

Aural Brevity

10-CODES

Lesson 43

OVERVIEW

The law enforcement agencies supported by our department use a series of 10-codes to replace phrases or indicate status changes. Primarily, 10-codes are radio-oriented and are not used by call-takers during the interview process. However, 10-codes are used in various ways which may impact the call-taker.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Each employee must know all 10-codes and their appropriate use.

10-Codes & Signal Codes

10-codes are comprised of two (2) parts:

Prefix The first part of the 10-code; also called the “message alert”.

The Prefix informs the listener that a 10-code is being used and to be alert for the important part of the message (the suffix).

Suffix The last part of the 10-code; also called the “message body”.

The Suffix provides the listener with the informational (specific meaning) part of the 10-code.

Example:

"10-4"

Prefix = 10

Suffix = 4

Complete Listing of 10-Codes

The complete list of 10-codes, which are all radio specific, is required learning for all radio dispatch personnel. The 10-codes with (*) are commonly used.

10-1*	Poor transmission
10-2*	Good transmission
10-4*	Acknowledgement (“OK”)
10-5*	Relay of information to/for/from
10-6*	Busy at (<u>location</u>).

10-7*	Out of service
10-8*	In service/available for assignment
10-9*	Repeat transmission
10-10	Community Engagement
10-11	Speaking too rapidly
10-12*	Is there anyone with you?
10-13	Advise the weather/road conditions
10-14*	Transporting an arrested juvenile
10-15*	Transporting prisoner(s)
10-16*	Transporting a witness, citizen (or prisoner) from ____ to ____
10-17*	Pick up papers/equipment at _____
10-19*	Return/go to (<u>location</u>) for _____
10-20*	What is your location?
10-21*	Call _____ by telephone at (<u>number/extension</u>).
10-22*	Disregard last information/call
10-23	Stand by
10-24*	EMERGENCY TROUBLE AT (<u>location</u>) ALL UNITS IN THE VICINITY REPORT AT ONCE! (initiated by a field unit)
10-26	Officers look at your MDC'S
10-28*	Request vehicle registration
10-29*	NCIC/local check for wanted/stolen
10-30	Does not conform to FCC or TPD Rules & Regulations
10-32*	Intoxication test (for DUI)
10-33*	EMERGENCY RADIO TRAFFIC NEEDED (initiated by a field unit)
10-35	Confidential information (request temporary elimination of two-way radio operations)
10-36	What is the correct time?
10-37	Identify yourself (name)
10-39*	Message delivered
10-42	Complete driving record

10-43	Driver's license verification
10-45*	Coffee break
10-46*	Meal break
10-47*	Call home or spouse (phone number obtained from service dispatcher)
10-48*	How are my radio signals?
10-49*	Relief break!
10-50	No calls/messages holding for you
10-51*	Hearing impaired person
10-52	Criminal street gang member
10-53*	Outstanding misdemeanor warrant(s)
10-54*	Outstanding felony warrant(s)
10-55	Career criminal (ROP designator)
10-56	Presence of radiological material
10-57*	Possible exposure to airborne pathogens
10-58	Hazardous materials spill (indicate major or minor)
10-59*	Out of unit on police related activity
10-60*	Possible exposure to bloodborne pathogens
10-63*	EMERGENCY RADIO TRAFFIC ONLY
10-64*	NETWORK IS CLEAR for normal operations
10-65*	Broadcast of stolen vehicle (CRS)
10-66	Broadcast cancellation of CRS
10-69	Any calls/messages holding for me?
10-70*	Police Helicopter returning to or at base of operations
10-74	Engaged in activities related to downtown grant
10-75*	Intoxicated driver
10-76*	Traffic Collision without Injury
10-77*	Traffic Collision with Possible Injuries
10-78*	Traffic Collision with Injuries
10-79*	Traffic Collision - Hit and Run

10-80*	When officers are checking out at their division for an exercise period
10-84	Homeless Person(s) Involved
10-85*	Subject who may be in need of psychological treatment
10-86*	10-85 call resulted in an EOD
10-87*	10-85 call did NOT result in an EOD
10-89*	Checking out on the radio at an off-duty job location
10-90*	COWB of officer (dispatcher generated)/Send backer (officer generated)
10-91	Domestic Violence
10-93*	Alarm canceled by alarm company dispatcher
10-94	Good Alarm Response - Exempt
10-95*	Alarm Response - False, Non-exempt
10-96*	Good Alarm Response - Other, Non-exempt
10-97*	Arrived at scene or location
10-100	Active Shooter (field initiated)

The 10-codes associated with an individual's medical or psychological condition or diagnosis are confidential AND shall only be used for the benefit of law enforcement personnel. This includes any 10-code related to possible exposure risks from airborne/bloodborne pathogens OR persons with alleged/suspected psychological conditions. An individual's condition shall not be released to other emergency response personnel or civilians. **Universal precautions should be used.**

Signal Code

As with 10-codes, a Signal Code is an abbreviated message. It contains a prefix (the word Signal) and a suffix (message). Currently, the only Signal Code used by the Tulsa Police Department is:

Signal 30* Fatality Traffic Accident