Disclaimer: All Best Practices are provided as a guide for departments by the Pennington County Fire Service Board. These are for general guidance and should be modified by each department based on their own individual rules or standard operating guidelines/policies. Each department within Pennington County is ultimately liable for its own operations and practices.

PREMISE: Having a common fire vehicle numbering and/or identification system allows both responding and receiving mutual aid departments to more easily identify and account for fire vehicles. It is also the basis for providing specific unit tracking and notification.

SCOPE: This procedure applies to all current and future Pennington County fire department vehicles that participate in the Pennington County Mutual Aid System or specific unit tracking.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this procedure to provide a system, which will result in a uniform numbering system for emergency vehicles.

HISTORY: Adopted February 12, 2014

OPERATING PRACTICE:

1. VEHICLE CATEGORIES
   A. **Engines** – generally use the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) classifications. These are Type 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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   1. The new numbering system will have a two number identifier for engines. The first number shall be the engine type number as referenced above and the second number shall be the department’s unit identifier number.

   2. Example: a structural engine would be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Engine 1 – 1. This would be an NWCG Type 1 engine and then the individual fire departments unit ID number.

   3. Example: a wildland brush engine would be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Engine 3 – 1. This would be an NWCG Type 3 engine and then the individual fire departments unit ID number.

   B. **Tender** – tenders will use the National Wildfire Coordinating Groups (NWCG) classifications for support tenders. These types are 1, 2 and 3.

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1. The new numbering system will have a two number identifier for tenders. The first number shall be the tender type number as referenced above and the second number shall be the department’s unit identifier number.

2. Example: a tender would be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Tender 3 – 1. This would be an NWCG Type 3 tender and then the individual fire departments unit ID number.

C. Trucks – generally trucks will have a ladder greater than 65 foot, pump, waterway, various ladders, SCBA’s, hand tools, and water tank.

1. Example: a truck could be referred to as: “ABC Fire Department Truck 1”. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

D. Rescue – generally will have hydraulic rescue tools, hand tools, EMS equipment, SCBA’s, lights, generator, tools and/or equipment that could be used to extricate persons from vehicles or heavy duty actions. Can also be utilized to respond to EMS incidents.

1. Example: a rescue could be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Rescue 1. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

E. Squad – generally will have hand rescue tools, lights, generator, EMS, SCBA’s light extraction equipment, firefighter tools for structure fire response and may respond to EMS incidents.

1. Example: a squad could be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Squad 1. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

F. Utility – generally be a suburban, 4 door pickup type vehicles or other vehicle that is primarily used to transport firefighters.

1. Example: a utility could be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Utility1. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

G. Command/Battalion – generally a vehicle that a department officer would respond with, or someone who could be expected to take command of an incident.

1. Example: a Command/Battalion could be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Command 1. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

H. HazMat – a vehicle that’s primary role is to respond to assist with, or control a confirmed or possible release of a hazardous material. Vehicle will be equipped with appropriate hazardous material control inventory and staffed with personnel trained in hazardous material mitigation.
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1. Example: a hazmat vehicle could be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Hazmat 1. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

I. Medic – typically identified as a vehicle utilized under a fire department to respond to, treat and/or transport sick or injured persons, in either a basic or advanced life support role.

   1. Example: an ambulance could be referred to as: ABC Fire Department Medic 1. This would be the department name and then the individual fire departments unit identifier.

2. **RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS**

   A. If a fire department requests a specific type of vehicle or personnel, then it is the responsibility of the fire department providing mutual aid to respond the appropriate type vehicle being requested.

   B. The fire department receiving mutual aid should trust that the responding fire department will be providing the appropriate vehicle.

   C. Responding departments should meet the firefighters requirements detailed in the County Mutual Aid agreement.

3. **ASSUMPTION**

   A. Not all vehicles will “fit” into the above categories. Fire departments should use their best judgment as to the appropriate category.