

RADIO IDENTIFIERS, GENERAL

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Standardized radio identifiers will be employed by all persons using the CDF radio system. Identifiers are assigned in a uniform, systematic manner to identify administrative personnel, special functions, and certain categories of firefighting resources. Standardized identifiers are also used to enhance operational effectiveness of the system.

The radio identifiers consist of numerical or alphanumeric combinations preceded by an appropriate descriptive indicator. The descriptive indicators will be used statewide for all radio messages, whether routine or emergency. See Section 8011.1.

These indicators will be used for all radio transmissions except when the individual or resource is assigned to a position on an incident using the Incident Command System (ICS). In this situation the individual or resource will use the ICS radio call indicator assigned to that position, i.e.: "Fountain IC". The standard resource kind, type, radio call, and components as described in ICS 420-1 Field Operations Guide will be used as a reference for radio transmission.

Vehicle radio identifiers will not be applied to vehicles that do not have mobile radios mounted in them.

When a vehicle or HT is used by an individual other than the person normally assigned, the terms "Unit" or "HT" will be used with the numerical identifier, instead of the indicator listed below.

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RADIO IDENTIFICATION PLAN FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

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This radio identification plan eliminates the compaction of numbering that may have existed in previous plans. It allows for expansion by numbering each vehicle, position or function sequentially from 01 to 99. The numbers are repeated for each position /function, but are separated by a descriptive indicator (said on the radio) and a letter identifier (displayed on the vehicle) in front of the numbers. Please note that the radio numbers do not need to start at 01. If existing numbers are within the parameters given, they do not need to be changed. However, it may be necessary to add the alpha designator in front of the three or four-digit number as indicated in the plan below. The "XX" in the following table represents the unit number (e.g., 24 for Shasta-Trinity Unit.) Headquarters and Region offices will use a three-digit call number. Field units will use a four-digit call number.

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For specialized positions, functions or equipment not listed above, units should refer to the ICS Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1), Section 11, Resource Typing and Minimum Standards, for the appropriate descriptive indicators and radio call signs. Individual numbering should then follow the conventions established above.

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Note: Whenever a personal portable radio ("handie-talkie") is used by an individual with a permanently assigned radio identifier, that person will continue to use his/her identifier. If the personal portable radio is assigned to a functional vehicle, the identifier for that radio will be the same as the vehicle, except that the term "HT" will be inserted after the descriptive indicator; for example, "HT 4212" or "HT 3105".

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If more than one HT is assigned to a vehicle, as for engines and CCVs, use a letter suffix. EXAMPLE: "HT 4461 Alpha", "HT Vallecito 1 Bravo"

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Position/Function	<i>Radio Identifier</i>	Vehicle Radio ID	Radio Call Sign
Unit Chief and above	Chief	CXX00	Chief XX00
Deputy Chief	Chief	CXX01-99	Chief XX01, etc.
Division Chief	Division	DXX01-99	Division XX01, etc.
Battalion Chief (Field/Staff/F.Prev.)	Battalion	BXX01-99	Battalion XX01, etc.
Fire Prevention (Capts/FPAs/Other)	Prevention	PXX01-99	Prevention XX01, etc.
<i>Arson & Bomb Investigators</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>ABXX01-99</i>	<i>AB XX01, etc.</i>
Command Center (Capts/Clerks/Other)	Dispatch	CCXX01-99	Dispatch XX01, etc.
Telecommunications (TSM's, TSA's)	Telecom	TC01-99	Telecom XXX01, etc.
Resource Management (FOR-Is)	Forester	FXX01-99	Forester XX01, etc.
Training (Capts/Other)	Training	TXX01-99	Training XX01, etc.
Administrative (Capts/Other)	Admin	AXX01-99	Admin XX01, etc.
Mobile Equipment (FEMs/HEMs/Mech)	Repair	RXX01-99	Repair XX01, etc.

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Position/Function	Radio Identifier	Vehicle Radio ID	Radio Call Sign
<i>Technical Services staff</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>ENXX01-99</i>	<i>Engineering XX01, etc</i>
HQ Aviation Mgt. Staff AAO I,II, III	Aviation	AV501-599	Aviation 501, etc.
Service Center (BSOs/FLOs/Other)	Supply	SXX01-99	Supply XX01, etc.
Engine	Engine ⁽¹⁾	XX01-99 (Note: Number series XX50-XX69 is reserved for 4WD engines.)	Engine XX01, etc.
<i>Medic Unit or Ambulance</i>	<i>Medic</i>	<i>M XX01-99</i>	<i>Medic XX01, etc.</i>
<i>Medic Squad</i>	<i>Medic Squad</i>	<i>MS XX01-99</i>	<i>Medic Squad XX01, etc.</i>
<i>Haz Mat vehicle</i>	<i>Haz Mat</i>	<i>HM XX01-99</i>	<i>Haz Mat XX01, etc.</i>
<i>Mobile Communications Centers</i>	COM	COM XX (XX = first 2 digits of unit number series)	COM XX
Utility or Reconnaissance	Utility	UXX01-99 (Note: Number series UXX50- UXX69 is reserved for 4WD vehicles.)	Utility XX01, etc.
<i>Stakeside Truck</i>	<i>Stakeside</i>	<i>SSXX01-99</i>	<i>Stakeside XX01, etc.</i>
Bulldozer	Dozer ⁽¹⁾	XX01-99	Dozer XX01, etc.
Transport	Transport ⁽¹⁾	XX01-99	Transport XX01, etc.
Bulldozer Tender	Dozer Tender ⁽¹⁾	XX01-99	DozerTender XX01, etc.
Air Tactical Aircraft	Air Tac	AA ##0 ⁽²⁾	Air Tac ##0
Air Recon Aircraft	Air Recon	none	Air Recon ### ⁽³⁾
Air Tanker	Tanker	## ⁽⁴⁾	Tanker ##

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Helicopter	Copter	#0# ⁽⁵⁾	
Helitack Crew	Helitack	none	Helitack #0#
Helicopter Tender	Helitender	H #0# ⁽⁵⁾	Helitender #0#
Fire Crew	Crew	(Camp Name) 1-n	(Camp Name) Crew 1, etc.
Fire Crew Transport (CCV)	Crew Transport	(Camp Name) 1-n	(Camp Name) Crew Transport 1, etc.

(1) No alpha prefix

(2) First two numbers of unit number series, followed by “zero”

(3) First two numbers of unit number series, followed by 1, 2, 3, etc.

(4) Number assigned by CDF Aviation Management Unit

(5) First digit of region number series, followed by a “zero”, followed by the first digit of the unit number series.

RADIO CALL PLANS TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY

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Each regional CC chief will ensure that the radio identification assignments (radio call plans) for the region and area offices, each unit, and all other CDF functions within the region are updated and distributed to radio users by April 15 each year.

COPIES OF RADIO CALL PLANS TO SACRAMENTO HQ

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One copy of each regional radio call plan, including all CDF and local government contract personnel and equipment, will be submitted to the Sacramento command center by May 1 each year.

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