - Give this message to, or provide me with the necessary information.

Affirmative - What you've just said is correct.

All Clear - The primary search for victims has been completed with no one found.

Apparatus - Fire vehicles such as engines, ladder trucks, etc.

Arrival - Unit has arrived at the incident location.

Available – Apparatus/unit available for another response and returning to its own station unless specified otherwise.

Box Alarm – The initial assignment of stations and apparatus to a structure fire, consisting of two engines, two ladders, one rescue, and one air tender.

Box Alarm Card - A predetermined assignment of units based on location and incident type. Box Alarm Cards indicate what mutual aid resources respond on specified alarm levels.

Cancel - No response is required. Dispatch shall notify Duty Officer to determine if follow up is required.

Code 1 - Enough apparatus / personnel is on the scene. Firefighters enroute in personal vehicles shall proceed nonemergency to their respective station. Fire apparatus enroute to the scene shall proceed nonemergency unless ordered to return to the station by the incident commander. Fire apparatus not enroute to the scene shall remain at the station.

Code 2 - More apparatus / personnel may be needed at the scene. Firefighters in personal vehicles shall proceed nonemergency to the scene. Fire apparatus en route to the scene shall proceed nonemergency. Fire apparatus not en route to the scene shall also proceed nonemergency unless ordered to remain at the station by the incident commander.

Copy – Message received and understood / acknowledged.

Emergency – Urgent / priority response.

Enroute – Apparatus / unit responding to the incident location.

False Alarm - Unfounded situation, or unintentional or malicious summoning of the fire department

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Fill-In - Fire apparatus and/or firefighters covering another station's district because that station is committed to another incident or is otherwise unavailable.

Full Alarm – The assignment of one station to an incident, consisting of one engine and one ladder.

L-U-N-A-R - Acronym for information to be transmitted by firefighters in distress after declaring a “Mayday”. L= Location; U= unit firefighters are attached to; N= name of firefighter(s) involved; A= air supply status; R= resources required for rescue/assistance.

MABAS – The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System is the mutual aid system utilized in Oakland County and other parts of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Mayday - The preamble of a message indicating firefighters in distress and requesting assistance. Mayday traffic shall be considered the highest priority traffic by fire units and dispatch.

Out of Service - Apparatus unavailable for response.

On The Air - Apparatus is on the road for a nonemergency reason. This may be followed by the appropriate reason for being on the air.

Pick Up - Apparatus leaving the scene or placed in service while still enroute.

Primary Search - A quick initial search for occupants conducted as soon as possible upon arrival at the scene.

Priority - An urgent message involving an emergency where life or personal injury is at stake, or critical situations requiring immediate attention.

Repeat/Say Again - Repeat your last message.

Secondary Search - A comprehensive search conducted after the incident is under control.

Size-Up - An assessment of the situation upon arrival at the incident scene followed by a report of conditions over the radio.

Smoke Showing - Visible smoke from object or structure reported to be burning.

Staging/Staged - Apparatus is at an incident, uncommitted, awaiting orders.

Standby - Listen, but do not transmit until told.

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Still Alarm – The assignment of one apparatus to an incident, consisting of either one engine or one ladder.

Under Control - The incident no longer presents an immediate hazard and can be handled with the current assignment of personnel and equipment.

Working Fire - This indicates a fire is in progress and the situation may require the commitment of all responding units for an extended period of time.

### **PHONETIC ALPHABET**

The phonetic alphabet is used to define letters that may sound similar over the radio. This may be used when certain names such as chemicals, businesses, streets, etc. must be spelled for clarification purposes.

A – ALPHA	H – HOTEL	O – OSCAR	V – VICTOR
B – BRAVO	I – INDIA	P – PAPA	W – WHISKEY
C – CHARLIE	J – JULIETT	Q – QUEBEC	X – X-RAY
D – DELTA	K – KILO	R – ROMEO	Y – YANKEE
E – ECHO	L – LIMA	S – SIERRA	Z – ZULU
F – FOXTROT	M – MIKE	T – TANGO	
G – GOLF	N – NOVEMBER	U – UNIFORM	