FDNY EMS has issued a series of messages concerning Mutual Aid for the July 4th weekend and exchange of assigned mutual aid portable radios.

We are passing these messages along to our list of volunteer EMS agency leadership in District 4. Please excuse any duplicate notifications.

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The FDNY is requesting Volunteer BLS mutual aid for the Independence Day Holiday Weekend, **Saturday July 3rd (Tour-2) through Monday July 5th (Tour-1):**

- If your organization would like to provide BLS coverage during this activation, please feel free to reach out to the FDNY Voluntary Liaison Staff.
- CAD phones will be assigned to volunteer agencies for this activation based on availability.
- The FDNY will be permanently exchanging the 800 mhz. Mutual Aid portable with 400 mhz. portable radios starting with this activation.
- Your organization must return the current 800 mhz. MARS Radio and be compliant with the ePCR submission requirement from past activations to participate in this event.

Thanks for your consideration & stay safe.

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New York City DoITT is planning an infrastructure upgrade, Thursday, July 1st, 2021. Volunteer Ambulance Agencies should plan for the FDNY MARS (Mutual Aid) radio system to be no longer in operation. VACs may exchange FDNY MARS portable radio for FDNY 400 MHz on loan portable radio.
All exchange of radio equipment to be conducted at FDNY Headquarters – Downtown Brooklyn, 9 Metro Tech Center, 11201. Agencies may exchange equipment as early as 8am, Wednesday, June 30th. A FDNY representative will be available 8am to 10pm, June 30th, and 8am to 8pm, July 1st. Any exchange after July 1st, 8am – 5pm.

In an effort to avoid interruption of service, all VACs are encouraged to exchange equipment prior to Thursday, July 1st, 2021.

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Please submit any ePCR’s for the following Mutual Aid Activations. FAILURE to submit ePCR’s will jeopardize you agencies ability to participate in future activations.

- 12/16/2020 – 12/17/2020
- 12/31/2020 – 01/01/2021
- 02/01/2021 – 02/02/2021
- 02/07/2021
- 02/18/2021

If you have already submitted ePCR’s please disregard.

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