

## Directions for—

# Liver Radio Transmissions for Jefferson County and Many More Fire Departments RadioReference

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Al Ring with the help of many friends and fellow firefighters.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles. This also applies to other items such as documents, letters, etc. Credit to the source of the documents, photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal*, *The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications.

Please use this information as a reference tool only. If the reader uses any of the information for any purpose other than a reference tool, they must get permission from the source.

If you have additional information on this incident that you would share, please contact me (Al Ring) at ringal@comcast.net.

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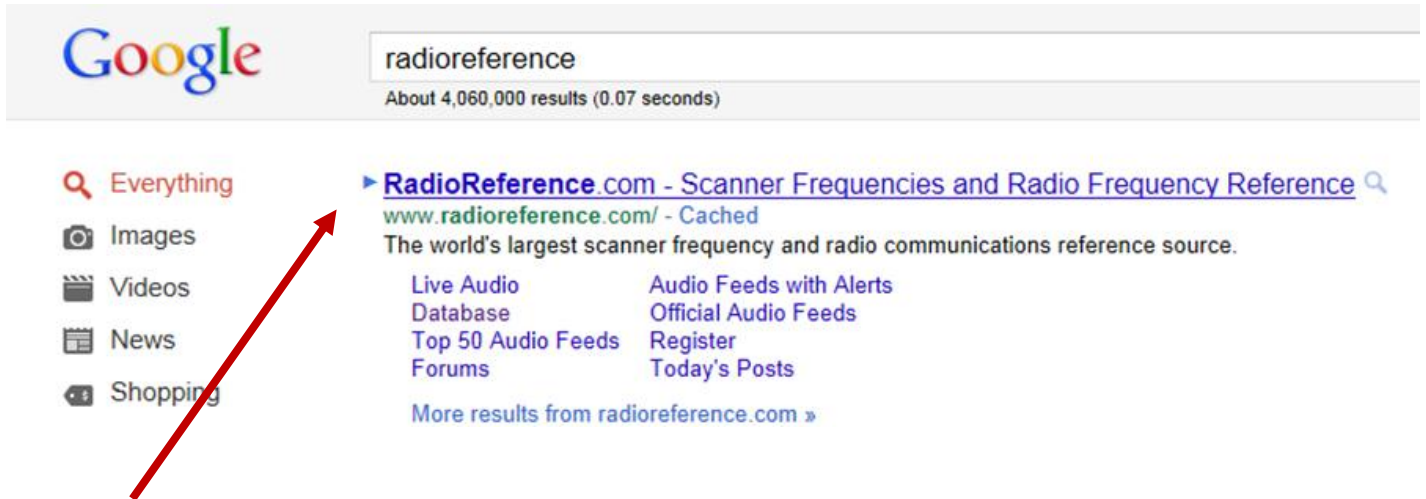
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## **Explanation**

The following will be directions put together by Al Ring (this gives you someone to blame) on how to listen to live radio transmissions from many fire departments across the country including all Jefferson County Kentucky and Louisville Fire & Rescue.

Though not perfect because it is from a scanner of many channels and it is also occasionally off line, it is much better than nothing.

**On your computer go to type in RadioReference. I usually go to Google as you can see, type in RadioReference.” In the index is shows up like below.**



