



# Central Zone Operations

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## A-6.1 Physical Identification of Fire Apparatus

### **POLICY:**

To identify standards for apparatus unit marking.

### **FRONT LINE APPARATUS:**

Front line apparatus shall have large high contrast reflective numbers on the front, rear, and on each side to facilitate ease of identification from a distance. Recommended sizes for identification numbers are at least 10" numbers on the sides, and at least 9 1/2" numbers front and rear.

\*see attached examples of apparatus with large white reflective numbers.

These numbers should only be utilized on front line apparatus to avoid confusion and potential accountability issues with permanent numbers that do not correspond with the actual apparatus identification number.

### **RESERVE APPARATUS:**

Reserve apparatus should not have any permanent in-service identification to avoid confusion with other apparatus.

If a reserve is to be placed into service, it shall display the appropriate identifier for its assignment.

### **IDENTIFICATION PLATE CONFIGURATION:**

#### **PLATES**

For steel apparatus, only a blank surface area is needed.

For aluminum apparatus a steel plate painted the color of the apparatus (color is optional) shall be mounted on the front and rear of the apparatus to facilitate magnetic material. The dimensions shall be at least 9.5" tall and wide enough to accommodate the appropriate designation.

#### **LETTERING**

Individual numbers cut from high contrast reflective magnetic material shall be placed onto the front and rear steel surfaces to identify a reserve apparatus that has been placed in-service. Rear numbers may be placed in a horizontal or vertical configuration to facilitate apparatus



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