



**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY ABBREVIATIONS

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Abbreviations are used routinely in dispatch incidents and occasionally on the air. Standardizing abbreviations helps to promote accuracy of communication, ease of understanding, consistency, and professionalism. The abbreviations found in this policy are recognized by SCR9-1-1 and User agencies.

Additional abbreviations may be used when the meaning is obvious in context, for example, a comment, “1410-PG&E //ETA 30”. Although “PG&E” does not appear in this policy, the meaning is clear by the context of the comment (Pacific, Gas and Electric contacted at 2:10 p.m.; estimated time of arrival is 30 minutes).

States

For consistency and compatibility, state abbreviations are the same as NCIC abbreviations.

Alabama	AL	Missouri	MO
Alaska	AK	Montana	MT
Arizona	AZ	Nebraska	NB
Arkansas	AR	Nevada	NV
California	CA	New Hampshire	NH
Colorado	CO	New Jersey	NJ
Connecticut	CT	New Mexico	NM
Delaware	DE	New York	NY
District of Columbia	DC	North Carolina	NC
Florida	FL	North Dakota	ND
Georgia	GA	Ohio	OH
Hawaii	HI	Oklahoma	OK

Idaho	ID	Oregon	OR
Illinois	IL	Pennsylvania	PA
Indiana	IN	Rhode Island	RI
Iowa	IA	South Carolina	SC
Kansas	KS	South Dakota	SD
Kentucky	KY	Tennessee	TN
Louisiana	LA	Texas	TX
Maine	ME	Utah	UT
Maryland	MD	Vermont	VT
Massachusetts	MA	Virginia	VA
Michigan	MI	Washington	WA
Minnesota	MN	West Virginia	WV
Mississippi	MS	Wisconsin	WI
		Wyoming	

Days of the Week

Monday	MO	Thursday	TH
Tuesday	TU	Friday	FR
Wednesday	WE	Saturday	SA
		Sunday	SU

Months

January	JAN	July	JUL
February	FEB	August	AUG
March	MAR	September	SEP
April	APR	October	OCT
May	MAY	November	NOV
June	JUN	December	DEC

Gender

For consistency and compatibility, gender abbreviations are the same as NCIC abbreviations.

Male	M	Unknown	UNK
Female	F, X		

Race

For consistency and compatibility, race abbreviations are the same as NCIC abbreviations.

Other Asian	A	Korean	K
Black	B	Laotian	L
Chinese	C	Other	O
Cambodian	D	Pacific Islander	P
Filipino	F	Samoan	S
Guamanian	G	Hawaiian	U

Hispanic/Latio/ Mexican	H	Vietnamese	V
American Indian	I	White	W
Japanese	J	Unknown	X
		Asian Indian	Z

Eye Color

Hair Color

For consistency and compatibility, eye and hair color abbreviations are the same as NCIC abbreviations.

Black	BLK	Black	BLK
Blue	BLU	Blonde	BLN
Brown	BRO	Brown	BRO
Gray	GRY	Gray	GRY
Green	GRN	Red	RED
Hazel	HZL	Sandy	SDY
Maroon	MAR	White	WHI
Pink	PNK	Bald	Bald
Multicolor	MUL	Multicolor	MUL
Unknown	UNK		

Colors

For consistency and compatibility, color abbreviations are the same as NCIC abbreviations.

