

DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL TEN-CODES

10- 1 Signal weak	10-37 Reserved
10- 2 Signal good	10-38 District understaffed
10- 3 Stop transmitting	10-39 Communications understaffed
10- 4 Acknowledgment	10-40 Fight in progress
10- 5 Relay (to)	10-41 Beginning tour of duty
10- 6 Busy - stand by unless urgent	10-42 Ending tour of duty
10- 7 Out of Service	10-43 Car chase
Code 1 - Meal	10-43a Foot chase
Code 3 - Warrant service	10-44 Riot
Code 5 - Repair	10-45 Bomb threat
Code 8 - Assisting ...	10-46 Bank alarm
Code 9 - (Coffee) Break	Signal Green - False alarm
Code 12 - Court	Signal Yellow - No contact
Code 16 - Out of car at HQ	Signal Red - Robbery occurred
Code 17 - Follow-up at ...	10-47 Complete assignment quickly
Code 18 - Property check at	10-48 Detaining subject; expedite
Code 19 - Personal relief	10-49 Drag racing
Code 20 - Training at ...	10-50 Traffic accident- PD, PI, F
10- 8 In service	10-51 Wrecker needed
10- 9 Repeat	10-52 Ambulance Needed
10-10 Negative	10-53 Road blocked
10-11 Is on duty?	10-54 Hit & run- PD, PI, F
10-12 Stand By	10-55 Intoxicated driver
10-13 Existing weather conditions	10-56 Intoxicated pedestrian
10-14 Message/information	10-57 Request breathalyzer operator
10-15 Message delivered	10-58 Direct traffic
10-16 Reply to message	10-59 Escort
10-17 En Route	10-60 Suspicious vehicle
10-18 Urgent	10-61 Stopping suspicious vehicle
10-19 (In) Contact	10-62 Breaking & entering
10-20 Location	10-63 Investigate ... at ...
10-21 Call by telephone	10-64 Crime in progress
10-22 Disregard	10-65 Armed robbery
10-23 Arrived at scene	10-66 Notify medical examiner
10-24 Assignment complete	10-67 Investigate report of death
Code 1 - Incident Report	10-68 Animal in street (dead)
Code 2 - No Longer Used	10-69 Advise present telephone number
Code 3 - Property Report	10-70 Improperly parked vehicle
Code 4 - Arrest Report	10-71 Improper use of radio
Code 5 - No Longer Used	10-72 Have prisoner in custody
Code 6 - Citation Issued	10-73 Mental subject
Code 7 - Unfounded	10-74 Prison or jail break
Code 8 - Accident Report	10-75 Record shows wanted or stolen
Code 9 - No Longer Used	10-76 Prowler
Code 10 - Resolved W/O Report	10-77 Assist Fire Department with traffic at ...
Code 11 - No Longer Used	10-78 Response Codes:
Code 12 - False Alarm Due to Weather Conditions	Code 1 - Routine
Code 13 - False Alarm	Code 2 - Fast as possible/ no lights or siren
Code 14 - Verbal Warning	Code 3 - Use lights and siren
Code 15 - Written Warning	10-79 Request radio patch to ..
Code 16 - Assist / Backup Unit	10-80 Fire report
10-25 Report to...(Meet)	10-81 Fire scene size-up
10-26 Estimated time of arrival	10-89 Burglar alarm
10-27 Drivers license information	10-90 Officer safety check
10-28 Vehicle registration information	10-91 Rape
10-29 Stolen/wanted check	10-92 Suicide
10-30 Use caution - danger!	10-93 Drug Violation
10-31 Pick up...	10-94 Domestic Disturbance
10-32 Backup units needed	
10-33 EMERGENCY	Signal 20 - Dangerous situation
10-33a Officer needs assistance	Signal 26 - DMV computer down
10-34 Time of day (?)	Signal 29 - Warrant computer down
10-35 History of DWI charges	Signal 30 - Is your radio secure?
10-36 History of other charges	Signal 70 - Pro-Net activation

