



**Fire Chiefs Association** of **Santa Cruz County**  
**FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS SECTION**

<b>FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS</b>	DATE: <b>June 1, 2003</b>	NUMBER: <b>FP0-016</b>
	APPROVED:	REVISED:
	TITLE: <b>Addressing Standard</b>	

**PURPOSE**

The intent of this standard is to provide the minimum requirements necessary for the proper posting of building addresses. Building addresses enable emergency responders to locate homes, businesses, and properties. Visible addresses are required by the Uniform Fire Code, Section 901.4.4.

**SCOPE**

Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. Addresses shall comply with this standard, unless an alternate means or method has been approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Numbers shall be permanently affixed on a structure in clear view, unobstructed by trees or shrubs.
2. All numbers shall be clearly visible from the fronting public street or road, in contrasting colors.

**EXAMPLE:** White trim with black numbers.

3. All new and existing single-family residences shall be identified with minimum four-inch (4") high numbers, with a minimum one-half inch (1/2") stroke.
4. All multi-family, multi-industrial, and multi-commercial occupancies shall identify individual units with numbers that are a minimum height of six inches (6"), affixed to the unit's front entrance door or immediately adjacent to it. All buildings with rear-door access shall identify that unit as stated above.
5. All buildings with two (2) or more units shall identify utility meters according to the unit being served. Numbers shall be a minimum of one inch (1") in height and be permanently affixed.