



**City of Winchester  
Fire and Rescue Department  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**



<b>Section:</b> Radio Communications	<b>SOP:</b> 6.5
<b>Subject:</b> Radio Designators	<b>Effective:</b> September 7, 2016 <b>Revised:</b>
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**SCOPE**

To establish procedures for understanding radio designators when using the city radio communications system.

**PURPOSE**

This procedure outlines the radio designators established for officers and apparatus when using portable or mobile radio subscriber units.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

It shall be the responsibility of all personnel that operate on the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department (WFRD) and Winchester Emergency Communications Center (ECC) radio communication system to understand and use this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for all radio communications.

**MULTIPLE PORTABLES/SAME UNIT**

Portable designators shall be separated when multiple subscriber units are assigned to the same unit. The following example outlines the radio designator based upon riding positions on the unit. Due to special programming that allows for quick radio identification by the ECC or other responders, each radio assignment **MUST** be maintained in their designated riding position so that personnel accountability can be managed.

*Engine/Aerial Example*

<b>Apparatus Location</b>	<b>Designator</b>
Driver	"Wagon 1" Driver
Officer	"Wagon 1"
Left Bucket	"Wagon 1 L. Bucket" (behind driver)
Right Bucket	"Wagon 1 R. Bucket" (behind officer)
**** Pertains to medic units as well ****	

## OFFICER DESIGNATORS

The following list of officer designators is to be used by personnel when conducting all radio communications with ECC and other emergency or non-emergency units. If an officer designation has not been assigned, personnel rank and name shall be used (i.e. Lt. Smith, FF Jones). All officers serving as the Battalion Officer will use their officer designator (Battalion 6, Chief 6, OPS 6, Lt. Smith) when communicating unless they are serving in the capacity of the on duty Battalion officer. All officers working mutual aid, in another jurisdiction, will communicate with “Winchester” prior to their designator (i.e. “Frederick from Winchester Battalion 6”). All officers not assigned as the battalion officer shall be designated as listed in the chart below:

Radio / Officer Designator	Description	ECC CAD Code
Headquarters	Winchester ECC	-
Chief 1	Friendship Fire Chief 1	FC1
Deputy Chief 1	Friendship Deputy Chief 1	DC1
Chief 2	Rouss Fire Chief 2	FC2
Deputy Chief 2	Rouss Deputy Chief 2	DC2
Chief 4	Shawnee Fire Chief 4	FC4
Deputy Chief 4	Shawnee Deputy Chief 4	DC4
Chief 5	South End Fire Chief 5	FC5
Deputy Chief 5	South End Deputy Chief 5	DC5
Chief 6	WFRD Fire Chief 6	FC6
OPS 6	Operations Deputy Chief	OPS6
EMS 6	EMS Deputy Chief	EMS6
FM 6-1	Fire Marshal	FM61
FM 6-2	Assistant Fire Marshal	FM62
Battalion 6	Battalion Officer	BAT6
Battalion 6-1	WFRD Station 1 Battalion Chief	BAT61
Battalion 6-2	WFRD Station 2 Battalion Chief	BAT62
Battalion 6-4	WFRD Station 4 Battalion Chief	BAT64
Battalion 6-5	WFRD Station 5 Battalion Chief	BAT65
Training 6	Training Officer ( <i>Future</i> )	TRG6
Safety 6	Safety Officer	SAF6
Chaplain 6-1	Chaplain Team Leader	CHP61
Chaplain 6-2	Chaplain	CHP62
Chaplain 6-3	Chaplain	CHP63
Chaplain 6-4	Chaplain	CHP64
City Manager 6	City Manager	CM6
PIO 6	Public Information Officer 6	PIO6
OMD 6	Operational Medical Director	OMD6

## UNIT DESIGNATORS

The following list of unit designators shall be used when conducting all radio communications with ECC or other emergency or non-emergency units. All units working mutual aid, in another jurisdiction, will communicate with “Winchester” prior to their unit designator (i.e. “Frederick from Winchester Engine 1”).

<b>Radio/Unit Designator</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>ECC CAD Code</b>
Ambulance 1	Friendship Ambulance 1	A1
Ambulance 1-2	Friendship Ambulance 1-2	A12
Medic 1	Friendship Medic 1	M1
Medic 1-2	Friendship Medic 1-2	M12
Engine 1	Friendship Engine 1	E1
Wagon 1	Friendship Wagon 1	W1
Utility 1	Friendship Utility 1	UT1
Pickup 1	Friendship Pickup 1	PK1
Gator 1	Friendship Gator 1	GAT1
Truck 2	Rouss Truck 2	TK2
Ladder 2	Rouss Ladder 2	L2
Serv 2	Rouss Serv 2	SV2
Utility 2	Rouss Admin Utility	ADM2
Ambulance 4-1	Shawnee Ambulance 4-1	A41
Ambulance 4-2	Shawnee Ambulance 4-2	A42
Medic 4-1	Shawnee Medic 4-1	M41
Medic 4-2	Shawnee Medic 4-2	M42
Engine 4	Shawnee Engine 4	E4
Wagon 4	Shawnee Wagon 4	W4
Utility 4	Shawnee Utility 4	UT4
Ambulance 5-1	South End Ambulance 5-1	A51
Ambulance 5-2	South End Ambulance 5-2	A52
Medic 5-1	South End Medic 5-1	M51
Medic 5-2	South End Medic 5-2	M52
Engine 5	South End Engine 5	E5
Wagon 5	South End Wagon 5	W5
Utility 5	South End Utility 5	UT5
Chief 6	Fire Chief 6	FC6
OPS 6	Operations Deputy Chief	OPS6
EMS 6	EMS Deputy Chief	EMS6
FM 6-1	Fire Marshal	FM61
FM 6-2	Assistant Fire Marshal	FM62
Battalion 6	Duty Officer	BAT6
Hazmat 6	Hazmat 6	HM6
Leak & Spill 6	Leak and Spill 6	LS6
Admin 6	Administrative 6	ADM6
Safety 6	Safety/Training Officer	SAF6
Canteen 6	Canteen	CANT
Utility 6	Utility 6	UT-6
Gator 6-1	Gator	GAT61
Golf 6-1	Golf Cart	GC61