

FIRE CONTROL UNIT IDENTIFICATION

AERIAL IDENTIFICATION - FIRE UNITS

A. Enabling Acts

None

B. Policy

All Forest Management Division units primarily assigned to fire control, such as pumpers, semi-truck tractors, tiltbed trucks, pickup trucks, and Motor Transport Division cars used by fire control personnel will be identified by a uniform "fire control" decal and will be red in color.

All division vehicles radio equipped and used in fire control will be marked for aerial identification by having their radio call numbers painted on the roof.

C. Explanation

The recognition and identification of fire suppression equipment enroute to or engaged in the suppression of wildfires is extremely important. Red has been historically identified with Michigan's wildfire control forces and provides for a uniform identification of personnel assigned to fire control. All Motor Transport Division vehicles obtained in the future and assigned to fire control personnel will be red in color.

The use of the "fire control" decal will enhance the recognition factor and aid in safe operation in congested areas, and identifies the vehicle to other agencies and with the general public.

The use of aircraft for reconnaissance and direction of fire suppression units on wildfires is an important tool in fire management. Recognition of fire suppression units from the air and direct communications with ground units is necessary for the efficient use of aircraft in fire suppression activities.

D. Procedure

Fire Control Unit Identification:

1. All equipment purchased by the _____ division to be used primarily in fire control will be ordered "red" in color and will specify either Lucite #2411 LH or Ditzler #70704.
2. The "fire control" decal furnished by the _____ division office will be centered beneath the Department of Natural Resources emblem on both door panels of pumpers, semi-truck tractors, tiltbed trucks and pickup trucks primarily assigned to fire control.
3. ~~Motor Transport Division cars furnished to regional and district fire managers and area fire supervisors in Region III will be requested to be red in color at time of issue.~~ (see attached)

~~They will be identified with a suitable decal furnished by the _____ division identifying them as a fire control vehicle.~~

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Aerial Identification:

All units used in fire suppression, MTD vehicles furnished to regional and district fire managers, and area fire supervisors in Region III equipped with a radio will be identified for aerial identification as follows.

1. The top of the cab of vehicle will be first painted black to the rain gutter in a straight line around the cab.
2. The radio call letters will then be stenciled in white, let dry and restenciled in fluorescent orange.
3. The radio call letters will consist of two or three letters representing an abbreviation for the station prefix, followed by the number designation of the vehicle. The call letters will be placed with the bottom of the letters and numerals toward the rear of the vehicle to be legible to an aircraft flying directly overhead traveling in the same direction as the fire unit.

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