FBNY Scanning Guide to WNY Public Safety Terms/Abbreviations

AA-Automobile Accident

AAA-Automobile Association of America

AAR-Airport Arrival Rate (FAA)

ACLS-Advanced Cardiac Life Support

ADA-Assistant District Attorney

ADI-Ambulance Dispatch & Inspection (Buffalo)

ADW-Assault with a Deadly Weapon

AFIS-Automated Fingerprint Identification System

AFR-Airport Fire Rescue

ARFF-Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting

AG-Attorney General

AIU-Accident Investigation Unit

AKA-Also Know As

ALS-Advanced Life Support

AMA-Against Medical Advice

Amber Alert-An alert when a child is missing

AMI-Acute Myocardial Infraction

ANT-Aids to Navigation Teams (USCG)

AP Codes-Airport Codes (BNIA AFR “Crash Codes”)

APB-All Points Bulletin

APRS-Automatic Position Reporting System

ARES-Amateur Radio Emergency Services

ASAP-As Soon As Possible

ATC-Air Traffic Control (FAA)

ATF-Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms

ATL-Attempt to Locate

ATV-All Terrain Vehicle

B&E-Breaking & Entering

BECI-Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigations (Rangers)

BCI-Bureau of Criminal Investigations (NYSP)

BDU-Bomb Disposal Unit (NYSP)

BGH-Buffalo General Hospital

BLS-Basic Life Support

BMHA-Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority

BNIA-Buffalo Niagara International Airport

BOLO-Be On the Look Out

BP-Blood Pressure

Bus-Slang for ambulance

BWI-Boating While Intoxicated

CAMEO-Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations

CAP-Civil Air Patrol

CART-Child Abduction Response Team (Erie County)

CB-Citizens Band (radio)

CBP-Customs & Border Patrol

CBRNE-Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, & Explosive

CCTF-Career Criminal Task Force (FBI)

CCTV-Close Circuit Television

CD-Civil Defense

CDC-Centers for Disease Control

CDL-Commercial Drivers License

CDMS-Clinical Data Management System

CERT-Community Emergency Response Team

CFR-Certified First Responder

CFR-Crash Fire Rescue

CHF-Congestive Heart Failure

CI-Confidential Informant

CIB-Criminal Investigations Bureau

CID-Criminal Investigations Division (US Army)

CISD-Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

CIT-Crisis Intervention Team

CNG-Compressed Natural Gas

CO-Commanding Officer

CO-Corrections Officer

Cold-Cold Response (No lights or sirens)

COOP-Continuity of Operations Team (ECMEO)

CP-Command Post

CPL-Criminal Procedure Law (NYS)

CPR-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

CPS-Central Police Services

CPU-Community Policing Unit

CRU-Crime Resistance Unit

CS-Counter Spray

CSI-Crime Scene Investigator

CSU-Crime Scene Unit

CT(Warning)-Criminal Trespass Warning (WGSD)

CVA-Cerebral Vascular Accident (Stroke)

CVB-Crime Victims Board

DA-District Attorney

DARE-Drug Abuse Resistance & Education

DB-Detective Bureau

D-Control-Dog Control (Buffalo PD)

DCJS-Division of Criminal Justice Services (NY)

DEA-Drug Enforcement Agency

DEC-Department of Environmental Conservation

Defib-Defibrillator

DHS-Department of Homeland Security

Discon-Disorderly Conduct

DL-Drivers License

DMORT-Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team

DMV-Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV-Disabled Motor Vehicle

DNA-Deoxyribonucleic Acid (Used in police forensics)

DNR-Don Not Resuscitate

DOA-Dead on Arrival

DOB-Date of Birth

DOC-Department of Corrections

DOH-Department of Health

DOJ-Department of Justice

DOT-Department of Transportation

DP-Disaster Preparedness

DPW-Department of Public Works

DUI-Driving Under the Influence

DV-Disabled Vehicle

DV-Domestic Violence

DVIU-Domestic Violence Investigative Unit (NFPD)

