

3.1.3.6 Mobile Data Terminals



YOUR ORGANIZATION
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1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

CFR

NFPA

NIMS

2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses procedures outlining the use of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) on fire and emergency apparatus, as well as in-station dispatch terminals.

3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

5.1 Use of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) on fire and emergency apparatus:

Preplanning and Familiarity Factors –

These factors include the *intelligence* that is gained from formal pre-fire planning, general informal familiarization activities and from C.A.D. through the M.D.T. (i.e., bldg. drawings, hazardous materials, etc.). Such intelligence increases the information initially available to Command from the OUTSIDE of a tactical situation. This information provides Command with intelligence that would otherwise have to come from a Reconnaissance report or might not be available.

Communications and Bomb Threats

Procedures:

- While in the staging area both mobile and portable radios as well as cellular phones may be used.
- Units and Command Officers operating outside of the staging area must not transmit on any type of Department radio within 300 feet of the incident scene.
- Department issue portable and vehicle mounted cellular phones as well as personal cellular phones must be turned **OFF** when operating within 300 feet of the incident.
- Telemetry equipment and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) must also be turned off when operating within 300 feet of the incident.

5.2 Use of In-Station Dispatch Terminals: