Sonoma County Radio Identifier Proposal
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Sonoma County has approximately 78 fire stations with many departments operating out of multiple stations. During major incidents several engine companies will arrive at scene ending in the same identifier. A possible solution to avoid confusion is to completely renumber every station and apparatus in the county. The City of Los Angeles, San Diego County, San Diego City, Kern County, Orange County, Sac Metro to name a few that run a similar format to what we are proposing. Here is how it all breaks down.

Stations

The system is broken into Zones respective to the current 24-hour Battalions and the respective chief officers that operate in the specific zone currently. See Attached.

The current department and stations are numbered randomly to prevent confusion of neighboring agencies responding to incidents. If a department operates out of multiple stations, their stations were numbered sequentially. Example Geyserville Fire would be station 34, 35, 36. Gaps were left in the overall numbering to allow for expansion within different departments.

Apparatus

The first out engine would be numbered the same as the respective station. For example, Gold Ridge station 40 would be Engine 40. For departments/stations operating multiples of the same type of equipment the reserve, second out, third out would be numbered starting with the two series. Gold ridge Engine 40, and then Engine 240 so on and so forth. This would apply to all apparatus, utilities, etc.

The counties wildland firefighting apparatus would be reclassified. Type three engines would become Brush, and type four, five and six would become patrols. Sonoma Valleys current 3361 would become Brush 30, and Healdsburg's 6358 would become Patrol 78.

Chief officers operating out of a single station department would be reclassified to match that station. Graton being station 70, Chief 70 would be the identifier. The Assistant Chief or Deputy Chief would be Chief 170.

Attached is a breakdown of how everything would look for every department. You will notice there are some gaps in through out the breakdown of stations. This is to allow for expansion in departments.