DVU-Domestic Violence Unit

DWAI-Driving While Ability Impaired

DWI-Driving While Impaired

E-911-Enhanced 911

EAS-Emergency Alert System

ECC-Erie Community College

ECCF-Erie County Correctional Facility

EC-HMRT-Erie County HazMat Response Team

ECHC-Erie County Holding Center

ECMC-Erie County Medical Center

ECMEO-Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office

ECO-Environmental Conservation Officer

ECSO-Erie County Sheriff’s Office

ECWA-Erie County Water Authority

ED-Emergency Department

ETOH-(Intoxicated Person)

EKG-Electrocardiogram

EMO-Emergency Management Office

EMP-Electromagnetic Pulse

EMR-Emergency Medical Resident

EMS-Emergency Medical Service

EMT-Emergency Medical Technician

Encon-Environmental Conservation

EOC-Emergency Operations Center

EPA-Environmental Protection Agency

ER-Emergency Room

ERT-Emergency Response Team

ERV-Emergency Response Vehicle (ARC)

ETA-Estimated Time of Arrival

FAA-Federal Aviation Administration

FBI-Federal Bureau of Investigations

FD-Fire Department

FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency

FCC-Federal Communications Commission

FI-Fire Investigator

FLIR-Forward Looking Infrared (ECSO Air One Nite Vision)

FOS-Family Offense Squad

FPD-Fire Protection District

FPS-Federal Protective Service

FTA-Failure To Appear (to court)

FTO-Field Training Officer

FTO-Foreign Terrorist Organization (FBI)

FYI-For Your Information

GOA-Gone On Arrival

GPS-Global Positioning System

Griage-Greeting/Triage

GREAT-Gang Resistance Education And Training (NFPD)

GTA-Grand Theft Auto

GVI-Gates Vascular Institute

H1N1-Influenza 1

Ham-(Ham) Amateur radio

HAR-Highway Advisory Radio (NYSTA)

Haz Mat-Hazardous Materials

HCS-Health Commerce System

HELP Unit-Highway Emergency Local Patrol (NYSTA)

HEMS-Holland Emergency Medical Services

HOC-Health Operations Center

Hook-Tow truck

Hot-Hot Response (With lights & sirens)

HQ-Headquarters

HVE-Homegrown Violent Extremist (FBI)

IC-Incident Commander

ICS-Incident Command System

ICE-Immigration & Customs Enforcement

ICP-Incident Command Post

ID-Identification

IFR-Instrument Flight Rules (FAA)

ILS-Intermediate Life Support

ILS-Instrument Landing System (FAA)

IND-Improvised Nuclear Device

Info-Information

INS-Immigration & Naturalization Service

JAB-Juvenile Aid Bureau (NTPD)

Jaws-Jaws of Life

JTTF-Joint Terrorism Task Force (FBI)

Juvie-Juvenile

K-9-Police Canine Dog

KMH-Kenmore Mercy Hospital

Landline-Fixed telephone line

LEPC-Local Emergency Planning Committee

LES-Lake Effect Snow (NWS)

LLRT-Light Rail Rapid Transit

LoJack-Auto theft detection and location device

LOS-Length of Stay

LPG-Liquefied Propane Gas

LVAC-Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corp

MAC-Mercy Ambulatory Care Center

MCI-Mass Causality Incident

MCP-Mobile Command Post

MD-Medical Doctor

MDT-Mobile Data Terminal (Police car computers)

ME-Medical Examiner

MEDEVAC-Medical Evacuation

MERC-Medical Emergency Response Cache

MERS-Medical Emergency Radio System

MERT-Medical Emergency Response Team

MERT-Medical Examiner’s Response Team

Mirandize- Read a person their rights

MO-Method of Operation

MP-Military Police

MRC-Medical Reserve Corp

MRU-Mobile Response Unit

MRT-Mobile Response Team

MSDS-Material Safety Data Sheets (HazMat)

Mutual Aid-Assistance required from a neighboring department

MVA-Motor Vehicle Accident

NCIC-National Crime Information Center

NCSO-Niagara County Sheriff’s Office

Net Control-A HAM Radio dispatch center

NDMS-National Disaster Medical System

NEXRAD-Next Generation Radar (NWS)

NFAFB-Niagara Falls Air Force Base

NFPA-National Fire Protection Association

NFSAR-Niagara Frontier Search & Rescue

NFTA-Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

NID-Narcotics & Intelligence Division (NFPD)

NIMS-National Incident Management System

NITTEC-Niagara International Transportation Technology Coalition

NOAA-National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association

NORAD-North American Aerospace Defense Command

NRP-Niagara Regional Police (Canada)