**Click on this site to open it up.**

**You can just click on Live Audio—**

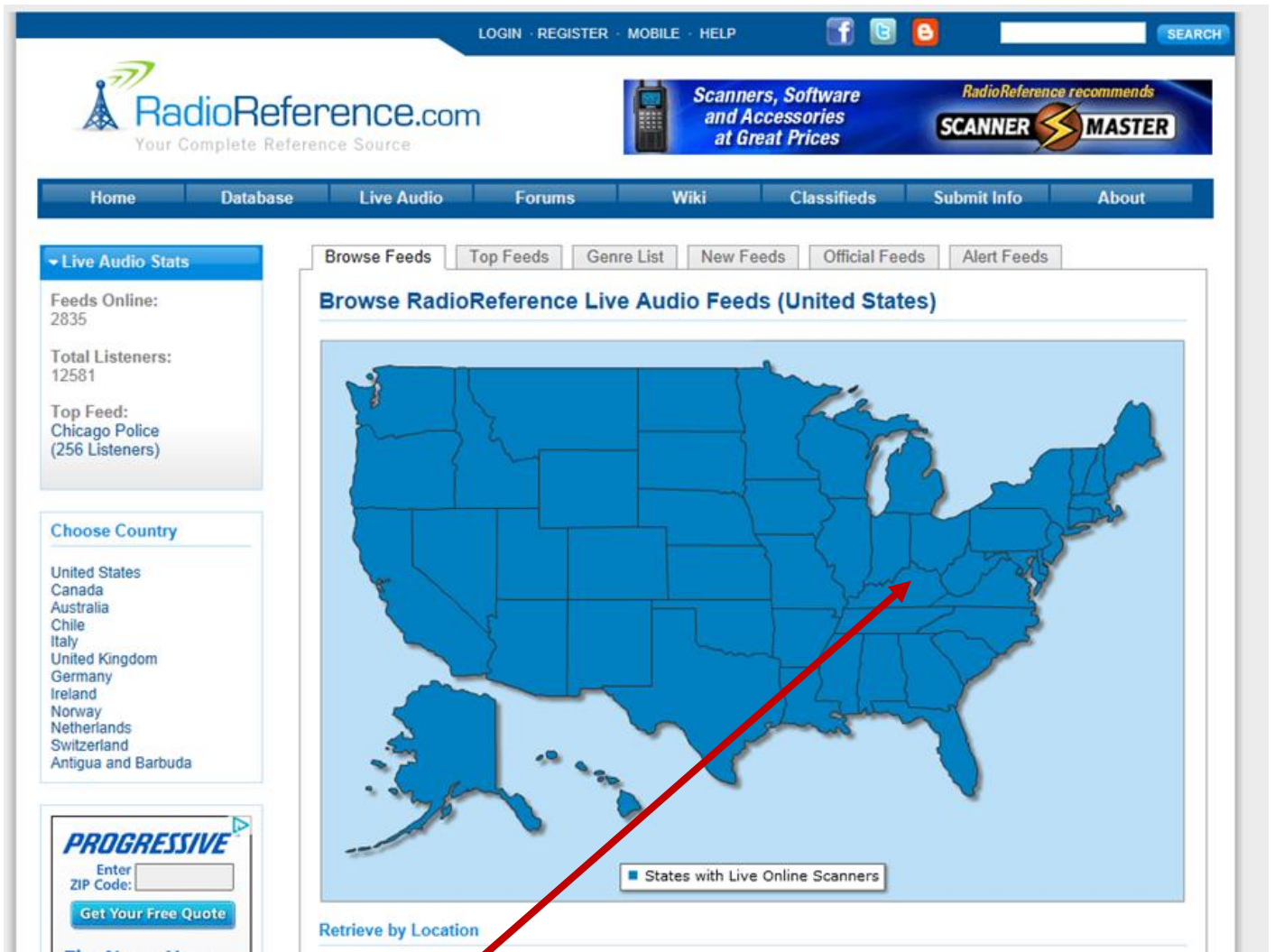
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<http://www.radioreference.com/>

The screenshot shows the RadioReference.com website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for LOGIN, REGISTER, MOBILE, and HELP. Below this is the RadioReference.com logo and a search bar. A banner for 'Scanner Master' is visible. The main navigation menu includes Home, Database, Live Audio, Forums, Wiki, Classifieds, Submit Info, and About. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Radio Reference' message and a 'Click Here to register for a free account to get started.' link. On the left, there are sections for 'Emergency 2-Way Radios', 'Live Police Scanners', and 'Tactical Communications'. In the center, there is a 'News and Announcements' section with a list of recent news items. On the right, there is a 'Featured Item' section for the 'HomePatrol' scanner, which includes a 'Buy Now!' button and a 'Statistics' section showing 470662 registered users. A red arrow points from the 'Live Audio' menu item to the 'Live Audio' button in the 'Featured Item' section.

