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|  | CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures | Initial: |
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| | Subject: Radio Marker | |

RADIO MARKER PROCEDURE

The radio marker is a half-second tone burst every 10 seconds. The marker will be used at the discretion of the dispatcher on duty, based upon the following situations:

- A. "In pursuit" (use the phrase with care) the marker will be taken down upon hearing the situation is "under control".
- B. "Shots being fired", When stated by *an officer on scene*. The marker will be taken down upon hearing the situation is "under control".
- C. Officer down.
- D. Any special requests for the marker to be utilized will be honored. The marker is to be taken down as soon as the situation has stabilized.
- E. To assure that the marker function is effectively used, all must adhere to the following:
 1. ***Always*** listen to your radio at least 10 seconds before transmitting. (Life threatening transmissions the exception).
 2. While the marker is on, no non-emergency traffic will be given. Officers should monitor the frequency and update the Communications Center on status changes after the marker is down.
 3. While the marker is on ***do not*** ask what is going on and where. If you are needed but have been out of radio contact, the Communications Center will continue trying to reach you.
 4. ***Do not*** call the Communications Center by telephone while an incident is on going for information if it does not involve your department.
 5. If an officer or department that is requested for assistance cannot be reached, the next closest officer or department will be contacted for assistance.
- F. When the marker is needed the dispatcher will announce "Clearfield County marker up". When the incident is under control the dispatcher will announce "Clearfield County marker down".