



500.05 ABBREVIATIONS

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PURPOSE

This Communications Directive establishes approved abbreviations for Communications Division personnel to use in Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) entries.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Communications Division to utilize approved abbreviations to standardize and expedite incident entry and handling.

PROCEDURE

- A) To expedite and standardize CAD incident entries, Communications Division personnel shall utilize the abbreviations listed in this directive.
 - 1. In addition to the abbreviations listed within this document, acceptable abbreviations include commonly understood abbreviations such as:
 - a) SAC or SACTO for Sacramento.
 - b) CLETS acronyms and abbreviations.
 - c) Radio codes.
 - d) CAD abbreviations.
 - e) Penal codes relative to incident type codes.
 - f) Local, state, and federal acronyms.
 - 2. All personnel shall ensure that the abbreviations used are easily understood and, if not, shall use complete words or phrases.
 - 3. Dispatchers shall refrain from using slang, emojis, and text abbreviations to include, but not limited to, LOL, OMG, IDK, etc.





Standard Abbreviations

	Standard Abbrevia		
Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
ABAN(D)	Abandon(ed)	CDL	California Driver's License
AD	All Division	CED	Conducive Electrical
	Broadcast		Device
ADDL	Additional	CFS	Call For Service
ADDR	Address	CHAP	Chaplain
ADV(D)	Advise(d)	CHG	Change
ALCO	Alarm Company	CITE	Citation
AMB	Ambulance	CITZ	Citizen
AOA	Area of Activation	СО	Commanding Officer, Sector Captain or County
AOD	Advise of Delay	COMPLEX	County
APB	All-Points Bulletin	COMPLEX	Complaint of Pain
APPROX		COR	
	Approximately		Coroner or Community Observation Report
APT	Apartment	CP	Command Post or Cell Phone
ASAP	As Soon as Possible	CONT	Contact
ASST or AST	Assist	CUST	Customer or Custody
ATCO or ATC	Attempt to Contact	D/O	Down and Out
ATLO or ATL	Attempt to Locate	DART	Drowning and Accident Rescue Team
ATOC	At Time of Call	DCR	Department of Community Response
ATTP, 664 or ATT	Attempt	DESC	Description
AU	All Unit Broadcast	DET or DT	Detective(s)
AUTO HG	Automatic Handgun	DISC	Disconnected
AUTO/Ped or Auto vs. Ped	Automobile vs. Pedestrian	DJJ	Department of Juvenile Justice
AZ	All Zone Broadcast	DK	Dark
BC	Broadcast	DL	Driver's License or Drop Line
BF/GF	Boyfriend/Girlfriend	DOA	Dead on Arrival
BGROUND, BKGROUND OR BKGRND		DOT	Direction of Travel
BKPK	Background	DTF	Details to Follow
	Backpack		
BLDG	Building	DUI	Driving Under the Influence
BMR	Below Minimum Reporting Level	DUP	Duplicate
BOLO	Be on the Lookout	DWAY or D/WAY	Driveway
BOU	By Other Unit	EB	Eastbound or Evidence Booked
BPV	Bullet Proof Vest	EIP	Emergency in Progress Signal
BRO	Brother	EMP	Employee
BTWN	Between	ENH	Enhanced
BUSI or BUSN	Business	ENRT or ER	En route
B/YARD, BKYRD	Backyard	EOD	Explosive Ordinance
or BKYARD			Device
C4	Code 4	EOW	End of Watch
C7	Code 7	EQ or EQUIP	Equipment
C12	Code 12	ER	Emergency Room
C or COMP	Complainant	ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
СВ	Callback	EVAL	Evaluated





Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
EXT	Exterior or Extension	LG	Local Government
FC	Field Contact	LIC	License or License Plate
FD or FIRE	Fire Department	LIFE	Life Flight
FEL	Felony	LL	Landline or Landlord
FEM	Female	LRG	Large
FT	Foot/Feet	LS	Last Seen
FTA	Failure to Appear	LSH	Last Seen Headed
FTY	Failure to Yield	LSW	Last Seen Wearing
FU or F/U or FUP	Follow-up	LT	Left or Light
F/YARD or FYARD	Front Yard	MED(S)	Medical, Medicine or
FITANDOLFTAND	FIORE FAIG	MED(3)	Medium
FYI	For Your Information	MGMT	Management
G/P	Gun Point	MGR	Manager
GDAUGH	Granddaughter	MHP	Mobile Home Park
GMA	Grandmother	MIDMGMT	Middle Management
GOA	Gone on Arrival	MID	Middle
GP	Game Plan	MIN	Minutes
GPA	Grandfather	MISD	Misdemeanor
GSON	Grandson	MP	Missing Person
GSW	Gunshot Wound	MSG	Message
HITOP	High-Top Shoes	MTF	More to Follow
HBD	Has Been Drinking	MUST	Moustache / Mustache
HG	Handgun	NB	Northbound
HOMI	Homicide	NEIGH	Neighbor
HOSP	Hospital	NFD	No Further Details
H/U or H/UP or HU		NFI	
	Hang-up or Hung-up		No Further Information
HUSB	Husband	NHOOD or N/HOOD	Neighborhood
HVY	Heavy	NOF	Not on File
HX or HIST	History	NUA	No Units Available
IC	Incident Commander	NUM or #	Number
ID	Identification or Identify	NW	Northwest
IED	Improvised Explosive Device	OBS	Observations
I/F or IFO	In Front or In Front Of	OBSVD	Observed
INF or INFO	Information	OCC/OCC'D	Occur or Occupied
INJ	Injury	OD	Overdose
INS	Insurance	OFCR or OFFCR	Officer
INT	Interior	OFFC	Office
INT PERI	Interior Perimeter	OP or OPER	Operator
INV	Involve(d)	OS or O/S	On Scene
IOD	Injury on Duty	PAI	Pre-Arrival Instructions
ITF	Information to Follow	PAL	Parolee at Large
JEO	Just East Of	PC	Probably Cause, Penal
JEO	Just East Of	FC	Code, Park Check or Plain Clothes
JNO	Just North Of	PEH	Person Experiencing Homelessness
JO or J/O	Just Occurred	PER	Permit
JSO	Just South Of	PERI	Perimeter
JUV	Juvenile	PH or PHN	Phone or Premise
			History
JWO	Just West Of	PICT or PIC	Pictures
LBS	Pounds	PIO	Public Information Officer
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Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
PLOT or P/LOT	Parking Lot	TK	Truck
POE	Point of Entry	TRO	Temporary Restraining
. 02	1 3 3. 2 3		Order
POI	Point of Impact	TT	Tow Truck
POSS	Possible	TWRD or TWD	Toward
PP	Payphone or Private	UM or UNMKD	Unmarked
	Property Public Relations		
PR		UNAVL	Unavailable
PREG	Pregnant	UNF	Unfounded
PREV	Previous	UNK	Unknown
PROB	Probation or Problem		Unable To Locate
PROP	Property	VEH	Vehicle
P/S	Purse Snatch	VIC or VICT	Victim
PT PH or P/HP	Patient	VM	Voice Mail
PU or P/UP RE or REG	Pick Up	VU W/	Vehicle Update With
RECV'D or RECVD	Regarding Received	WB	Westbound
REF(D)	Refused or Referred	WC	Watch Commander
REQ or RQ	Request Request	W/IN	Within
RES or RESD	Request	W/O or W/OUT	Without
RESP	Responsible	WPN	Weapon
RM	Room	XBF or EXBF	Ex-Boyfriend
R/O or RO	Responding Officer	XCHG	Exchange
I NO OI NO	or Restraining Order	XCHG	Exchange
R/O or ROWN	Registered Owner	XGF or EXGF	Ex-Girlfriend
RP	Reporting Party	XHUSB or EXHUSB	Ex-Husband
RPT	Report	XLATOR	Translator
RPW or RWU or RPT WRT(S)	Report Writers	XFER	Transfer
RT	Right	XPORT	Transport
RTL	Refusing to Leave	XWIFE or EXWIFE	Ex-Wife
RTP	Refusing to Pay	Y/O	Years Old
R/WAY	Roadway	YEST	Yesterday
RX	Prescription	Colors	
S/A	Strong Arm	AME	Amethyst
SB	Southbound or	BGE	Beige
	Stand By		9
SCTY	Security	BLK	Black
SD	Special Detail	BLN	Blonde
SERV	Service	BLU	Blue
SEV	Several	BRO	Brown
SG or S/G	Shotgun	BRZ	Bronze
SIS	Sister	CAM	Camouflage
SMC	Sacramento	COM	Chrome/Stainless Steel
	Medical Center		
SMHC or SCMHC	Sacramento County	CPR	Copper
	Mental Health		
S/O S/G	Sawed Off Shotgun	CRM	Cream or Ivory
SOW	Sent on Way	DBL	Dark Blue
SUBJ	Subject	DGR	Dark Green
SUPV	Supervisor	DRK	Dark
SURV	Surveillance	GLD	Gold
SUSP	Suspect	GRN	Green
SWAT	Special	GRY	Grey
	Weapons and		
TAT(0)	Tactics	1/41/	
TAT(S)	Tattoo(s)	KAK	Khaki





Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
LAV	Lavender	RV	Recreational Vehicle
LBL	Light Blue	SUV	Sport Utility Vehicle
L GRN	Light Green	SW	Station Wagon
LGT	Light	TK	Truck
MAR	Maroon or Burgundy	VN	Van
MULT	Multi-Color	Vehicle Makes	
MVE	Mauve	ACUR	Acura
ONG	Orange	AMER	American Motors
OTH	Other	AUDI	Audi
PLE	Purple	BUIC	Buick
PNK	Pink	CADI	Cadillac
SIL	Silver	CHEV	Chevrolet
TEA	Teal	CHRY	Chrysler
TPE	Taupe	DAEW	Daewoo
TRQ	Turquoise	DATS	Datsun
WHI	White	DODG	Dodge
YEL	Yellow	FORD	Ford
Clothing	1.011044	GMC	General Motors
_			Corporation
BBCAP or BB CAP	Baseball Cap	HD	Harley Davidson
BFOOT, B FOOT or BAREFT	Barefoot	HOND	Honda
CB BOOTS	Cowboy Boots	HUMM	Hummer
CB HAT	Cowboy Hat	HYUN	Hyundai
CO JNS or C/O JNS	Cut-off Jeans	INFI	Infiniti
CORD(S) or CORD PNTS	Corduroy Pants	ISU	Isuzu
HD SWT SHRT	Hooded Sweatshirt	JAGU	Jaguar
JKT or JCKT	Jacket	JEEP	Jeep
JNS	Jeans	KAWK	Kawasaki
K CAP	Knit Cap	KIA	KIA
LS	Long Sleeved	LEXS	Lexus
LS SHRT	Long Sleeved Shirt	LINC	Lincoln
PNTS	Pants	MAZD	Mazda
SHRT	Shirt	MERC	Mercury
SS or SS SHRT	Short Sleeved Shirt	MERZ	Mercedes
SWTPNTS or SWT PNTS	Sweatpants	MNNI	Mini Cooper
SWTSHRT or SWT SHRT	Sweatshirt	MITS	Mitsubishi
T SHOES or TNS SHOES	Tennis Shoes	MAZD	Mazda
T TOP or T-Top	Tank Top	NISS	Nissan
T SHRT, T-SHRT OR TSHRT	T-Shirt	OLDS	Oldsmobile
Hair Styles		PLYM	Plymouth
DREADS	Dreadlocks	PONT	Pontiac
P TAIL, P/TAIL or P-TAIL	Ponytail	PORS	Porsche
SL	Shoulder Length	RENA	Renault
<u>Vehicle Body Styles</u>		ROL	Rolls Royce
2D	Two Doors	SAA	Saab
4D	Four Doors	SCIO	Scion
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	SMRT	Smart
CV	Convertible	STLG	Sterling
НВ	Hatchback	STRN	Saturn
MC	Motorcycle	SUBA	Subaru
P/UP or PK TK	Pick-up truck	SUZI	Suzuki





Abbreviation	Definition
TES	Tesla
TOYT	Toyota
VOLV	Volvo
VW or VOLK	Volkswagen
YAMA	Yamaha