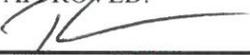




**Fire Chiefs Association** of **Santa Cruz County**  
**FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS SECTION**

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	TITLE: <b>Fire Hydrant Markings</b>	

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this standard is to provide guidance to those agencies choosing to paint fire hydrants within their jurisdiction. Due to mutual and auto-aid agreements, standardized hydrant markings are extremely important and will provide a standard and consistent identification of area water supply capacities. Hydrant tops and caps are color-coded according to the rated capacity as outlined in NFPA 291.

**MARKINGS**

All paint shall be of a gloss and safety color type to provide the recommended reflectivity and consistent shade of color. Assignment of color shades are as follows:

**Hydrant Barrel -**      Public Fire Hydrant – Safety Yellow  
                                  Private Fire Hydrant – Safety Red

**Tops & Caps**

Class AA Hydrant	1,500 GPM or Greater	Safety Blue
Class A Hydrant	1,000 to 1,499 GPM	Safety Green
Class B Hydrant	500 to 999 GPM	Safety Orange
Class C Hydrant	Less than 500 GPM	Safety Red

**BLUE DOTS**

Agencies choosing to use reflective blue dots to identify fire hydrant locations, it is recommended that the blue dots be placed as outlined below:

- Place dot one dot length from the center of the road toward the fire hydrant. Dot shall be perpendicular to the fire hydrant.
- When fire hydrants are located on corners, blue dots may be placed on each street as above.