

POCKET REFERENCE CARD FOR SMOKE Q-CODES FMT TANGO 5A FOR SMOKE TEAM USE

>> NOTE: THIS IS A QUICK REFERENCE CARD ONLY – USE FMT MIKE 7 FOR FULL DEFINITIONS

QWA USE Q CODE	<p>“QWA” means: “I have made outdoor observations at current location, and taking into account any other reports I may have just made (e.g., QWK - known reported fire, etc...) / All Appears fine - No SUSPECT Smoke or Fire observed (either visual or smell). I did NOT do a search. I merely made a 360 degree turn and observed ground, trees and sky areas as I made observations and did not smell any suspect smoke and did not see any suspect smoke or fire. If any station has additional and/or contrary information please call now.” EXAMPLE: “THIS IS K6PDS [760] QTH B VILLAGE DIVISION 3 QWA TERRAIN LIMITING VIEW OUT”</p>	
QWB →	<p>THEN SAY - “BLOWING / FLYING EMBERS LANDING AT _____ BEARING FROM YOUR LOCATION: /AZ ____ (DIRECTION DEGREES) M T /ML _____ (ESTIMATED MILES) FIRE SOURCE LOCATION: _____ (IF KNOWN)”</p>	
QWC →	<p>THEN SAY - “CONDUCT SMOKE CHECK”. THIS MEANS: 1. “Go outside your QTH and merely make a 360 degree turn and observe ground, trees and sky areas observing if there is any suspect smoke or fire (either visual or smell) (do NOT do a search); AND 2. ... REPORT BACK ... USE FORMAT TANGO 4. [ALL COLUMNS ON FORMAT TANGO 4 TO BE COMPLETED]</p>	
QWD USE Q CODE	<p>[SEE DISASTER RADIO COMMS INFORMATION PLAN TICKLER LIST- NET ACTIVATIONS / DEPLOYMENT OF FIELD STATIONS / ACTIVE FOREST FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, VOLCANIC ACTIVITY, EVACUATIONS, SITREPS, AND OTHER EMERGENCIES. THIS IS FOR SITUATIONS BEYOND REPORTING &/ RECOMMENDATIONS]. [See FMT LIMA 2].</p>	
QWF USE Q CODE	<p>“ There is SMOKE in AO WHICH APPEARS TO BE SOURCED FROM FIREPLACES AND/OR CONTROLLED BURNS. [QTH of such AO]. My report which follows, recognizes such and is directed towards reporting any other smoke or fire that is suspect. If any station has additional information please advise”</p>	
QWi USE Q CODE	<p>INFORMATION / ADVISORY ONLY – NO ACTION OR RESPONSE REQUESTED – EXCEPT, if any station has additional and/or contrary information please call now.</p>	
QWK USE Q CODE	<p>“There is a KNOWN fire in area or in a distant area [give QTH of fire] and I understand Fire Dept. is responding or has responded. My reporting recognizes such and is directed towards reporting any other suspect smoke or fire and/or smoke odor. The report which follows assumes that any smoke/fire/smoke odor in AO for which report being given relates to the known fire unless otherwise stated in my report. If any station disagrees and/or has additional information and/or contrary information please call now.” EXAMPLES: “THIS IS K6PDS ON [760] QWK Manton at Digger Butte, QWA, OUT”. “... QWK Lane Incident, QWA, OUT” (E.G., Lane fire – 6/2018) NOTE: IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A “NEW” FIRE, THEN REQUEST STATIONS TO CONDUCT A SMOKE CHECK (QWC).</p>	
QWL USE Q CODE	<p>“LIGHTENING strikes observed and/or expected [over area]. All stations go to higher awareness level. Make frequent SMOKE OBSERVATIONS. REPORT AS/ IF NECESSARY.” ... [“QWL recent”] “QWL forecasted”] ...</p>	<p>“SMOKE OBSERVATIONS” means: Conduct Smoke Observations = DO QWC (STEP 1) BUT, NO need to report unless you have Something to report.”</p>
QWO USE Q CODE	<p>“OBSERVED – General Smoke / Haze Conditions – Visibility: There is General Smoke / Haze Conditions in the identified area of operation. My report recognizes such and is directed towards reporting any other suspect smoke or fire. Any Station with additional info. please advise. Otherwise, no action planned.” SEE QWO MODIFIERS - /TLV /NP /LT /MOD /HVY /VR /BVR IF YOU ARE CONCERNED CALL 911 AND REQUEST STATIONS TO CONDUCT A SMOKE CHECK.</p>	
QWP →	<p>THEN SAY “POWER LINES DOWN” [Risk of Fire and/or Electrical Danger] [give QTH of Power Line Down.] ADVISE 911.</p>	<p>Means: “1. Conduct Smoke Observations (defined SEE QWL); BUT 2. NO need to report unless you have something to report.”</p>
QWS →	<p>THEN SAY - “SMOKE / [FIRE] SIGHTED” DO QWC [USE FORMAT TANGO 4]. Priority / Emergency - ...Give QTH of fire/smoke (use FMT TANGO 4 METHODS) CALL 911 AND REPORT THE FIRE/SMOKE LOCATION. IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION IN THE FOREST (CALL 911 AND GIVE GENERAL AREA), THEN ASK OTHER OPERATORS TO TAKE COMPASS BEARINGS FROM KNOWN LOCATIONS FOR TRIANGULATION. THEN MAP IT AND REPORT LOCATION (I.E., CALL 911 AGAIN WITH UPDATE). WHEN YOU HEAR THIS: ALL STATIONS CONDUCT SMOKE CHECK – USE FORMAT TANGO 4</p>	
QWT USE Q CODE	<p>“Travel Mode”...</p>	
QWV →	<p>THEN SAY “VIGILANT WATCH ALERT” MEANS: “Be on ALERT ... High Fire Danger; Red Flag Warning; High Winds advisory; illegal burning / camp fires; active reported fires are burning; and/or any POTENTIAL arsonists (REPORT – DO NOT ENGAGE). (If arsonists are reported – then use QWW).</p>	
QWW USE Q CODE	<p>“WARNING – REPORTS OF ARSONIST(S) IN AREA (INSERT AREA).” Advise if REPORTS ARE “ CONFIRMED” OR “ NOT CONFIRMED”. [DO NOT STATE THIS Q CODE MEANING ON THE AIR UNLESS YOU ARE CERTAIN THAT IT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN LOCATING ARSONISTS] ...Ex: “K6xyz [760] QWW, Nora Lake area – unconfirmed, out”</p>	