



VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS

INCIDENT TYPE CODE PRESCRIPTION

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The following is an alphabetical list of incident TYP codes and their most common, but *not limited to*, application:

ABD (BLS)	Appendicitis; ectopic pregnancy (ages 10-55); diabetic; hypertensive=Aneurysm; bowel obstruction; heart disease. Colic; peptic ulcer; pelvic inflammatory disease; gastritis; upset stomach.
ALARM	Report of fire alarm activated from RP or alarm company, with no reports of smoke or odor of smoke or fire. SEE ALARM HANDOUT.
ALLERGY (ALS)	Physical (allergic) reaction to medications; food; insect bites or stings.
ALERT1	AIRPORT USE ONLY. Dispatch airport fire department to stand-by only; incident opened with HBA ARFF units attached. No BRKFD response (unless incident escalates.)
ALERT2	AIRPORT USE ONLY. Indicating an aircraft approaching the airport is in major difficulty; e.g., engine on fire, faulty landing gear, no hydraulic pressure, etc. This could mean emergency equipment would proceed to a predetermined location (taxiways, tie-ins of runway, etc.) to await development of the potential emergency.
ALERT3	AIRPORT USE ONLY. Indicating an aircraft involved in an accident on or near the airport and emergency equipment should proceed immediately to the scene. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside of airport footprint use: PLANE.
ALOC (ALS)	Person incoherent; not responding properly; “not all there.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of unresponsive use: UNCON.
ANIMAL	Animal trapped, unable to self-extricate. No response to cat in trees unless requested by animal control. Animal control notification.
APPL	Appliances: washers, dryers, stoves, HVAC equipment, refrigerator, microwaves, toaster, coffee makers, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevators or escalators use: STR.
APT	Apartment house on fire.
ARC	Outside. Utility wires “sparking” against trees, poles, homes, etc. Power department notification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARC indoors use: ELECF.
ARSON	Request for an arson investigator.
ASLT* (BLS)	Hand-to-hand combat; assaulted by object; human bite; child/adult/elder abuse; sexual assault.
BACK (BLS)	Back Pain (non-traumatic); kidney pain; chronic back pain.
BC	Request for Battalion Chief to respond as agency rep, or other reason, in the absence of an active incident.
BEES	Report of bees on PUBLIC property. Private property is homeowner responsibility, no FD response. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person being attacked by bees use: RESCUE.
BIO	Report of sewage spill or back-up; medical waste; crime scene “clean up” (blood, bodily fluids, tissue, etc.) Portable toilet “blue” fluid spill.

BITE1 (ALS)	Animal, reptile, spider, or insect bites or stings. ALS symptoms: snake; blood spurting; shock signs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nausea use: ALLERGY. Human bite use: ASLT.
BITE2 (BLS)	Animal, reptile, spider, or insect bites or stings. BLS symptoms: minor bites or stings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human bite use: ASLT.
BOMB*	Threat only; suspicious objects. Reports of explosion use: EXPLO .
BP (ALS)	Report of high or low blood pressure. Only use if no other chief complaint is present. • Report of BP issues with chest pain use: CHEST ; report of BP issues with shortness of breath use: BREATH .
BREATH (ALS)	Asthma; COPD; CHF; pneumonia; low O2 saturation; respiratory distress/arrest; hyperventilation; upper airway infection.
BRUSH	Report of vegetation-type fire, e.g., “hillsides”; trees, bushes; grass, etc., in a BRUSH area. Recommends 5-engine BRUSH response. Essential personnel paged.
BRUSHA	Report of vegetation-type fire, e.g., “hillsides”; trees, bushes; grass, etc., in a BRUSH area. Recommends 6-engine; 1-WT; 2-BC Augmented BRUSH response (based on weather conditions.) Essential personnel paged.
BRUSHF	Default 5 engine BRUSH response regardless of geographic area. Essential personnel paged.
BUILD	Building or “Roof” collapse. • “Ceiling” collapse use: DAMAGE .
BURN (ALS)	Burn from fire, liquid or radiant heat. • Active fire use: STR, HOUSE, PERSON , etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burn from chemical or radiation use: HAZMAT; Electrical burn use: SHOCK.
CARBON	Determine if any medical problems (if yes, advise radio dispatcher that ALS response is needed.) Advise RP to open windows AND stand outside.
CATH (BLS)	Catheter or G-tube issue.
CHEMO	Report of paint spill; oil spill; coolant spill; unknown type liquids spilled or found; chemical odors -- no physical distress reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distress; ‘gassing’; or vapor reported use: HAZMAT.
CHEST (ALS)	Chest pain.
CHOK (ALS)	Partial or full airway obstruction: food or object.
CONFIN	Person trapped or “down” in tank; tanker; vault; sewer; rail tank car; under street or other similar enclosure or confined space.
CROWD	Investigate an overcrowded (people) condition.
DAMAGE	Investigate damage to property or other item that may cause life-safety issues.
DERAIL	Train derailment.
DIAB (ALS)	Diabetic problem (low or high blood sugar.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetic patient that is unconscious or unresponsive use: UNCON.
DIZZY (BLS)	Person dizzy/light-headed with no other chief complaint. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroke symptoms use: STROKE.
DOWN* (ALS)	Person found “down” with no supporting information available. Generally from a passerby who cannot verify consciousness or cause.

