



CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

GENERAL POLICE ORDER



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SUBJECT: STANDARD PHONETIC ALPHABET			
CHIEF: <i>Calvin D. Williams, Chief</i>			

PURPOSE: To establish a standard phonetic alphabet for the Cleveland Division of Police.

POLICY: It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police to be uniform in radio communications.

PROCEDURES:

I. General Guidelines

- A. Members shall use the standard phonetic alphabet when transmitting information via radio communications where accuracy is required (e.g., license plates, names, etc.).
- B. Members shall transmit the phonetic alphabet in the following manner, “Adam, Barney...” and shall not transmit, “A as in Adam, B as in Barney...”

II. Cleveland Division of Police Standard Phonetic Alphabet

A - Adam	N - Nick
B - Barney	O - Ocean
C - Charles	P - Paul
D - David	Q - Queen
E - Edward	R - Robert
F - Frank	S - Sam
G - George	T - Tom
H - Henry	U - Union
I - Ida	V - Victor
J - John	W - Walter
K - King	X - X-ray
L - Lincoln	Y - Yesterday
M - Mary	Z - Zebra

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