Beige	BGE	Maroon	MAR
Black	BLK	Olive	OLV
Blue	BLU	Pink	PNK
Brown	BRO	Red	RED
Gray	GRY	Tan	TAN
Green	GRN	White	WHI
Purple	PLE	Yellow	YEL

Miscellaneous Abbreviations

Absent without leave	AWOL	Blood Alcohol	BA
Across from	AX	Be on the lookout	BOL
Address	ADD	Behind	BEH
Adult	A	Between	BETW
Advised	ADV	Boulevard	BLVD
Alarm Company	ALCO	Boyfriend	BF
Also known as	AKA	Burglary	BURG
Apartment	APT	Business & Professions	
Approximately	APROX	Code	B&P
Associated	ASSOC		
As soon as possible	ASAP	Date of birth	DOB
Assault with a deadly weapon	ADW	Daughter	DTR
		Dead on arrival	DOA

Attempt to contact	ATC	Department	DEPT
		Department of Justice	DOJ
Caliber	CAL	Deputy	DEP
Call back	CALLB	Detective	DET
Cancel	CAN	Direction of travel	DOT
Carrying a concealed weapon	CCW	District Attorney	DA
CA Dept. of Forestry	CALFIRE	Division	DIV
CA Highway Patrol	CHP	Do not broadcast	DNB
CA Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Radio Sys- tem	CLEMARS	Downtown	DT
CA Law Enforcement Telecommunications System	CLETS	Drivers license	DL
Closed	CLSD	Driving under the influence	DUI
Command	CMND	Failure to appear	FTA
Company	CO	Failure to pay	FTP
Confirmed	CONF'D	Feet	FT
Controlled substances	CONT SUBS	Female	F or X
		Few minutes	FM
		Felony	FEL
		Field interview	FI
		Follow up	FUP
East bound	EB	Further to follow	FTF
East side	ES		
Emergency Room	ER	Had been drinking	HBD
Employee	EMP	Height	HT
En route	ENR	Health & Safety Code	H&S
Estimated time of arrival	ETA	High school	HS
Etcetera	ETC	Highway	HWY, SR
		History	HX
Girlfriend	GF	Hit and run	H&R
Gone on arrival	GOA	Husband	HUSB
Identity/Identification	ID	Land line	LL
In back of	IBO	Lane	LN
In front of	IFO	Last seen	L/S, LS
Information	INFO	Last seen wearing	LSW
Junior High School	JHS	Left front	L/F
Juvenile	J, JUV	Left message	LM
		Left rear	L/R
Male	M	License	LIC
Manager	MGR	Lieutenant	LT
Message	MSG		
Method of operation	MO	National Crime	
Miscellaneous	MISC	Information Center	NCIC
Model number	MOD#	No further description	NFD
Mobile home park	MHP	No further information	NFI
Motorcycle	MC	Northbound	NB

Motor home	MH	Northeast	NE
		Not applicable	N/A
Occurred	OCCD		
Overdose	OD	Parking lot	PLOT
Officer	OFC, OFF	Parole/Probation Officer	PO
Out with	O/W	Patient	PT
		Pedestrian	PED
Rail road tracks	RR, RR	Penal Code	PC
	TRAX	Pick up	P/U
Received	REC'D		
Released on own recognizance	OR	Police Department	PD
Registered owner	RO	Possible	POSS
Report	RPT	Prescription	RX
Reporting party	RP	Security	SEC
Residence	RES	Search and seizure	S&S
Responsible	RESP	Sergeant	SGT
Right front	R/F	Serial number	SER
Right rear	R/R	Social Security Number	SSN
Road	RD	Southbound	SB
Room	RM	Southeast	SE
Rotation Tow	ROT TOW, RO TOW	Spanish speaker	SPAN SPKR
Time of Activation	TOA	Street	ST
Teletype	TTY	Subject	SUBJ
Transfer	XFER	Subject in custody	IC
		Surgery	SX
Unable to locate	UTL	Suspect	SUSP or SUS
Unknown	UNK		
		Sweatshirt	SWTSHRT
Vehicle	VEH		
Vehicle Code	VC	Warrant	WARR
Vehicle Identification Number	VIN	Way	WY
Victim	V or VIC	Weapons	WEPS, WPNS
Violation of Restraining order	VRO	Weight	WT
		Welfare & Institutions Code	W&I
Year	YR	Westbound	WB
		West side	WS
		With	W/
		Without	W/O
		Witness	WIT