DROWN (ALS)	Aspiration of even small amounts of fresh or salt water is a near drowning. Scuba Diving accident.
ELECF	Report of odor of electrical burning; smoking/arcing wall sockets, switches, light fixtures, etc.
ELEV	Person trapped in elevator. Elevator #. What floor. Determine if any medical problems.
EMS (ALS)	Request for paramedics from POLICE DEPT with no additional details available.
EMSFYW** (ALS)	ANY TYPE of EMS incident on the FWY (regular medical type codes are not used.)
ENG	Used only when any of the type codes are not applicable. Will recommend 1 engine for response.
ENGRA	Used only when any of the type codes are not applicable. Will recommend 1 engine/1 RA for response.
ENGTRK	Used only when any of the type codes are not applicable. Will recommend 1 engine /1 truck for response.
EQUAKE	Earthquake Emergency Mode activation. Epicenter: within 50 miles (80KM) of Verdugo; 4.0 or greater.
EXPLO	Explosion seen or heard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explosion seen or heard from power poles, transformers, power lines use: POLE.
EXPOS	Heat or cold exposure due to climate or ambient conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure to chemicals or substances use: HAZMAT.
EYE (ALS)	Eye injury: chemical; thermal; laceration; blunt trauma. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If caused by assault use: ASLT; Chemical: consider HAZMAT.
FALL1 (ALS)	ALS Fall: Over 15' (rooftops, trees, flight of stairs); severe fracture; blood spurting; syncope; head Injury. Need for pain management. Persons OVER 60 years of age.
FALL2 (BLS)	BLS Fall: Slip or trip. Minor injury; laceration; abrasion; minor fracture. Persons UNDER 60 years of age.
FLOOD	Report of flooding INDOORS with standing water in excess of 2 inches.
FLOW	Report of fire sprinkler system flowing water with no supporting information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken sprinkler head use: FLOOD.
FNO	Fire now out.
FUEL	Fuel spill (gasoline/diesel fuel/aircraft fuel.) Non-injury TC with fuel leaking.
FWORKS*	Used only on the 4 th of July. Any other time, reports of fireworks are handled by the PD.
GASI	Odor or actual natural gas flowing INDOORS . Includes propane gas. Gas company notification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Odor of natural gas with fire use: appropriate full-assignment FIRE type code.
GASO	Odor of natural gas OUTDOORS . Gas company notification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural gas flowing from meter or pipe use: GMAIN. Odor of gasoline or other fuel use: ODOR or CHEMO.
GIB (ALS)	Vomiting blood or passing blood rectally. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood in urine use: MED.

