



**Alameda County Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau**

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

Designation of Fire Lanes

The following Fire Prevention Bulletin has been developed by the Alameda County Fire Department to assist in determining the designation of Fire Lanes. Any fire Department Access Roadways as outlined in Section 503 of the 2010 Fire Code shall be labeled as follows:

The requirements for designating fire lanes are outlined in Section 22500.1 of the California State Vehicle Code as follows:

"The designation shall be indicated (1) by a sign posted immediately adjacent to, and visible from, the designated place clearly stating in letters not less than one inch in height that the place is a fire lane, (2) by outlining or painting the place in red and in contrasting color, marking the place with the words "FIRE LANE", which are clearly visible from a vehicle, or (3) by a red curb or red paint on the edge of the roadway upon which is clearly marked the words "FIRE LANE"

Approved signs shall comply with the following specifications:

- a) 12" X 18" engineer grade, double face Scotchlite on 080 gauge aluminum.
- b) Lettering layout shall comply with California State Sign Designation No. R-26-FL.
- c) Signs shall be mounted with "L" type brackets to a minimum two inch diameter metal galvanized post and shall not be mounted less than seven feet from the bottom of the sign to grade level. The mounting post shall be anchored no less than 30 inches into the ground.
- d) Signs shall be posted so that they are visible from all parts of the designated fire lane.

Curb painting shall conform to the following specifications:

- a) The curb, or in the absence of a curb, six inches of the roadway adjacent to the road edge, shall be painted red along the entire length of the fire lane.
- b) The words "FIRE LANE" shall be painted in white letters at least every 50 linear feet on the red curb or roadway edge. The letters shall be a minimum of four inches in height with a minimum 1/2 inch stroke.

If you have any questions please contact the Fire Prevention Division for your area.

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