NTSB-National Transportation Safety Board

NWR-NOAA Weather Radio

NWS-National Weather Service

NYS-New York State

NYSEG-New York State Electric & Gas

NYSOFPC-New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control

NYSOMH-New York State Office of Mental Health

NYSP-New York State Police

NYSTA-New York State Thruway Authority

OC-Oleoresin Capsicum (Chemical spray)

OD-Overdose

OIC-Officer In Charge

OPP-Ontario Provincial Police (Canada)

OOS-Out of Service

OSHA-Occupational Safety & Health Administration

OT-Overtime

PBA-Peace Bridge Authority

PBA-Police Benevolent Association

PC-Penal Code

PCR-Pre-Hospital Care Report

PD-Police Department

PDAA-Property Damage Auto Accident

PDO-Property Damage Only

PFD-Personal Flotation Device

PI-Personal Injury

PI-Private Investigator

PIAA-Personal Injury Auto Accident

PIO-Public Information Officer

Pit-A maneuver used to disable a car chase vehicle

PLS-Point Last Seen

PO-Police Officer

PO-Probation Officer

POD-Point of Dispensing

PPE-Personal Protective Equipment

PR-Police Report

PRT-Patient Refused Treatment

PS-Preliminary Signal (Buffalo FD)

PSAP-Public Safety Answering Point

PSD-Public Safety Dispatcher

PTSD-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PWC-Personal Watercraft

RAC-Roving Anti-Crime Unit (NFPD)

RACES-Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services

RCMP-Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Canada)

RDD-Radiological Dispersal Device

RMA-Rural Metro Ambulance

RO-Registered Owner

ROS-Released on own Recognizance

RSO-Registered Sex Offender

S&R-Search & Rescue

S&R-Suspensions & Revocations (NYSP)

SAFIS-Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NY)

SAR-Search And Rescue

SCBA-Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

SCUBA-Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus

SD-Sheriff’s Department

SEMO-State Emergency Management Office (NY)

Silver Alert-An alert for a missing elderly person

SIU-Scientific Investigation Unit

Slim Jim-Device used to unlock a locked vehicle

SMART Team-Specialize Medical Assistance Response Team

SNI-Seneca Nation of Indians

SNS-Strategic National Stockpile

SO-Security Officer

SO-Sheriff’s Officer

SOP-Standard Operating Procedure

SORT-Special Operations Response Team (NYSP)

SOS-Sex Offense Squad

SPCA-Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

SRO-School Resource Officer

STAR Team-Hamburg FD ATV Rescue Team

Still alarm-One Engine alone (Buffalo FD)

SUNY-State University of New York

SVU-Special Victims Unit

SWAT-Special Weapons & Tactics (team)

Tag-Vehicle license plate

Tagging/Tagger-Person who writes graffiti

Tail-Following a suspect

Taser-Electronic stun gun

TC-Traffic Collision

TMC-Traffic Management Center (NYSTA)

TSA-Transportation Security Administration

UB-University of Buffalo

UC-Undercover (police officer)

UHF-Ultra High Frequency

URT-Underwear Recovery Team

USBP-United States Border Patrol

USCG-United States Coast Guard

USS-United States Ship…..

UTL-Unable To Locate

UTM-Universal Transverse Mercator

UUMV-Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

UUV-Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

V&T-Vehicle & Traffic

VA-Veterans Administration (Hospital)

VFC-Volunteer Fire Company

VFD-Volunteer Fire Department

VFR-Visual Flight Rules (FAA)

VGN-Vice Gambling & Narcotics

VHF-Very High Frequency

VIN-Vehicle Identification Number

Vitals-Vital signs

VMS-Variable Message Signs (NYSTA)

VTL-Vehicle Traffic Law (NYS)

WAC-Women & Children’s (Hospital)

Washdown-Removing blood, chemicals, gas, etc from a roadway

WC-Watch Commander (Sheriff’s Dept. Supervisor)

WGSD-Walden Galleria Security Department

WMD-Weapons of Mass Destruction

WNY-Western New York

Worker- A fire that has to be “worked”-smoke/flames visible

Working Fire-A fire that has to be “worked”-smoke/flames visible

WREMS-Western Region Emergency Medical Service