GMAIN	Broken natural gas main (supply line) in the street or leading to residential gas meter. Broken or leaking natural gas meter. • Reported “methane” or “propane” gas leaking from large storage tank or farms use: HAZMAT . • Other type “gasses” or vapor use: ODOR or HAZMAT .
GSW* (ALS)	Gunshot wound (self-inflicted or assault.) • Shooting in progress use: SHOOTR .
HANG* (ALS)	Person reported hanging from neck.
HAZARD	Report of any type of hazard to life-safety.
HAZMAT	Report of chemical, liquid spill, odors, vapors, “clouds” that are causing physical distress. Reports of persons or incidents involving “tented” (fumigation) structures.
HEADPN (BLS)	Headache: non-traumatic; no sudden onset; no history of stroke. • ALS and/or stroke symptoms use: STROKE .
HEART (ALS)	Heart palpitations; rapid or irregular heart beat WITHOUT chest pain; pace maker defibrillation.
HOUSE	House fire; garage fire; carport fire, etc.
HYD*	Gushing, sheared or flowing hydrant. Water Dept. notification. • “Dripping/leaking” hydrant: water department notification only.
ILLEG	Intentional burning of trash, vegetation or construction debris, etc. • Exposures use: full-assignment FIRE type codes.
INVL	Person needing assistance off the floor or other circumstance, with no associated medical problems or injuries.
JUMPER*	Person threatening to jump. • Person <i>has</i> jumped use: FALL1 ; in a complex or inaccessible location use: RESCUE .
LAW	Request from POLICE DEPT for FD assistance. • EMS incidents use: appropriate EMS type code.
LOCK	Children locked in vehicles, homes, etc. or when extenuating circumstances warrant response. • Animals in vehicles use: ANIMAL .
MALF	Reports of equipment, appliances, machinery, etc., that are not working correctly, making noises, or malfunctioning that may cause a life-safety or damage to property issue.
MED (BLS)	Used only when any of the EMS type codes are not applicable; and no ALS symptoms are present. Report of general pain.
MEDALR (BLS)	Report from medical alarm co. of a personal medical alarm system activated with no supporting details. If the alarm company has made contact with the subscriber, use appropriate EMS type code. SEE MEDALR and GPS MEDALR HANDOUT.
MTNRES	Person fell, injured or incapacitated in mountainous or off-highway, open space areas (e.g. hiking trails, fire roads, falls over the side, etc.)
MUD	Mudslide / mudflow investigation.
NOSE (BLS)	Nose bleed (non-traumatic.)
NOTBR (ALS)	Person not breathing; cardiac “arrest.”
OBYN (ALS)	Female in labor (childbirth) or other obstetric/gynecological issue.

OD* (ALS)	Intentional, accidental, or suspected exposure to an excessive amount of a drug, medication, or alcohol (ETOH.)
ODOR	Unknown type odors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Odors causing physical distress use: HAZMAT.
OUT	Used only when any of the fire type codes are not applicable (e.g. fence fires, shed fires, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trash; debris use: REFUSE.
OUTFWY*	Used for any type of fire on the FWY that is not a VEH or BRUSH.
PEDI (ALS)	EMS incident involving an infant/toddler/child 8 years or younger.
PERSON	Person on fire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person 'burned' use: BURN.
PLANE	Airplane or helicopter (or other type aircraft) incident at locations that are NOT on airport property.
POLE	Transformer; street light; traffic light; power wires or power pole on fire.
PSYCH* (BLS)	Declaration of "5150" from Law or Fire sworn personnel; nervous breakdown; psych medications "needed"; suicidal; depressed; tearful; angry; random talking; panic attack; emotional distress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of specific physical symptom use: appropriate EMS type code.
PUBLIC	Special response to assist the public (May need approval by chief officer.)
RA	Used only when any of the type codes are not applicable. Will recommend 1 RA for response.
RAIL*	Train on fire.
REFRIG	Abandoned refrigerator on public right-of-way.
REFUSE	Trash fire in dumpster or can in an open, outdoor area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inside enclosure or exposures use: STR, HOUSE, etc.; inside garbage truck use: VEH.
RESCUE*	Person trapped, immobilized or in a precarious situation and cannot self-extricate.
RESET	RP requests FD help in resetting (turning off) a fire alarm; no fire conditions existing.
RESFWY*	Person trapped, immobilized or in a precarious situation in a vehicle on the freeway and cannot self-extricate, from a traffic collision, e.g. major damage or rollover. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidents involving large vehicles (semi's; trash trucks; cement trucks; car carriers), vehicles on top of another; over the side; vehicle split in pieces; person trapped under vehicle use: USAR.
ROOF1	Assist the PD with a roof check or other on a single story building.
ROOF2	Assist the PD with a roof check or other on a building 2 floors or greater.
SEIZ (ALS)	Person in seizure or "postictal" (which is the period of time after the seizure has subsided.)
SHOCK (ALS)	Electrical shock or burn victim. PD use of Taser device. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On power pole use: RESCUE; in underground vault use: CONFIN.

