Subject:	CODES: PHONETIC ALPHABET	
Effective:		
Updated:		Training
Reference:	Region P Law Enforcement Communications Network Radio and Identification Code (i.e. Orange Card)	

Some letters sound the same when spoken such as "m" and "n". The phonetic alphabet is used to clarify what letter is meant to be conveyed. This alphabet should be memorized and practiced daily until you are able to think in this alphabet without having to translate. A good method of practice is to say, phonetically, every license plate you see while driving, spell the name of everyone in your family, etc.

A - ADAM	N - NORA
B – BAKER/BOY	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 - WILLIAM
K - KING	X - X-RAY
L - LINCOLN	Y - YELLOW
M - MARY	Z - ZEBRA

Our county also uses **ALPHA symbols** to shorten or abbreviate words commonly used on the radio. The commonly used ALPHA symbols are written below.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{A - Home} & \text{S - Station} \\ \text{F - Felony} & \text{T - Traffic/City} \\ \text{J - Jail} & \text{X - Female} \\ \text{M - Misdemeanor} \end{array}$