Click on Live Audio—

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**Choose by sliding your cursor with the mouse over the state you want to get radio transmissions from— In this case Kentucky—When your cursor goes over the state you choose it will turn yellow, click and it will open a new page—**

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State of Kentucky Radio Reference - Live Audio Feeds (83)

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**Choose by sliding your cursor with the mouse over the state you want to get radio transmissions from— In this case Jefferson County—The counties in blue are the ones that have radio transmissions available.—When your cursor goes over the county you choose it will turn yellow, click and it will open a new page—**

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**Jefferson County Kentucky - Live Audio Feeds (6)**

Launch the County Web Player

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**Live Feed Listing for Jefferson County**

To listen to a feed using the online player, choose "Web Player" as the player selection and click the speaker icon for the appropriate feed. To listen using other methods such as Windows Media Player, iTunes, or Winamp, choose your player selection and click the speaker icon to start listening.

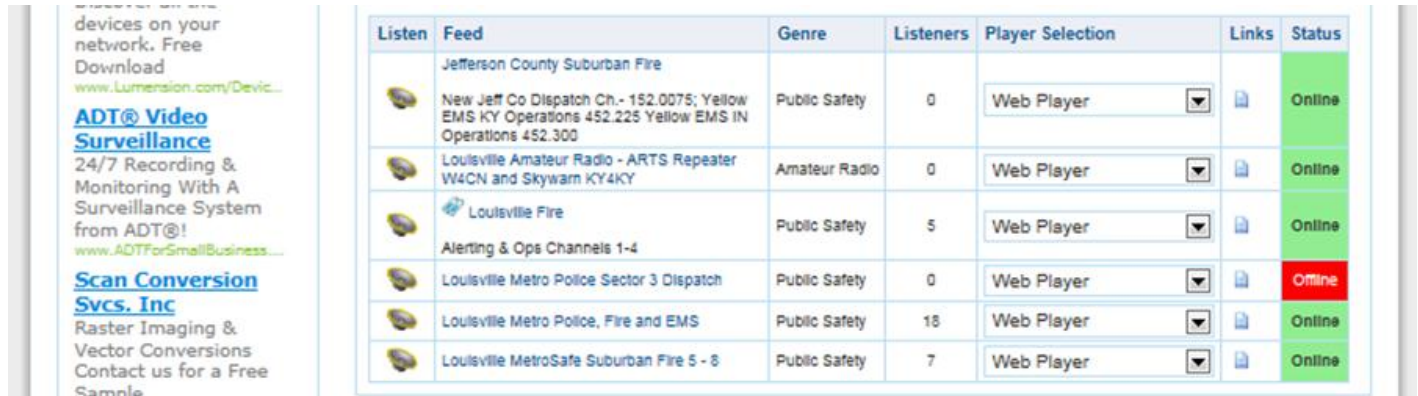
Premium Subscribers can set their default external media player on their MyRR Personalization Page.

Feed archives can be found by clicking the additional feed details icon for each feed.

Listen	Feed	Genre	Listeners	Player Selection	Links	Status
	Jefferson County Suburban Fire					
	New Jeff Co Dispatch Ch.- 152.0075; Yellow EMS KY Operations 452.225 Yellow EMS IN Operations 452.300	Public Safety	0	Web Player		Online
	Louisville Amateur Radio - ARTS Repeater W4CN and Skywarn KY4KY	Amateur Radio	0	Web Player		Online
	Louisville Fire Alerting & Ops Channels 1-4	Public Safety	5	Web Player		Online
	Louisville Metro Police Sector 3 Dispatch	Public Safety	0	Web Player		Offline
	Louisville Metro Police, Fire and EMS	Public Safety	18	Web Player		Online
	Louisville MetroSafe Suburban Fire 5 - 8	Public Safety	7	Web Player		Online

See next page for explanation—

**This is the bottom of the page that should come up on your site:**



The screenshot shows a sidebar on the left with advertisements for 'ADT@ Video Surveillance' and 'Scan Conversion Svcs. Inc'. The main content is a table of radio channels with columns for Listen, Feed, Genre, Listeners, Player Selection, Links, and Status. A red arrow points to the bottom row of the table.