SHOOTR*	Shooting in progress (active shooter.)
SICK (ALS)	ALS symptoms: Dehydration; need for fluids; shock signs; progressive end of life illness/issue.
SICK2 (BLS)	BLS symptoms: flu-like with fever, vomiting, diarrhea. General malaise. COVID-19 symptoms.
SMOKEI	Smoke or ODOR of smoke indoors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy smoke use: STR; HOUSE; APT, etc.
SMOKEO	Smoke or ODOR of smoke outdoors; unknown origin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy smoke seen use: UNKF.
STAB* (ALS)	Stabbing victim.
STEMI (ALS)	Inter-hospital transport of CHEST/HEART patient to a hospital that can treat STEMI conditions. STEMI = ST segment elevation myocardial infarction.
STR	Structure fire. Commercial structure. High-rise, etc.
STROKE (ALS)	Sudden onset of head pain; dizzy; paralysis; slurred speech; confused.
SWR	Report of person in the water of a waterway (“wash”, river, flood control channel, etc.); on an “island” within a waterway.
SYNCO (ALS)	Person that was unconsciousness and is now conscious.
TC* (BLS)	Traffic collision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note “ALS Needed” if ALS symptoms; pregnant female; PEDI; vehicle into pole or tree.
TCFWY** (ALS)	Any type of traffic collision on the FWY.
TCPED* (ALS)	Traffic collision with pedestrian; motorcycle; bicycle, skateboarder, etc.
TCRAIL*	Traffic collision with railway train: vehicle; pedestrian, etc. (Any type of collision involving railway train.)
TCRES*	Person trapped, immobilized or in a precarious situation in a vehicle and cannot self-extricate as a result of a TC, e.g. major damage or rollover. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidents involving large vehicles (semi’s; trash trucks; cement trucks; car carriers) vehicles on top of another; over the side; vehicle split in pieces; person trapped under vehicle use: USAR.
TCSTR	Vehicle collision into a structure.
THREAT	Report of unknown type “substance” related to terrorists threats (no physical distress.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints of physical distress use: HAZMAT.
TOXIC (ALS)	Accidental or suspected exposure to a harmful substance OTHER than a drug, medication or ETOH. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug, medication or ETOH use: OD.
TRAUMA (ALS)	Extremity amputations; fractures; lacerations; blunt force injury; bruising or other TRAUMA to body. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trauma caused by assault use: ASLT.
TRENCH	Person trapped in geological excavations.
TRK	Used only when any of the type codes are not applicable. CAD will recommend 1 truck for response.

UNCON (ALS)	Person unconscious or unresponsive.
UNKF	Report of significant fire or smoke, unknown what is burning.
UNKMED (ALS)	Request for paramedics with no details available.
USAR	Persons trapped under vehicles; vehicles on top of person; vehicles on top or under other vehicles; vehicles over the side; vehicles that are “split” into pieces; incidents involving large vehicles (semi’s; trash trucks; cement trucks; car carriers, etc.); persons trapped in machinery. Used only when any of the heavy-rescue type codes are not applicable. CAD will recommend a USAR assignment.
VAULT	Fire, smoke, or burning odor from underground ELECTRICAL vault. Power department notification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person trapped/down in vault use: CONFIN.
VEG	Report of vegetation-type fire, e.g. trees; bushes; grass, etc., in a NON-BRUSH area. Will recommend a single engine response. Essential personnel will NOT be paged.
VEGFWY	Report of vegetation-type fire, e.g. trees; bushes; grass, etc., on the FWY. Will recommend 1-engine OR 5-engine response based on geography. Essential personnel paged.
VEH*	Vehicle on fire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VEH threatening exposures use: STR; persons inside burning VEH use: RESCUE.
VEHFWY	Vehicle fire on the FWY. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons inside burning VEH use: RESFWY.
WATER	Reports of flooding INDOORS with no significant standing water.
WEAK (ALS)	Person feeling weak (all age groups.)
WELFAR	Investigate the welfare of person (well-being.)
WIRES	Wires down on ground; disconnected from service entrance or power pole; “hanging low.” Power department notification.
WMAIN	Broken water main (water coming up through street, sidewalk, ground.) Water department notification.
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction Event.

* Request response from local law enforcement.

** Request response from CHP.

MISC. NON-RESPONSE TYPE CODES

These type codes automatically create an “**advised**”, non-dispatched, incident in CAD.

ADV	Advised Incident
CADTST	Station alert test through the CAD system
CHP	Transfer/Notify CHP (use appropriate TYP code for incident being reported.)
DEMO	Fire Extinguisher Demo
FD	Transfer to Another Fire Dept (use appropriate TYP code for incident being reported.)
FIRETR	Fire Training (city run number issued)
PD	Transfer/Notify Police Dept (use appropriate TYP code for incident being reported.)
TEST	Fire Alarm Testing – To be used when Fire Prevention Personnel are at a location testing the fire alarm system
TOUR	Fire Station Tour Alert