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SUBJECT: WHAT IS A "SHADOW"

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A Shadow is an Amateur Radio operator who is assigned to accompany an official, such as the IC (Incident Commander) or OIC (Officer In Charge), during an incident. The Shadow is to allow constant contact with the person who is important to the Fire and/or Rescue operation. The Amateur assigned as a Shadow MUST remain in the immediate vicinity of the person being shadowed AT ALL TIMES. Please don't get in their way, just be there.

Because the person being shadowed will usually be involved in some important activity, they may miss being called on their radio, and the shadow should be in the vicinity of the person being shadowed, and alert them, remembering that only communications are needed. The Shadow must monitor his/her own radio AT ALL TIMES. The Shadow should, or may, monitor other radios such as the person he/she is shadowing.

The Shadow should be in good physical condition, since he/she may need to walk, and sometimes run, some distances with the official. The Shadows' only job is to make sure the person being shadowed has communications at all times. The Shadow may be asked to pass important information while the person in charge is busy doing something else. The Shadow should not be asked to leave the vicinity of the person in charge, unless it is to acquire something the person in charge needs to do their job better. Getting them a cup of coffee is not a good reason to leave their side, but don't refuse, if they insist.

The only reason the Shadow is there is to be sure the person in charge has good reliable communications.

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