

CAL FIRE Butte Unit
Policies and Procedures



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Radio Identifiers**

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POLICY:

All CAL FIRE contract mobile equipment will maintain a standard method of resource identification based on FIRESCOPE approved terminology.

PROCEDURE:

- All contract fire apparatus will be numbered the same as the station number the resource is assigned to.
- All first roll career and volunteer fire apparatus will be numbered the same as the station number the resource is assigned to.
- All second roll career and volunteer fire apparatus will have a 2 placed before the fire apparatus number.
- All type three and type six engines (as determined by ICS specifications) will have the ICS type (3 or 6) placed before the fire apparatus number.
- All type two reserve engines will be identified with a 9 placed before the fire apparatus number.
- All chief officers, training, safety, prevention, telecommunications, shop, and administrative staff utility vehicles will be numbered in accordance with CAL FIRE policy 8011.

The standardization of mobile equipment resource radio identifiers provides the following advantages:

- The system provides a uniform method of fire apparatus identification by type, and assignment.
- The system allows for rapid identification of apparatus, and type during emergency dispatch and at-scene incident command operations where accurate resource deployment is critical.
- The system allows for smooth integration of various special apparatus types.
- The system is logical and easily remembered; requiring less effort on the part of field and ECC personnel to accurately identify fire apparatus on the radio.

See below for examples.

Contract Fire Apparatus Numbering Examples		
Apparatus	Radio Call Sign	Notes
All Contract fire apparatus and utility vehicles	Same as station number	Exception is staff positions
1st roll type 2 career or volunteer engine	Engine 45	
2nd roll type 2 career or volunteer engine	Engine 245	2 indicates 2 nd roll or 2 nd resource of same type at location
Type 3 career or volunteer engine	Engine 366	3 indicates type 3 engine
Type 6 career or volunteer engine	Engine 661	6 indicates type 6 engine
Type 2 reserve engine	Engine 964	9 indicates reserve engine
Hazardous Materials Unit	HazMat 64	
Rescue Support Unit	Rescue Support 74	
Squad	Squad 25	No water or fire pump
Utility	Utility 42	
Water Tender	Water Tender 37	