

HAND SIGNALS

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Hand signals are designed to be used when radio communications are impractical or impossible. They are flexible and can be used across all incident types.
- See TRT Plan for additional hand-signals.

PROTOCOL:

1. I need help / Assistance. (One hand waving overhead)



2. Are you ok? / I'm Ok / Ok, I Copy / Do you copy? (Both a question and an answer)



3. Charge the line (Elbow bent; closed fist in a circular motion)



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4. Shut the line down. (Stand over the line you want shut down; swing your arms back and forth below your waist)



5. Someone else has a radio issue. Their radio is not on, on the wrong channel, open mic etc. (Raise your mic or actual radio and make an obvious pointing motion)



6. Cancel/Disregard. (Arms crossed overhead)



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7. Raise pressure 10 psi. (Arm outstretched palm up, each raise of the arm is 10 psi increase)



8. Reduce pressure 10 psi. (Arm outstretched palm down, each lower of the arm is 10 psi decrease)



9. Cease operation(s) (Arms overhead, elbows bent closed fists)



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10. Raise the aerial. (Elbow bent, single finger pointed up and spinning)



11. Lower the aerial. (Elbow bent, single finger pointing down and spinning)



12. Rotate the aerial. (Arm extended in the direction you want the operator to move the ladder)



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13. Extend the aerial ladder. (Closed fists with thumbs extended, hands move from the center apart repeatedly, thumbs pointing OUT)



14. Retract the aerial ladder. (Closed fists with thumbs extended, hands move from the outside and in repeatedly, thumbs pointing IN)

