

ORDER NUMBER

8142

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An order number is created by prefixing the incident number with the “3-letter Alpha Identifier” ([see exhibit](#)) of the agency's administrative unit having jurisdiction at the point of origin. (See “California ICS Identifiers - Federal USFS Identifiers” ([see exhibit](#)) for CDF administrative units.)

Order numbers will originate and be used in the following manner:

Units:

Units with local government contracts will use their identifier even if the contracted agency (county fire department, fire protection district, service area, etc.) has its own identifier in the Resource Designation Handbook (MACS 410-2).

Other Agency Orders:

Other agencies, including contract counties, will order resources from CDF with their own order number. For those agencies having a MACS alpha identifier but not generating incident numbers, the responsible ECC will create an order number, using the ordering agency's identifier and the ECC's next Incident Number. For those agencies not having a MACS identifier, the responsible ECC will generate a CDF order number and will document the agency involved. These will generally be from law enforcement agencies and local government emergency operations centers.

Multi-Agency Incidents:

Multi-agency incidents will operate under the order number of the agency having direct protection responsibility at the origin of the incident.

As an incident's critical area changes, the responsible agency may also change, resulting in a change of IC and deputies; however, the order number must always remain the same.

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