

SUBJECT: RADIO UNIT DESIGNATORS	SECTION: 305.02
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PURPOSE

To provide a standardized format for the operation of the Fire Department Communications System in the city of Reading, Ohio.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Reading Fire Department to utilize the “Standard Unit Designation Listing” as adopted by the Hamilton County Fire Chief’s Association.

PROCEDURE

The apparatus listed below shall use the follow unit radio designators:

- 1) “Engine 83” - First out engine from Station 83
- 2) “Engine 283” - Second out engine from Station 83
- 3) “Tower 84” - First out aerial ladder from Station 84
- 4) “Engine 84” - First out engine from Station 84
- 5) “ALS 83” - Paramedic unit from Station 83
- 6) “Squad 83” - Ambulance from Station 83
- 7) “Squad 84” - Ambulance from Station 84
- 8) “Support 83” - Pick-up truck from Station 83
- 9) “8301” - Fire Chief’s Staff vehicle
- 10) “8302” - Asst. Chief’s Staff vehicle

The officer assigned to a specific apparatus will use that unit’s radio designator when communicating on the radio system. (e.g. - “Tower 84)

The operator assigned to a specific apparatus will use the term “Operator” before the unit designator when communicating on the radio system. (e.g. – “Operator Engine 83”)

Additional personnel assigned to a specific apparatus will use the suffix “A”, “B”, etc when communicating on the radio system. (e.g. – “Engine 283-A”)

INCIDENT COMMAND - Upon establishment of the Incident Command System, the incident commander will establish and identify divisions and groups according to geographic location or function of the crew. When a division or group has been assigned to a crew, officers shall use the division or group designation when communicating on the radio system. The following is a listing of possible sector unit identifiers:

Command	Interior	Operations
Ventilation	Roof	Safety
Salvage	Triage	Treatment
Transport	Rescue	EMS
Extrication	Staging	Public Information
Rehab	First Floor	

Career personnel shall be assigned individual **Personal Unit Designators**. These radio designators should only be used when the career member is not assigned to a piece of apparatus, or has not been designated with division or group responsibility.

RESPONSIBILITY

All personnel shall be responsible for abiding by these guidelines and the procedures contained herein when communicating over the department radio system.