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Headsets



It is important for firefighters to wear headsets while responding to a call because it allows them to communicate with each other and their command center more effectively, while also providing hearing protection, leading to a safer and more effective response to emergencies.

- Headsets provide clear audio communication in high noise environments, such as inside a fire truck or at a fire scene, reducing the need for shouting and making it easier for firefighters to hear and understand each other.
- Wearing headsets can protect firefighters' hearing by reducing exposure to loud noises, such as sirens or power tools, which can cause hearing damage over time.
- Headsets also provide a barrier against external noises, which can help reduce distractions and improve focus on the task at hand, improving overall safety on the scene.
- The use of headsets can improve communication and coordination among firefighters, leading to a safer and more effective response to emergencies. Clear communication and effective teamwork are essential in ensuring everyone is on the same page and working together to address the situation.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). (2017). NFPA 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program.

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