

APPARATUS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM APPARATUS PLACARDS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

PURPOSE:

To provide a system that will standardize the way emergency response apparatus are identified in Snohomish County. This system is designed to increase the accuracy of tracking apparatus at emergency incidents.

REFERENCES:

Incident Management System
Snohomish County Fire/EMS Resource Plan
Seattle Fire Department
Roberi Graphics, Inc.

POLICY:

Those agencies within Snohomish County electing to utilize an Apparatus Identification System shall display a placard on all four sides of the apparatus. This system is recommended to provide a standardized means of apparatus identification in accordance with this standard.

DEFINITIONS:

Apparatus Placard - Designed to be displayed on all four sides of the apparatus. The apparatus type, zone of origin, and station from within that zone are displayed on the placard.

Placard Holder - A one piece aluminum unit designed to hold the Apparatus Placard on the apparatus.

Zone - A geographical area based system for grouping resources in Snohomish County and elsewhere.

Strike Team - A set number of single "like" resources that have common communications, a team leader and can be formed on or off an incident.

Task Force - A combination of "unlike" single resources that have common communications, a team leader and can be formed on or off an incident.

Universal Apparatus Designator - A common apparatus single letter abbreviation.

PROCEDURE:

1. All Company Officers/Acting Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that the correct side of the placard is displayed at all times.
2. The "A" side of the placard shall be displayed when the apparatus is working within its designated zone.
3. The "B" side of the placard shall be displayed when the apparatus responds outside its designated zone as part of a Strike Team, Task Force, or other type of response other than routine automatic or mutual aid.
4. When no placard is displayed in the placard holder on all four sides of the apparatus, it is out-of-service for mechanical or other related problems.

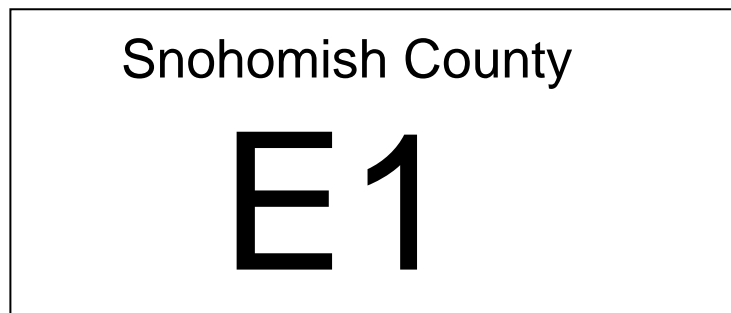
PLACARD SPECIFICATIONS:

Placard Holder - An 18 1/8" length by 8" height aluminum plate (material type optional) and channel one piece unit.

Placard - A 17 7/8" length by 8" height by 1/8" thick aluminum plate (material type optional) with a red reflective background and the words "Snohomish County" in white reflective letters displayed across the top of the placard in 1" letters. Below the words Snohomish County the Universal Apparatus Designator and station designator shall be of white reflective 5" letters and numbers.

Side "A" - Shall have the words "Snohomish County" across the top. On the lower portion the Universal Apparatus Designator shall be displayed first with the station designated second .

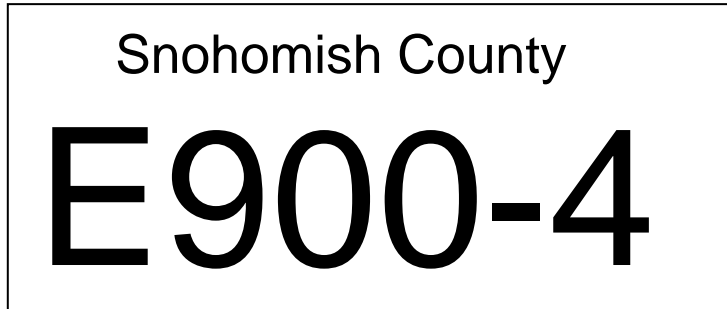
Example: "E" is for engine, "1" is the station of origin which should be a department specific identification number.



Side "B" - Shall have the words "Snohomish County" across the top. On the lower portion the apparatus designator shall be first with the zone designator listed

second and a dash with a blank space for the strike team or task force response leader to write the assigned identification number for that response.

Example: “E” is the Engine, “900” is the zone, “4” is the number assigned to the apparatus as part of the response.

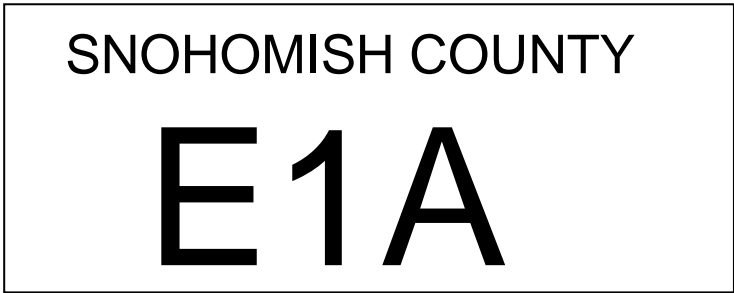


Second Line/Reserve Apparatus - Shall have the words “Snohomish County” across the top. On the lower portion the apparatus designator first with the zone designated second and a dash with a blank space for the strike team or task force response leader to write the assigned identification number for that response. The letter labels the apparatus as a back-up or second line apparatus. The size of the “A” letter may be smaller in size due to size restrictions of the placard.

Example: “E” is for engine, “900” is the zone, “4” is the number assigned to the apparatus as part of the response, “A” designates it as a back-up/second line apparatus. Other back-up apparatus would be “B” , “C” and so on.



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UNIVERSAL APPARATUS DESIGNATORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
Battalion Chief	B
Fire Marshal/Fire Investigator	I
Engine	E
Ladder (Aerial, Platform, Snorkel)	L
Water Tender	T
Aid Unit/Ambulance	A
Medic Unit	M
Services (Mechanic, Salvage)	S
Utility Unit	U
Haz-Mat Unit	H
Air Unit	O
Command Unit	C
Communications Unit	CU
Technical Rescue Unit	TR
Automobile Rescue Unit	AR
Brush Unit/Mini Pumper	BR
Training	N
Squad Unit	SQ
Foam/Airport Crash Unit	F
Boat/Water Craft	WC
Car	CR