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Resource Designators

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information pertains to the established listing of agency and resource identifiers operating within Monterey County.

Standardization of fire resource radio identifiers provides the following advantages to all participating fire agencies within Monterey County:

1. The system provides a uniform method of fire apparatus identification by agency, type, and assignment.
2. The agency numbering system is zone oriented, providing for the grouping of fire agencies with geographical areas of coverage, i.e. North County, South County, Peninsula, and Coastal Valley.
3. The system allows for rapid identification of apparatus, agency and type during emergency dispatch and on-scene incident command operations where accurate resource deployment is critical.
4. The system allows for smooth integration of various special apparatus types.
5. The system is logical and easily remembered; requiring less effort on the part of field fire personnel and fire dispatchers to accurately identify apparatus on the radio.
6. The system is moderately expandable should additional fire agencies be created.

UTILIZATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to effectively implement the proposed apparatus designator system, certain guidelines must be followed by ALL fire agencies within Monterey County.

1. Each Agency is assigned a numerical designator that must precede the apparatus designator. The numerical designators are 2 digit numbers, see Chapter 11 Appendix H.

Example: The first two digits for all of North County Fire units are "52."
"E-5211, US-5263, R-5260, C-5203 etc."

2. All radio transmissions MUST include the appropriate ICS resource designator when using the new unit numerical identifiers.

Example: "Engine 5211" or "Truck 6471" or "Water Tender 5541"

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3. Chief Officers are assigned permanent unit identifiers.

Example: "Chief 8500" = King City Fire Chief

4. The first number within a resource series (i.e. 10, 20, 30, etc.) may be utilized to denote reserve Type 1 engines as assigned per station.

Example: The designator "Engine 5210" identifies the Type I engine located at North County Fire Station 1.

5. When agency apparatus assigned to one station is permanently transferred to another station assignment, the unit designator remains at that station and does not accompany the apparatus on its move. The apparatus moving to a new station will assume a new designator upon relocation.

Example: The designator "Engine 5311" will always remain at Salinas Fire Station 1.

Temporary assignments, such as station coverage are not affected by this change.

6. If two pieces of apparatus of the same two type are assigned to a single station, and that agency has several additional stations, then that apparatus should be numbered in this manner:

Example:

1st Type 1 engine assigned to Station 1 = "Engine 5211"

2nd Type 1 engine assigned to Station 1 = "Engine 5221"

Type I engine assigned to Station 2 = "Engine 5212"

Type I engine assigned to Station 3 = "Engine 5213"

7. Specialized units (i.e. patrols, squads, utilities, foam units, air cascade units, etc.) may be numbered within their respective group in any order, regardless of station assignment.

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RESOURCE DESIGNATORS

All fire apparatus call signs have a type designator that is used verbally on the radio. If an engine is an ALS response unit, it will be designated as "Medic Engine" or ME.

Example: ME5311 - Salinas Fire Department Medic Engine Station 1

APPARATUS SERIES 00-09

Description

Agency fire officers and command staff. Lowest number denotes higher rank.

Resource Designators

1. "Chief"
2. "Battalion"

Examples

1. "Chief 5200" - North County Fire Chief
2. "Chief 5201" - North County Fire Division Chief

APPARATUS SERIES 10-19

Description

Denotes ICS Type I engines exclusively.

Resource Designators

1. "Engine"

Examples

1. "Engine 5211" = North County Fire Type I Engine #1 or
2. "Engine 5212" = North County Fire Type I Engine out of Station 2

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APPARATUS SERIES 20-29

Description

Denotes ICS Type I or II engines. This allows the flexibility of having two Type I engines assigned to the same station within an agency having two or more stations.

Resource Designator

1. "Engine"

Example

1. "Engine 5221" = North County Fire Type II Engine #1, or
2. "Engine 5221" = North County Fire 2nd Type I out of Station 1

APPARATUS SERIES 30-39

Description

Denotes ICS Type III.

Resource Designator

1. "Engine"

Example

1. "Engine 5231" = North County Fire Type III/IV Engine #1

APPARATUS SERIES 40-49

Description

Denotes mobile water tenders with limited firefighting capabilities.

Resource Designators

1. "Water Tender"

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Examples

1. "Water Tender 5241" = North County Fire Water Tender #1

APPARATUS SERIES 50-59

Description

Type 4, Type 5 and Type 6 Engines and Apparatus with limited or specialized firefighting capabilities; small water tank, foam, pump and hose (i.e. patrols, foam units, quick attacks, etc.)

Resource Designators

1. Engine
2. Patrol
3. Crash
4. Drychem

Examples

1. "Patrol 5251" = North County Fire Patrol #1 (Pickup with a skid pump)
2. "Engine 5252" = North County Type 6 Engine

APPARATUS SERIES 60-69

Description

Denotes ambulances, rescues, squads, and other specialized fire response vehicles without firefighting capability (i.e. water tank, pump, and hose)

Resource Designators

1. "Ambulance"
2. "Rescue"
3. "Squad"

Examples

1. "Rescue 5261" = North County Fire Rescue #1, or
2. "Rescue 5262" = North County Fire Rescue out of Station 2

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APPARATUS SERIES 70-79

Description

Denotes aerial ladder/platform trucks; including tractor-trailer ladder carriers, single chassis aerials and Telesquirts.

Resource Designators

1. "Truck"

Examples

1. "Truck 5271" = North County Fire Truck #1

APPARATUS SERIES 80-89

Description

Denotes assigned fire prevention and miscellaneous staff and officers

Resource Designators

1. "Prevention"
2. "Training"
3. "Admin"

Examples

1. "Prevention 5281" = North County Fire Prevention Officer #1
2. "Training 5285" = North County Fire Training Officer
3. "Admin 5286" = North County Fire Administrative Officer

APPARATUS SERIES 90-99

Description

Denotes specialized support and transportation vehicles without any firefighting capabilities.

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1. "Utility"
2. "Crew Transport"
3. "Transport"

Examples

1. "Utility 6491" = Monterey Fire Dept Utility out of Station 1.
2. "Transport 5299" = North County Fire Heavy Equipment Transport 899

Note: With the exception of chief officers and permanently assigned staff and support positions, resource identifiers are only assigned to vehicles and apparatus.

Personnel temporarily utilizing Chief 5200's vehicle would use radio designator "Unit 5200" to designate that the vehicle was being used, but that Chief 5200 was not the driver.