

24. RADIO IDENTIFIERS

Units are identified on the radio system in accordance with established protocols that are NIMS compliant. Identifiers are assigned by the Director, Fire or EMS Coordinator as defined following submission of a written request. Only approved identifiers may be assigned.

The Radio Unit Identification System used by Rensselaer County BPS, FIRE and EMS units is established to be in close compliance with established NIMS standards. No other radio identifiers are permitted and it is not anticipated that changes will be made for units that can be assigned meaningful identifiers listed herein.

RADIO IDENTIFIER

DEFINITION

Only personnel assigned a car number are authorized for routine communications on MAIN Dispatch.
Units with an (*) may do so only if an emergency exists

Range of numbers are established to separate identifiers, they are not related to the number of units.

Bureau of Public Safety

Bureau Car 1 – 88	Emergency Management Staff
Bureau Unit 89-01 to 89-999	Dispatchers
Bureau Unit 90-100	Bureau Utility Vehicles
Fire Car 1 – 100	Fire Coordinator Staff
Battalion 10 – 79	Battalion Staff
EMS 1 – 100	EMS Coordinator Staff
EMS 201 – 299	EMS Operations Staff
EMS 301 – 399	EMS MCI Staff
EMS 401 – 499	EMS Training Staff
EMS 501 – 599	EMS Communications Staff
MCI 80-89	County MCI Units & Trailers
Hazmat Car 1 – 49	County Hazmat Coordinator & Staff
Hazmat Unit 50 – 59	County Hazmat/Decon/WMD Vehicles/Trailers
Fire Investigative Unit/Fire Investigator 60 – 79	Cause & Origin Units, Investigators
County Boat #	County Water Craft
Field Comm Unit	Mobile Communications
Mobile Communications Center	Mobile Communications

EMS Units

Station # & ID # (Not 60 Series)	Ambulances
Station # & ID # (60 Series)	Medic (ALS)
First Response +Station #	First Response (BLS)
Rescue & Station #	Ambulance Rescue
MCI & Station #	MCI Vehicle or Trailer
<i>Note: Departments may assign Car #'s to non-Command personnel with the EMS Coordinator's authorization</i>	
Station Name & Car #	Command Officers, Duty Crew Chiefs
*Station #, then a sequential # starting with 71	EMS Safety Officers
*Station #, then a sequential # starting with 81	Other Positions

Fire Units

Command Units

Note: Departments may assign Car #'s to non-Chief Officers with the Fire Coordinator's authorization

Station Name & Car #	Chiefs
*Station #, then a sequential # starting with 11	Fire Police Officers
*Station #, then a sequential # starting with 71	Safety Officers
*Station #, then a sequential # starting with 81	Other Positions

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DEFINITION

Apparatus

ENGINES

Station # & 1 – 9

Full service engines with less than 1500 gallons of water.
Comply with NFPA 1901 standard for engine.

Note: Prior to 2004 (1-5) used for Engines Only,(6) and (7) used for Engine-Tankers and (8) & (9) used For tankers only. After 2007 apparatus numbered as above, last digit no longer significant.

SPECIALIZED APPARATUS

Use Station Number with Identifier IE Rescue 1.

For additional specialized units – add alpha to numeric ex. ATV 10, ATV 10A.

ATV	All Terrain Vehicle or Snowmobile. Used for off-road rescue & firefighting.
Ambulance	Fire Department Ambulance – Refer to EMS
Boat	Fire Department Water or Ice Craft
Brush	4 wheel drive with pump, and water tank, Primarily used for grass and brush firefighting
Decon	Fire Department Decontamination Unit or Trailer
Fire Police	Utilized for Fire Police and/or Traffic Control Not for individual fire police officers
First Response	Fire Department BLS unit with EMS equipment With or without AED, No pump, tank or heavy rescue equipment
Engine - Ladder	Meets NFPA 1901 Standards for Quint 65' or less straight aerial ladder, with Single axle, minimum 300 gallon water Tank, 1250 gpm pump, hose bed for Supply hose, pre-connected attack hose
Engine – Rescue	Rescue, extrication, salvage, and other Firefighting rescue equipment and must meet NFPA 1901 for engine
Haz-Mat	Fire Dept Haz Mat Response Unit or Trailer
MCI	Fire Department MCI Unit or Trailer
Medic	Fire Department First Response Unit as Above with ALS
Rescue	Rescue, extrication, salvage, and other Firefighting rescue equipment. May have pump, does not meet NFPA 1901 for engine.

Squad	Minimum 4 FF seating capacity, carries rescue, salvage, scene support or fire fighting support equipment and may have pump, tank, CAFS. May have trailer towing capability. Does not meet Engine or Rescue standard as set forth in this guide. Must comply with NFPA 1901 3.3.153 Ch. 10 <u>Specialized Service Fire Apparatus.</u>
Truck	Aerial apparatus as defined in NFPA 1901 Straight ladder or tower ladder. May have pump, does not meet NFPA 1901 for engine
Technical Support Unit	Trailer carrying equipment not otherwise classified(i.e. SCUBA, Rehab, SCBA Service, Fire Police/Traffic Control,)
Utility	Miscellaneous vehicle – not otherwise classified, may have pump and/or tank

**RENSSELAER COUNTY
BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY
KELLY PASLOW
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Request for Apparatus Identification Assignment

Date:

To: Ivan Wager, County Fire Coordinator Evan Eisenhandler, County EMS Coordinator Mark Drescher, County CAD Administrator	From: (print name and title)
	(Department)

I request that a new apparatus identifier be assigned to a piece of apparatus in our department. The apparatus is described as follows:

Year:	Make:	Type:
Tank Size: (Water)	Tank Size: (Foam)	Pump Size:
Equipment Carried:		
Primary Function:		
Apparatus Identification Requested:		
Request completed by: (Printed Name / Signature / Title)		

Deliver this completed form to:
 Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety
 4000 Main Street
 Troy, NY 12180

Or fax this completed form to
 518-270-4164

<i>Bureau of Public Safety Use Only</i>	
Apparatus Identification Assigned:	
Approved By: (Fire Coordinator)	Date:
Approved By: (EMS Coordinator)	Date:
Entered into CAD System by:	Date: