"Ten" Series Signals Soon Into Effect

The list of "Ten" signals included in the report of the chairman of the Standards Committee printed on page 8 of the January 1940 issue of the Bulletin seems to have met with general approval at the Chicago meeting of the committee and with approval also of the members of the Executive, Frequency Allocations and Engineering Committees who also met at Chicago. No complaints or criticisms have been received by the chairman of the committee from the membership at large. The "Ten" signals as listed have been officially adopted by the Wisconsin chapter of APCO. The use of these signals has definitely been effective in speeding up interstation communication. The signal meanings have been carefully selected for both municipal and state systems. With the approval of the Executive Committee these signals will go into effect in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana and Illinois at once. For the benefit of all those interested in placing these signals into use in other systems, they are reprinted herewith:

10-1 Receiving poorly.
10-2 Receiving well.
10-3 Stop transmitting.
10-4 Acknowledgment.
10-5 Relay.
10-6 Busy.
10-7 Out of service.
10-8 In service.
10-9 Repeat, conditions bad.
10-10 Out of service—subject to call.
10-11 Dispatching too rapidly.
10-12 Officials or visitors present.
10-13 Advise weather and road conditions.
10-14 Convoy or escort.
10-15 Have prisoner in custody.
10-16 Pick up prisoner at.
10-17 Pick up papers at.
10-18 Advise that train is stopped.
10-19 Return to your station.
10-20 What is your location?
10-21 Call this station by telephone.
10-22 Take no further action.
10-23 Stand by until no interference caused to Iowa (Mo.) etc.
10-24 Trouble at station—unwelcome visitors—units vicinity report at only.
10-25 Do you have contact with...
10-26 Can you obtain automobile registration information from...
10-27 Any answer our number...
10-28 Check full registration information (ic, etc., name, station, etc.).
10-29 Check for wanted.
10-30 Does not conform to rules and regulations.
10-31 Is lie detector available?
10-32 Is drugged available?

INTERCITY TRAFFIC NOTES

The problem of proper wording, proper sequence and completeness of information and proper cancellation of intercity traffic messages will always be with us. This is because there are approximately 50,000 police departments in the U. S., many thousands of which file messages for intercity delivery over the radio and wire services. Most of these departments have no intercity communication facilities of their own, and therefore are not likely to have trained communication personnel in their employ. Because of the large number of departments involved, it is hopeless to expect that any educational campaign would be fully effective. However, it is obvious that both APCO and the IACP working together on this problem can accomplish much.

Captain Leonard has offered space in the Chiefs News Letter which will be used to good advantage by the State System Standards Committee in presenting boiled down information on traffic message formation and uses and abuses of the intercity facilities to our busy Chiefs. T. M. B. Lowe, Ill., State Highway Maintenance Police, 601 Sangamon, Springfield, Ill., is chairman of this committee, and would appreciate your suggestions.

WPPA CANCELLATIONS

Some cancellations of WPPA's are worded as follows:
ALL STATIONS

CANCEL OUR WPPA NUMBER SIX OF MARCH TENTH TIMBUCTU POLICE DEPARTMENT

In some stations, WPPA's are filed by date, and the message cancelled is easily located and identified. In large departments with adequate record facilities, however, the information may be filed in many different files; such as: each car by license, make, model, motor number; each person by name and all aliases, fingerprints, etc. Other information may be broken down into other files, all of which may not be in the same bureau.

For this reason, in addition to the originating stations' number, and date, each car and person should be named in the cancellation. In the case of cars of popular makes, the body style should also be given, as the files on such cars are broken up because of the large number of cards.

The operator racks his ears:

With gain turned high, no sags by hears.

A complete fadeout is born—

It's caused by magnetic storm.

This happens in the light of day

Because of sunspots, so they say.

Conditions still are bad at night:

It puts us in an awful plight.

If we cannot work someone,

This job will not be much fun.

Mr. Sun, please wash your face

And all of those sunspots erase.

—The Night Owl

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