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Radio Aid for Firemen

Valuable minutes will be saved in calling additional assistance to fires by the latest radio communication equipment installed for the use of Sheffield Fire Brigade.

The most modern type of transmitters and receivers, and other: more up-to-date equipment have made possible clear direct contact between fire positions and the control room at the Central Fire Station.

An officer attending a fire can now radio the call sign 'M to X.S.A.' to police headquarters, and be switched straight through to fire control.

The new 'radio set is only a quarter the size of the old one which previously took up all the back seating space in fire radio cars. The operator's job is also simplified.

There are no switches to work once the set is running and all the operator has to do is press a button on the top of a small hand mike to speak, and let it return automatically to receive.