

# REDWOOD DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

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### 6.0 RESOURCE IDENTIFICATIONS

- 6.1 Advanced life support (paramedic) ambulances shall use the identifier “MEDIC.” Basic life support ambulances shall use the identifier “BLS.”
- 6.2 With the exception of Coast Life Support, ambulance resource identification shall utilize a three number identifier, where the first digit corresponds with the Sonoma County Fire Zone number. Assigned numbers for ambulance providers are as follows:
  - 6.2.1 Sonoma Valley Fire District: 300 – 399
  - 6.2.3 Sonoma County Fire District-EMS 500 – 599
  - 6.2.4 LIFEwest 620 – 639
  - 6.2.5 Cloverdale Ambulance District: 640 – 649
  - 6.2.6 Bell’s Ambulance: 680 – 689
  - 6.2.7 Sonoma Life Support: 700 – 799
  - 6.2.8 Sonoma County Fire District 810 – 819
  - 6.2.9 Petaluma Fire Department: 990 – 999

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- 6.3 Coast Life Support District shall use a different numbering scheme in recognition of their dual county role. Their assigned numbers are 120 – 129.
- 6.4 First response supervisory or special events units for:
  - 6.4.1 Sonoma Life Support SLS1-99
  - 6.4.2 SCFD-EMS (Medic Ambulance) MED1-10
  - 6.4.3 LIFEwest LFW1-99
  - 6.4.4 LIFEwest TEMS1
- 6.5 Helicopter resources for Sonoma County (Typical resources)
  - Reach (Reach 3 & 6)
  - Calstar (Calstar 4)
  - Sonoma County 1 (SOCO1)
  - Sonoma County Sheriff (Henry 1)
  - California Highway Patrol (H30, 31, 32)
  - CALFIRE (varies)

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6.6 Fire resources for all agencies except CAL Fire and Santa Rosa Fire Department will utilize a four-digit numbering scheme where the first two digits identify the agency, and the last two digits identify the resource type.

6.6.1 Agency identifiers are as follows:

County ID	OES MACS ID	Agency Name
11	MEU	CALFIRE Mendocino Unit
12	HUU	CALFIRE Humboldt Unit
14	LNU	CALFIRE Lake-Napa Unit
15	MRN	Marin County FD
26	NONE	Department of Emergency Management
28	SCA	Sonoma County Airport FD-STC
29	SSR	Sonoma County Hazmat
33	SON	Sonoma Valley Fire District
38	SCH	Schell Vista FPD
43	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 43)
44	NSC	North Sonoma Coast FPD
45	TIM	Timber Cove FPD
51	SCY	Sonoma County FD
52	CAZ	Cazadero VFD/CSD
54	MRO	Monte Rio Fire Protection District
55	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 55)
56	SCY	Sonoma County FPD
57	OCD	Occidental VFD/CSD
61	SCN	Northern Sonoma County FPD (former GEY)
N61	NOV	Novato FPD
63	HEA	Healdsburg FD
65	CLD	Cloverdale FPD
67	DCB	Dry Creek Band (Rancheria) FB
71	SRS	Santa Rosa FD
75	SCY	Sonoma County Fire District
81	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD
83	SEB	Sebastopol FD
84	GTN	Graton FPD
86	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 86)
87	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 87)
88	SCY	Sonoma County FPD
91	RAD	Rancho Adobe FPD
93	PTL	Petaluma Fire FD
94	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 94)
96	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 96)
97	GFD	Gold Ridge FPD (Stn 97)
98	CGT	US Coast Guard FD
99	ROH	Rohnert Park DPS

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### 6.6.2 Resource identifiers are as follows:

Chief Officers 00-19

Prevention 20-27

Rescues 30-39

- MCI resources will end in 33

Utility/Hazmat/Boats 40-49

- Specialty Named Watercraft in accordance Maritime Standards "Fireboat Integrity"

Trucks 50-55

Type 6 engine 56-59

Type 3 engine (4WD) 60-69

Type 3 engine (2WD) 70-79

Type 1 or 2 engine 80-89

Water tenders 90-99

#### **Vegetation Management Units:**

VM1-10 Admin

VM11-20 Trailers

VM21-30 Light Module Vehicles

VM31-40 Medium Module Vehicles

VM41-50 Heavy Module Vehicles

VM51-60 Service Vehicles

VM61-70 Tender Vehicles

VM71-80 UTV

VM81-90 Wheeled Chippers

VM91-100 Tracked Chippers

VM101-110 Misc (dump beds, chip trucks, etc)

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- 6.7 CAL Fire uses a statewide identification scheme with an ICS designator for resource types (such as engine) and a four-digit number. The first two digits of the number represent the Ranger Unit of the assigned resource, and the last two digits are an assigned unit number for that resource. Resources in the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit are assigned 1400 series numbers.
- 6.8 Santa Rosa Fire Department uses a system with an ICS designator for resource types (such as engine or truck) and a one of two-digit number to identify the resource.
  - 6.8.1 Front line apparatus: number of stations assigned (potentially 1-19).
  - 6.8.2 Front line second-out staffed apparatus: the numeral 2 is added in front of the station number (potentially 21-219).
  - 6.8.3 Reserve apparatus: the numeral 3 is added in front of the station number (potentially 31 through 319).
  - 6.8.4 Staff identifications for Santa Rosa Fire Department use the four-digit county numbering scheme.
- 6.9 Chief Officers, company officers, staff personnel and ambulance personnel shall utilize their unit resource identifier no matter whether they are on the unit radio or a portable radio. For example, the captain on Engine 1 is always “Engine One.” If other personnel on a company have portable radios or utilize the unit radio separately from the company officer, they shall use the following identifiers:
  - 6.9.1 Driver/Operator: “Pump” (e.g. “Pump 7280”)
  - 6.9.2 Engine Firefighter: “Portable” (e.g. “Portable 7280”)  
An alpha designator may be used when it is necessary to identify multiple engine firefighters on the same company (e.g. “Portable 6” and “Portable 6A”).
  - 6.9.3 Truck Firefighter: “Truck\_Portable” (e.g. “Truck 1 Portable”)
  - 6.9.4 Truck Tractor Driver: “Truck\_Uilities” (e.g. “Truck 1 Utilities”)
  - 6.9.5 Truck Tiller Drive: “Truck\_Entry” (e.g. “Truck 1 Entry”)

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- 6.10 Fire agencies may use a generic number to identify their Duty Battalion Chief or Duty Chief, such as “Battalion 72” for the Windsor Duty Battalion Chief or “Duty Chief 61” for the Geyserville Duty Chief.
  - 6.10.1 Two or more agencies that share Battalion Chief or Duty Chief’s responsibilities within a single zone may use the zone number to identify the resource, e.g. “Battalion 7”.
- 6.11 The radio identifier for the REDCOM Dispatcher is “REDCOM.”
- 6.12 The radio identifier for the CRO shall be “Control” followed by the control channel number that the CRO is operating, e.g. “Control 2”.
- 6.13 In order to maintain span of control REDCOM and/or Control Channel Operators may assign units to an alternate radio channel rather than the channel normally assigned to a specific jurisdiction. This may happen when a channel has become inundated with events or one major event. Units shall immediately switch to the newly appointed radio channel for any further transmissions.