DEFINITION OF TEN CODES

- 10-1 *SIGNAL WEAK* - Possible radio malfunction or out of range. **Do not continue to transmit after being told 10-1.** Try a different radio or change location. Sometimes only a few feet in any direction can change the way you are received by the radio system.
- 10-2 *SIGNAL GOOD* - Usually used after being told 10-1 to advise when a clear signal is being received.
- 10-3 ***STOP TRANSMITTING*** - You are creating a problem and/or interfering with other radio traffic.
- 10-4 *ACKNOWLEDGMENT* - Affirmative. OK. Yes.
- 10-5 *RELAY TO...* - Example: "10-5 message to ambulance personnel at your location"
- 10-6 *BUSY, STAND BY UNLESS URGENT* - This usually means everyone. If one car is told 10-6, it means *all* cars
- 10-7 *OUT OF SERVICE* - Should be accompanied by one of the following codes:
Code 1 - Meal
Code 3 - Warrant or legal paper service. Give location.
Code 5 - Repair/refueling. Give location.
Code 8 - Assisting another officer or other agency. Give car number you are out with or location.
Code 9 - Coffee break/other brief break. Location is not necessary unless required by your supervisor.
Code 12 - Out at Court
Code 16 - Out of car at HQ for meeting, conference or dropping off paperwork.
Code 17 - Out on follow-up to earlier call. Give location.
Code 18 - Property check. Give location.
Code 19 - Personal relief. Location is not necessary.
Code 20 - Training. Give location.
- 10-8 *In Service* - Back in service, available for calls
- 10-9 *Repeat* - Repeat your last traffic.
- 10-10 *Negative* - No.
- 10-11 *Is* (name or car number) *on duty* at this time?
- 10-12 *Stand by* - Wait a minute; hold your traffic.
- 10-13 *Existing Conditions* - Advise what the weather is like where you are now.
- 10-14 *Message / information* - "10-14 all cars" means message or information for all cars.
- 10-15 *Message delivered* - Contact made with addressee.
- 10-16 *Reply to Message* - Have a reply to earlier message.
- 10-17 *En route* - On the way, ect..
- 10-18 *Urgent* - Very important. (But not EMERGENCY-see 10-33)

- 10-19 *(In) Contact* - Example: Can you 10-19 the Captain right away?
- 10-20 *Location* - Where are you? What is your location?
- 10-21 *Call or contact by telephone.*
- 10-22 *Disregard* - Disregard or cancel earlier traffic or call.
- 10-23 *Arrived at scene*
- 10-24 *Assignment completed* – Requires one or more of the following codes:
- Code 1* – Incident Report
 - Code 2* – *No Longer Used*
 - Code 3* - Property report
 - Code 4* - Arrest report
 - Code 5* – *No Longer Used*
 - Code 6* - Citation issued
 - Code 7* - Call unfounded, not as dispatched, no police action needed
 - Code 8* - Accident report
 - Code 9* – *No Longer Used*
 - Code 10* - Situation resolved without report.
 - Code 11* – *No Longer Used*
 - Code 12* – False Alarm Due To Weather Conditions
 - Code 13* – False Alarm
 - Code 14* – Verbal Warning
 - Code 15* – Written Warning
 - Code 16* – Assist / Backup Unit
- 10-25 *Report to/see/meet in person* - See the specified person at the specified location.
- 10-26 *Estimated time of arrival* - How long until you arrive? Your estimated time until arrival.
- 10-27 *Drivers license information* - Used to describe type of information needed.
- 10-28 *Vehicle registration information* - Used to describe type of information needed.
- 10-29 *Stolen/wanted check on* - Used to describe type of information needed.
- 10-30 *Use Caution - Danger!* - Information received indicates that the situation may be dangerous, use caution.
- 10-31 *Pick up.....(state what)* Ex: 10-31 papers at the station and 10-25 HQ with them.
- 10-32 *Backup units needed at* - Give location.
- 10-33 **EMERGENCY** Whenever this code is used, all routine traffic on the radio should be halted until the emergency situation is resolved.
- 10-33A **Officer needs EMERGENCY assistance.** Same as above, this code will be given utmost priority.
- 10-34 *Time of day?* - What time is it?

- 10-35 *History of DWI charges* - Driver history indicates prior DWI charges. *Call DCI by phone for further information.*
- 10-36 *History of other charges* - Driver history indicates other prior charges. *Call DCI by phone for further information.*
- 10-37 *Reserved for future use.*
- 10-38 *District is understaffed, Clear ASAP* - The district specified is less than 50% free, need cars to clear as soon as possible. *10-38 CLEAR* will be announced when greater than 50% of district is clear.
- 10-39 *Communications is understaffed* - Hold all non-urgent traffic. *10-39 CLEAR* will be announced when adequate staff is back on duty.
- 10-40 *Fight in progress* - Investigate a reported fight in progress
- 10-41 *Beginning tour of duty* - Use whenever you are working a non-normal shift to notify supervisors and Communications that you are on duty.
- 10-42 *Ending tour of duty* - Use whenever you are leaving early or if you have no relief scheduled to notify supervisors and Communications.
- 10-43 *Car chase* - All other radio traffic should cease on dispatch channel except units assigned to assist in chase.
- 10-43A *Foot chase*. Same as above.
- 10-44 *Riot*.
- 10-45 *Bomb threat* - Meet with Fire Department at specified location.
- 10-46 *Bank or financial institution alarm* - Communications will attempt contact and advise one of the following:
Signal Green - False alarm, representative will meet officer outside building.
Signal Yellow- No contact with bank, continue with caution.
Signal Red- Robbery has occurred, stand by for further.
- 10-47 *Complete assignment quickly* - Calls are holding for your area or district.
- 10-48 *Detaining subject*. Advise as soon as possible reference request. Ex: Please check your warrants for this subject ASAP, he is 10-48.
- 10-49 *Drag Racing* - Investigate report of drag racing at.....
- 10-50 *Traffic collision* - Will be accompanied by PD (property damage), PI (personal injury) or F (possible fatality).
- 10-51 *Wrecker needed* - Advise location and whether rotation, owner request for specific company or City vehicle tow.
- 10-52 *Ambulance/rescue needed* - Give nature of need, if possible.
- 10-53 *Road blocked* - need assistance with traffic.
- 10-54 *Hit-and-run traffic collision* (PD, PI, or F).
- 10-55 *Intoxicated driver* - Check at location specified for suspected impaired driver.
- 10-56 *Intoxicated pedestrian* - Check at location specified for suspected impaired pedestrian.
- 10-57 *Request breathalyzer operator* at (give location).

- 10-58 *Direct traffic at/for* (give location)
- 10-59 *Escort* - See complainant at specified location for a police escort
- 10-60 *Suspicious vehicle* - Investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle at
- 10-61 *Stopping suspicious vehicle*. Give location, vehicle license tag number and state (if not North Carolina). If possible, give vehicle and occupant description
- 10-62 *Breaking and entering* - Investigate report of B&E at
- 10-63 *Investigate* at
- 10-64 *Crime in progress* - This code will halt all routine radio traffic until the first units arrive on the scene at a crime in progress.
- 10-65 *Armed robbery* - Investigate armed robbery at
- 10-66 *Notify medical examiner* - Have Medical Examiner contact me at
- (give telephone number).
- 10-67 *Investigate report of death* - Possible deceased person at location specified.
- 10-68 *Animal in street* - Check for an animal in the street, usually injured or dead.
- 10-69 *Advise present telephone number of*
- 10-70 *Improperly parked vehicle* - Investigate report of illegal or dangerous parking.
- 10-71 *Improper use of radio*.
- 10-72 *Have prisoner in custody*.
- 10-73 *Mental subject*.
- 10-74 *Prison or jail break at.....*
- 10-75 *Records indicate wanted or stolen*
- 10-76 *Investigate prowler at.....*
- 10-77 *Assist Fire Department with traffic at.....*
- 10-78 Response codes. Use with following:
Code 1 - Routine
Code 2 - Fast as possible, no lights or siren
Code 3 - **EMERGENCY, use lights and siren**
Code 5 - **(Medical) Cardiac arrest has occurred**
- 10-79 *Request radio patch to* - In cases of multi-agency calls, requesting a radio talkgroup be assigned, or a radio patch established.
- 10-80 *Fire report* - Report of Fire at, used either as a fire pre-alert, or by field personnel to inform Communications of a fire observed.
- 10-81 *Fire scene size-up* - Report by first units at a fire scene giving initial observations and instructions for remaining units.
- 10-89 *Burglar alarm* - Investigate burglar alarm at
- 10-90 *Officer Safety Check* - (Communications - "Car 215, 10-90?" Responding officer - "Car 215, 10-4")

- 10-91 *Rape* - Investigate possible rape at
- 10-92 *Suicide* - Investigate possible suicide at
- 10-93 *Drug Violation* - Investigate possible drug violations or trafficking at
- 10-94 *Domestic Disturbance* - Investigate a possible domestic disturbance at
- 10-97 *Off radio answering a page* - Used whenever an officer is making or receiving a paging or "private chat" call or telephone call on portable radio and is not monitoring the dispatch channel.
- 10-98 *Back on radio* - Used to inform Communications that you are back on the air after calling 10-97.
- Signal 20 *All units hold traffic* - officer in trouble or potentially dangerous situation in progress.
- Signal 26 *State and national (DMV and NCIC) computer systems are out of service*. Local warrants may still be available.
- Signal 29 *Local warrant system out of service*. Announcement will be made when this information is available.
- Signal 30 *Is your radio secure?* Is it possible for detainees or suspects to hear radio traffic? If so, move away from these people to receive important information.
- Signal 70 *A Pro-Net activation has occurred*. This will be due to either a false alarm or a bank robbery. Communications will instruct units with Pro-Net receivers to switch to an OPS channel to coordinate tracking of the Pro-Net transmitter, which is given to bank robbers along with the money they are given during a robbery.