

STOKERMATIC COMMS CARD

FILL IT IN BEFORE THE STORM. NOT DURING.

YOUR PACE PLAN

Primary — Alternate — Contingency — Emergency. Fill this in with your own family or group, and keep a copy where everyone can find it.

Tier	Method	Frequency / Channel	Notes
P — Primary			
A — Alternate			
C — Contingency			
E — Emergency			

COMMS DISCIPLINE

- **Keep it short.** Seconds, not minutes. Every second keyed up is easier to locate.
- **Skip the jargon.** "Over," "roger," "be advised" flags you as someone worth listening to. Talk plain.
- **Randomize your timing.** A fixed check-in schedule is a pattern anyone can learn.
- **Know your local frequencies.** Look up your county's EMS/fire/police at **RadioReference.com** — free, searchable by state, county, or zip.

THE CROSS-BAND SPLIT
Set your radio to **transmit on one band, dual-watch the other** (e.g., transmit VHF, monitor UHF). Your distant end does the exact opposite. Anyone scanning a single band only ever hears half the conversation — never a complete one. Not encryption. Just harder to follow. See "Baofeng Quick Programming" on page 2 for the dual-watch steps.

LOCAL FREQUENCIES — FILL THIS IN

Type	Frequency / Channel
Local Repeater	
Local Repeater (2nd)	
GMRS Repeater	
EMS	
Sheriff / Police	
Schools	
MAG 1 (Mutual Assistance Group)	
MAG 2 (Mutual Assistance Group)	
HF / Outside Local Area	

Source for the public-safety rows above: **RadioReference.com** — free, searchable by state, county, or zip.

BAOFENG UV-5R QUICK PROGRAMMING

SET A SIMPLEX FREQUENCY

- 1

Press **VFO/MR** until the radio is in Frequency Mode (not Channel Mode).
- 2

Press **A/B** to select the upper display — programming only saves from the A side.
- 3

Press **BAND** to select VHF or UHF to match the frequency you're entering.
- 4

Key in the frequency on the keypad (e.g., **151.940**).
- 5

To save it: press **MENU**, then **27**, then **MENU**, enter a channel number, then **MENU** again to confirm.

Transmitting outside FRS/GMRS/MURS allocations without the appropriate license (e.g., on ham bands) is against FCC rules except in a genuine emergency. Know what you're licensed for before you key up.

THE MASTER KEY PAD

Straight out of *Partisan Radio Operations*, Ch. 6. Not encryption — coding. Works on any network, secure or not: voice, text, email, RF. **To encode:** find the word's row (read down, 1-9), then its column (read across, 0-9) — row digit first, then column digit. **To decode:** reverse it. **Raw numbers** (dates, times, grid coordinates) use Row 0 instead — each digit swaps for its pair.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	HQ	Road	Building	Highway	Bridge	Trail	River	Hill	Valley	Ridge
2	Vehicle	Route	SP/RP	Comms/Freq	Time	Point	Primary	Alternate	Grid	Person
3	Convoy	Patrol	Recon	Report	SP/RP	Caution	Green	Amber	Red	Black
4	Up/North	Right/East	Down/South	Left/West	Day	Night	Unknown	Known	Pick Up	Drop Off
5	Safe/Secure	SHTF	Rally	Avoid	Meet	Get	Distance	Objective	Friendly	Enemy
6	12 Gauge	30-30	9mm	45 ACP	223	Magazine	Case	Supplies	Food	Water
7	Box	Pounds	Pallet	Ton	Foot/Feet	Quart	Gallons	Meters	Kilometers	Mile
8	A	C	D	E	F	I	FRS/GMRS	CB	Ham	L/Local
9	M	N	O	R	S	T	LP/OP	SOP	UHF/VHF	Z/Zulu

Worked example: "Rally at Bridge" → Rally is row 5, column 2 → **52**. Bridge is row 1, column 4 → **14**. Transmitted as **52 14**. Small connecting words (at, the, a) are skipped — the receiver fills them back in from context. *Base pad only* — the key-shift variant is a full video on its own, coming soon.