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**There will be a list of channels you may choose. Review the list and choose by mouse the department you want to get radio transmissions from— Click on the speaker on the left of the list across from the department you want to listen to. If it is green it is working, if it is red it is temporary offline.**

**For all Jefferson County, KY departments choose the bottom one—Louisville Metrosafe Suburban Fire 5-8**

**If you plan on listening to these departments often I would save this page as “favorite” so you can quickly get to here. Also when you click on the speaker it opens a new and separate page so you can choose more then one department. I generally listen to different departments at a time such as —(City of Tucson, Louisville Fire Channels 1-4, Louisville Metrosafe Suburban 5-8 and Oldham County.)**

**This is the page that should come up on your site:**

The screenshot displays a web browser window with a blue header bar containing Facebook and Twitter icons. The main content area features the RadioReference.com logo and a live audio feed player for 'Louisville MetroSafe Suburban Fire 5 - 8'. The player interface includes a digital clock showing '00:34', a '- Lot' indicator, and playback controls (back, play/pause, forward). Below the player, a status bar indicates 'Feed Status: Online' and 'Listeners: 4'. Three navigation links are provided: 'Feed Details' (with a folder icon), 'Feed Archives' (with a server rack icon), and 'Report a Problem' (with a warning triangle icon). To the right of the player is a large blue advertisement for 'Video Converter' with a prominent 'Click to Download' button. At the bottom right, a small box contains the text: 'Consider supporting RadioReference by becoming a Premium Subscriber.' A social media 'Like 4' button is visible in the top right corner of the page content.

**Once this page is open and you can see it going, you may minimize it and use your computer for anything you want.**

# IDENTIFICATION OF UNITS for Jefferson County and surrounding departments

Base Stations shall be identified by name and/or number:

Ballardsville	“1300”
Harrods Creek’s Prospect Station	“Harrods Creek Station 1”
Harrods Creek’s River Rd. Station	“Harrods Creek Station 2”
LaGrange’s Main Street Station	“LaGrange Station 1”
LaGrange’s Buckner Station	“LaGrange Station 2”
LaGrange’s L’Espirit Station	“LaGrange Station 3”
North Oldham’s Goshen Station	“Goshen Station”
North Oldham’s Skylight Station	“Skylight Station”
Oldham County EMS HQ	“9300”
Pewee Valley’s Station	“8400”
South Oldham’s Station	“South Oldham Station”
Westport’s Station	“1900”
Worthington’s Murphy Lane Station	“Worthington Station 1”
Worthington’s Brownsboro Rd. Station	“Worthington Station 2”

## REGIONAL 4-DIGIT NUMBERING SYSTEM

Fire Departments in Oldham, Shelby, Henry, Trimble, Bullitt and Suburban Jefferson County utilize a 4-digit numbering system that was developed by Retired St. Matthews Assistant Fire Chief Jack Monohan, in response to confusion during several major community disasters. The most significant one was the deadly tornado of April 3, 1974. This system originally went into effect in Jefferson County on October 1, 1975. The meaning of the 4 digit system is explained below:

