

Squad Communication

Verbal Field Commands

Lesson Objective

- By the end of this lesson the learner will be able to:
 1. Understand the principles of Verbal Field Commands.
 2. Understand the limitations of Verbal Field Commands.
 3. Understand when it is the best time to use Verbal Field Commands.
 4. Understand and communicate Verbal Field Commands to other teammates.

What are Verbal Field Commands?

- **Verbal Field Commands** – a means of coded verbal communication that requires hearing and can be used to transmit prearranged messages over short or long distances.

When is it Best to Use Verbal Field Commands?

- When conducting maneuvers against an enemy and you or your squad have been detected.
- When there is a need to communicate with your squad members and they are not visible to you.
- When there is a need to communicate with your flanking/suppression team or another squad and no radio is available.

Limitations to Verbal Field Commands

- **Verbal Field Commands have three limitations:**
 1. The range and reliability of verbal communication are significantly reduced during periods of high levels of sounds and noise such as prolonged gun fire.
 2. They may be misunderstood.
 3. They are vulnerable to enemy interception and may be used for deception purposes.

Communicating Location

