

# Police phonetic alphabet chart

The APCO / LAPD spelling alphabet, with the NATO word for each letter beside it.

## Letters A to Z

|          |                                 |                    |          |                                 |                      |
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| <b>A</b> | <b>Adam</b><br>NATO: Alfa       | • —<br>.-          | <b>N</b> | <b>Nora</b><br>NATO: November   | — •<br>-.            |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Boy</b><br>NATO: Bravo       | — • • •<br>- . . . | <b>O</b> | <b>Ocean</b><br>NATO: Oscar     | — — — —<br>- - -     |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Charles</b><br>NATO: Charlie | — • — •<br>- . . . | <b>P</b> | <b>Paul</b><br>NATO: Papa       | • — — •<br>. - - .   |
| <b>D</b> | <b>David</b><br>NATO: Delta     | — • •<br>- . .     | <b>Q</b> | <b>Queen</b><br>NATO: Quebec    | — — — • —<br>- - . - |
| <b>E</b> | <b>Edward</b><br>NATO: Echo     | •<br>.             | <b>R</b> | <b>Robert</b><br>NATO: Romeo    | • — •<br>. - .       |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Frank</b><br>NATO: Foxtrot   | • • — •<br>. . . . | <b>S</b> | <b>Sam</b><br>NATO: Sierra      | • • •<br>. . .       |
| <b>G</b> | <b>George</b><br>NATO: Golf     | — — •<br>- - .     | <b>T</b> | <b>Tom</b><br>NATO: Tango       | —<br>-               |
| <b>H</b> | <b>Henry</b><br>NATO: Hotel     | • • • •<br>. . . . | <b>U</b> | <b>Union</b><br>NATO: Uniform   | • • —<br>. . -       |
| <b>I</b> | <b>Ida</b><br>NATO: India       | • •<br>. .         | <b>V</b> | <b>Victor</b><br>NATO: Victor   | • • • —<br>. . . -   |
| <b>J</b> | <b>John</b><br>NATO: Juliett    | • — — —<br>. - - - | <b>W</b> | <b>William</b><br>NATO: Whiskey | • — —<br>. - -       |
| <b>K</b> | <b>King</b><br>NATO: Kilo       | — • —<br>- . -     | <b>X</b> | <b>X-ray</b><br>NATO: X-ray     | — • • —<br>- . . -   |
| <b>L</b> | <b>Lincoln</b><br>NATO: Lima    | • — • •<br>. . . . | <b>Y</b> | <b>Young</b><br>NATO: Yankee    | — • — —<br>- . - -   |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Mary</b><br>NATO: Mike       | — —<br>- -         | <b>Z</b> | <b>Zebra</b><br>NATO: Zulu      | — — — •<br>- - . .   |

## Numbers 0 to 9

|          |              |            |                        |          |              |            |                        |
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| <b>0</b> | <b>Zero</b>  | say ZE-RO  | — — — — —<br>.....     | <b>5</b> | <b>Five</b>  | say FIFE   | • • • • •<br>.....     |
| <b>1</b> | <b>One</b>   | say WUN    | • — — — —<br>. - - - - | <b>6</b> | <b>Six</b>   | say SIX    | — • • • •<br>- . . . . |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Two</b>   | say TOO    | • • — — —<br>. . . . . | <b>7</b> | <b>Seven</b> | say SEV-en | — — • • •<br>- - . . . |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Three</b> | say TREE   | • • — — —<br>. . . . . | <b>8</b> | <b>Eight</b> | say AIT    | — — — • •<br>- - - . . |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Four</b>  | say FOW-er | • • • • —<br>. . . . - | <b>9</b> | <b>Nine</b>  | say NIN-er | — — — — •<br>- - - - . |

Decimal point: Decimal (DAY-SEE-MAL), as in 118.3 = One One Eight Decimal Three.

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