### *First Two Digits – Department Identifier*

- 11 – Campbellsburg (Henry Co.)
- 11 – Highview (Jefferson Co.)
- 12 – Harrods Creek (Jefferson Co.)
- 13 – Ballardsville (Oldham Co.)
- 14 – North Oldham (Oldham Co.)
- 16 – Lyndon (Jefferson Co.)
- 17 – Oldham County Emergency Management
- 18 – Worthington (Jefferson Co.)
- 19 – Westport (Oldham Co.)
- 20 – Anchorage (Jefferson Co.)
- 22 – Eminence (Henry Co.)
- 22 – Pleasure Ridge Park (Jefferson Co.)
- 26 – St. Matthews (Jefferson Co.)
- 30 – Dixie Suburban (Jefferson Co.)
- 31 – Mt. Washington (Bullitt Co.)
- 33 – Jeffersontown (Jefferson Co.)
- 33 – Shelby County Suburban
- 35 – Formerly South Dixie (now merged with Pleasure Ridge Park – 22)
- 37 – Buechel (Jefferson Co.)
- 44 – Simpsonville (Shelby Co.)
- 45 – LaGrange (Oldham Co.)
- 50 – Camp Taylor (Jefferson Co.)
- 54 - South Oldham (Oldham Co.)
- 55 – McMahan (Jefferson Co.)
- 57 – Taylorsville-Spencer Co.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF UNITS for Jefferson County and surrounding departments**

- 66 – Lake Jericho (Henry Co.)
- 71 – Fern Creek (Jefferson Co.)
- 77 – Eastwood (Jefferson Co.)
- 80 – Okolona (Jefferson Co.)
- 81 – Zoneton (Bullitt Co.)
- 84 – Pewee Valley (Oldham Co.)
- 85 – Milton (Trimble Co.)
- 88 – Bedford (Trimble Co.)
- 90 – Fairdale (Jefferson Co.)
- 99 – Middletown (Jefferson Co.)

### ***Third Digit – Type of Apparatus/Vehicle***

- 0 – Chief Officer (01 is always the Chief of Department)
- 1 – Misc. Officer
- 2 – Engine
- 3 – Engine
- 4 – Quad
- 5 – Quint or other aerial ladder
- 6 – Tanker
- 7 – Brush Fire unit
- 8 – Rescue unit
- 9 – Specialized units and utility/service vehicles

### ***Fourth Digit – Vehicle Individual Number***

**1 – 9**

### ***EXAMPLE:***

***Car 1401: North Oldham Car 1 (Chief)***

***Car 4502: LaGrange Car 2 (Asst. Chief)***

***Engine 1434: North Oldham Engine 4***

***Engine 1337: Ballardsville Engine 7***

***Quad 5442: South Oldham Quad 2***

***Quint 1455: North Oldham Quint 5***

***Tanker 5469: South Oldham Tanker 9***

***Tanker 4562: LaGrange Tanker 2***

***Forestry 8476: Pewee Valley Forestry Unit 6***

***Rescue 1481: North Oldham Rescue 1***

***Utility 5494: South Oldham Utility Truck 4***

***Fireboat 1491: North Oldham Fire Boat 1***

## **UNIT TYPING**

Although our numbering system provides the unit type with the third digit, FEMA mandated that all responding agencies become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Part of NIMS dictates that all resources will be designated by the “type” of resource represented. As a result, we are required to state the unit type prior to the number, when communicating by radio. Thus the term “Engine” before 1436 or “Quint” before 4551.

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Portable radios carried on fire apparatus shall be designated by the riding position of each member:

Company Officer – W  
Right Jumpseat – X  
Left Jumpseat – Y  
Driver – Apparatus Number  
Hydrant - H  
Other – A, B, C etc.

## **OLDHAM COUNTY EMS**

Car 9301 – EMS Director  
Car 9302 – Deputy EMS Director  
Car 9303 – EMS Personnel Major  
Car 9304 – EMS Special Ops Major  
Car 9305 – EMS Training Officer

**Cars 9306-9330 – Off duty paramedics**

Med 1 – Paramedic Fly Car – Buckner  
Med 2 – Paramedic Fly Car – Buckner  
Med 3 – Paramedic Fly Car – North Oldham FD

Med 931 – BLS Ambulance – Buckner  
Med 932 - BLS Ambulance – Buckner  
Med 933 – ALS Ambulance – Buckner  
Med 934 – ALS/BLS Ambulance – North Oldham FD  
Med 935 – BLS Ambulance – Crestwood/Pewee Valley  
Med 936 – Reserve ambulance  
Med 937 – Reserve ambulance

## Courtesy John Baily:

Unit Dispatching: This will begin July 13, 2009.

