

NAFCA Safety Section

Northeast Arizona Safety Officers

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Accountability Identification System

The Safety Officers of Northeastern Arizona were tasked from the NAFCA leadership and body to address the issues of accountability and hazard zone identification to meet our newly adopted SOG's on Accountability and RIC. The Safety Officers discussed issues and looked at examples of systems in use throughout the region and state.

A presentation was made at the NAFCA meeting on March , 2010 and a motion was approved to recommend the following Accountability Identification System to all NAFCA member departments for implementation.

Goal:

To implement a standardized accountability and fireground identification system for all NAFCA member departments. This system should meet the intent of the new SOG's, be cost effective and easy for departments to implement.

Issues Address:

1. PAR (Personnel Accountability Report) Tags and Passport design.
2. Standardization of identification markings for hazard zone use. (Helmets, SCBA's, Names, etc.)
3. Local availability of system components or ability of departments to obtain them.
4. Training of personnel on importance of using the system and updating it daily.

Recommendations:

1. Implementation of standardized Passport and PAR Tags to meet intent of Accountability SOG.
2. Implementation of standardized Helmet markings with name and unit number assigned for hazard zone identifications.
3. Implementation of standardized SCBA and face mask markings for firefighter identification in the hazard zone.

(Examples of recommendations are attached showing standardized marking recommended)

Vendors:

NAFCA is not recommending a vendor for these materials. Local vendors may be able to supply the materials and they are available through regional and national vendors. The intent is standardization, no matter who you choose to supply the materials; they should be similar in size, color, and usage.

For estimates, we used High Country Awards in Lakeside, but other vendors are available. National companies such as Advance Marking Systems and Passport Accountability.com can also supply similar products. The choice of vendor is a department decision.

Estimated Costs:

PAR Tags	½ " x 2 ½ " Various Colors	\$1.80 each
PASSPORTS	2 ¾ " x 3 ¾ " Safety Green	\$4.00 each
Helmet ID Tags	2 " x 3 " Black w/ White Reflective Lettering	\$4.00 each
Helmet Name ID	1 " lettering White or Black Reflective	\$5.00 each
SCBA ID Tags	2 " x 6 ½ " White w/ Red Reflective Lettering	\$6.00 each
SCBA Mask ID	¾ " labels – White on Black background	(Varies)

Total cost to outfit one engine company with four firefighters is approximately \$100.00





SCBA Unit Identification

- 2 " x 6 ½ "
- White w/ Red Reflective Lettering
- Can be Aluminum, magnetic attached by Velcro or adhesive decal.
- Applied to the SCBA frame, not the bottle.

(Note – the "LSFD" decal in the example is applied to the bottle and not included in these recommendations.)

Standard Abbreviations

- E - Engine Company
- L - Ladder Company
- R - Rescue Company
- BR - Brush/Type 6
- T - Tender
- A - Ambulance
- F or C – Fire Command
- BC - Batt. Chief
- SO - Safety Officer



Helmet Identification

- 2 " x 3 "
- Black w/ White Reflective Lettering.
- Can be Aluminum, magnetic attached by Velcro or adhesive decal.
- Hook Velcro on Helmet
- Loop Velcro on ID Tag
- Name - 1 " lettering
- Name - White or Black Reflective.

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1/4 to 1/2 inch from edge

SCBA Mask ID

- 3/4 " to 1" Labels
- White on Black or clear background.
- Applied to front of mask or regulator not to impair vision.