Radio Channel Assignments: All departments use Fire One as their primary channel. High risk incidents would be assigned to either Fire Two or Fire Three so there is a secured channel and less chance of disruption.

Primary Operations Channel:

Fire One (154.250) shall be the Primary Operations Channel.

The Primary Operations Channel shall be used for Low Priority incidents (such as single company response incidents).

Fire districts shall have their radios set on Fire One unless they are directed by Radio to use another Fire Operations Channel. The alert tone ("Sputnik") preceding incident dispatches, will occur only on Fire One.

Secondary Operations Channels:

Fire Two (154.370), Fire Three (154.160) and Fire Four (154.400) will be Secondary Operations Channels.

Secondary Operations Channels shall be used for High Priority incidents. Examples of high priority incidents are structure fires, Level II or Level III Hazardous Materials Incidents (this does NOT include mitigations), and alarm sounding incidents. An incident to which three (3) or more companies respond should be considered as a high priority incident.

When radio dispatches a fire district to a high priority incident, radio shall assign the incident to an available Secondary Operations Channel and instruct responding units to use the assigned channel.

Secondary Operations Channels shall be presumed as "secured channels". Unless a unit has been directed by radio to use a secondary channel, units shall not make transmissions on Secondary Operations Channels. (Testing may take place on Secondary Operations Channels when they are not in use at an incident).

Medium Priority Incidents:

The assignment of an operations channel for use at medium priority incidents (such as auto accident rescues) would be a judgment call made at the time of the incident. Radio can assign a medium priority incident to a Secondary Operations Channel upon dispatch or the Incident Commander may request assignment to a Secondary Operations Channel.

If there are a number of on-going incidents assigned to the Primary Operations Channel, or whether the incident would require numerous radio transmissions. Request to use a Secondary Operations Channel:

An Incident Commander always has the discretion to request that an incident be assigned to a Secondary Operations Channel, should he anticipate numerous radio transmissions.

Mutual Aid Channel:

The Mutual Aid Channel may continue to be used to obtain times and run numbers from Radio. When this will occur, Radio shall be first requested/directed to switch to the Mutual Aid Channel. The Mutual Aid Channel will also be available for use at special details as well as landing zone coordination for medical helicopters.

**Courtesy John Baily:**

Monday February 22, 2010 at 06:00 the alerting tones will change to a more organized system. Each fire department will have a unique first tone. No two fire departments will have that same first tone. For fire departments west of Bardstown Road, the first tone is higher pitched than the "sputnik". For the departments east of Bardstown Road, their first tone is lower than the sputnik. For fire calls, the second tone is lower than the first. For EMS calls, the second tone is higher.

Jefferson County Fire will be changing over to the new 800mhz radio system on Tuesday June 15. The process will begin around 8:00 am and at 9:00 am the new system will be fully operational.

All Low priority runs will be on Fire 5. High priority runs will be assigned to either Fire 6, 7 or 8. So if you are making a structure incident, it is a safe bet that you'll need to change a channel. Medium priority runs may or may not be assigned to Fire 5.

Low Priority Run:

EMS, Mitigation, Trash/Brush Fires, CO, .....

Medium & High Priority Run:

Chemical Release, Alarm Sounding, MVA, Structure,.....

LFD Fire 1 - 4 + Dispatch Channel

Jeff Co. Fire 5 - 8 + Dispatch Channel (Dispatch on 800mhz as well on 152.050 because of pager system won't work on new system).

Each Co. Dept. has own Tac-Channel