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Police codes for scanner

Even if you're green in the scannerverse, you probably already use police codes in jest. The most obvious example is 10-4, which is simply used to signify acknowledgment. 10 codes are the most standardized class of police codes and, in turn, the most easily recognizable. Even if you're (temporarily) receiving a poor signal, you should be able to make sense of a 10 code through the static. Law enforcement officials use short code to streamline radio communication. Many industries use acronyms and initialisms to identify multi-syllabic terms. These police codes vary greatly depending on your state, county, or even precinct. In 2016, due to lack of standardization, the US Government recommended the use of everyday language to avoid confusion. You can look up your local police codes on this database. Watch our police codes video to learn more.

Phoenix Police Department Radio Codes			
10-Codes			
10-01	Receiving Poorly	103	Call at ext. _____
10-02	Receiving Well	106	Gas Detail
10-03	Stop Transmitting	210	Strong Armed Robbery
10-04	Acknowledgment	211	Armed Robbery
10-05	Relay info to _____	211A	Robbery-Alarm
10-06	Busy or With _____	211B	Robbery-Bank
10-07	Out of Service	211E	Organized Crime
10-08	In Service	211T	Money Bag TX'er
10-09	Repeat Traffic	213	Robber-Attempt
10-11	On Duty	236	Threats
10-12	Stand by	237D	Dangerous Drugs
10-17	Enroute to _____	237G	Glue Sniffing
10-20	Location	237M	Marijuana
10-21	Telephone (Call)	237N	Narcotics
10-22	Cancel, Disregard	237P	Prescription Drug Vio.
10-23	Arrived at Assign.	238	Fight
10-25	Report to _____	240	Assault
10-27	License Check	240E	Reckless
10-28	Registration Check	_____	Endangerment
10-29	Warrant Check	245	Assault - ADW
10-31	Pick up Paper(s)	248	Sniper Report
10-33	Emergency Traffic	248C	Sniper Confirmed
10-34	Time request	250	Stalking
10-40	Unavailable	251	Harassment
10-42	In Custody	260	Sexual Abuse
10-43	No traffic for you	260J	Sex Abuse - Juvl.
10-46	Check for Traffic	261	Sexual Assault
10-48	Officer At Home	261B	Beggar, Auditory
10-49	Confidential Info	262	Sex Offender Vio.
10-50	Change to CH _____	300	Gambling
10-51	Felony Warrant	301	Prostitution
10-52	Misdemeanor Warrant	301A	Soliciting Prostitution
10-57	Dangerous Subject	310	Molesting
10-60	Search Female	311	Indecent Exposure
10-68	Court Assignment	311A	Public Urinating
10-70	PR Contact	312	Child Neglect
10-71	At the Range	312A	Child Abuse
10-73	Transfer Equip.	312C	Contributing To
10-74	Equipment Repair	_____	Delinquency
10-76	Tell Owner of recovered Vehicle	314	Custody Dispute
10-77	Notify parents of juvenile detention	315	Forgery
10-79	Emergency Message	316	Bogus Check
10-80	Wired Down	317	Soliciting
10-86	Water on Street	318	Theft By Fraud
10-87	Water Main Break	319	Loss Report
10-88	Broken Sidewalk	390	Drunk
10-89	Holes in Street	390A	Alc. Rehab Center
10-90	Traffic Signals Out	390D	Drunk Driver
10-91	Motorist Assist	390L	Liquor Violation
10-92	Wagon Requested	415A	Disturbing Calls
Code Numbers			
Code 2	No Lights / Siren	415C	Curtfew Violation
Code 3	Light / Siren	415E	Noise Disturbance
Code 4	Need no Further Assistance	415F	Disturbance - Domestic
Code 5	Stake Out	415G	Shots Fired
Code 6	Traffic Stop	415H	Animal Disturbance
Code 7	Meal Break	415I	Incapable Juvl.
101	Female in Unit	415J	Disturbing - Juvl.
102	Female out	415L	Littering
		415O	Obstructing Walkway
		415R	Party Call (2ND)
		415T	Tuancy
		415W	Misuse of Weapon
		417	Subject Threatening
		417B	Barricaded Subject
		417G	Subject w/ Gun
		417K	Subject w/ Knife
		418	Civil Standby
		418A	Landlord / Tenant
		418B	Dispute - Neighbor
		418D	Illegal Dumping
		418S	Unwanted Guest
		418T	Trespassing
		451	Homicide
		459	Burglary
		459A	Burglary - Alarm
		459F	Burglary From Vehicle
		487	Theft
		487A	Purse Snatching
		487B	Theft - Shoplifting
		487F	Theft From Vehicle
		487I	Stolen Bike
		487J	Stolen Property
		487L	Locate Only
		487M	Bait Car Stolen
		487P	Police Car Stolen
		487V	Theft - Vehicle
		488	Recovered
		491	Kidnapping
		491A	Custodial Interfer
		491B	Kidnapping w/ Sex
		491C	Access Interfer
		501	False Reporting
		502	Obstruct Justice
		503	City Ordinance
		503G	Graffiti
		508	Traffic Control
		510	Reckless Driving
		510F	Felony Fight
		585	Traffic Hazard
		586	Illegal Parking
		601	Missing Person
		601J	Missing Juvenile
		601F	Found Person
		647	Suspicious Person
		647V	Suspicious Vehicle
		651	Animal(s) Loose
		651A	Animal(s) Injures
		707	Bomb Threat
		711	Intensive Patrol
		900	Welfare Check
		900B	Open Door
		900M	Mobile Welfare Check (Typically OnStar)
		901	Injured Person
		901C	Stabbing, Cutting
		901G	Shooting
		901H	Dead Body
		901K	Ambulance
		901Q	Overdose Victim
		901U	Suicide
		901X	Suicide Attempt
		906	Officer Assist
		907	Back Up _____
		912	Hospital Follow Up
		914	Fire Follow Up
		915	Anson
		915B	Fire Bomb
		915H	HazMat
		915I	Illegal Burning
		917	Abandoned Car
		918	Mentally Ill Person
		921	Prowler seen
		921P	Pressing Tonn
		926	Wrecker Request
		926N	Vehicle Seizure
		927	Unknown Trouble
		928	Found Property
		928E	Found Explosives
		928I	Found Bicycle
		928N	Found Narcotics
		960	PD Aircraft Down
		961	Accident (No Inj)
		962	Accident (Injuries)
		963	Accident (Fatal)
		964H	Hit & Run Accident
		964	Complaint
		964T	Translator Needed
		965	Need Breathalyzer
		966	Crime Lab Print Spc.
		998	Officer Inv. Shooting
		999	Officer Needs Help
		###J	Just Occurred
		###R	Reported
		###S	Supplement
Disposition Codes			
1	Arrest	2	Contact Made, No Crime
3	No Contact, No Crime	4	Civil Matter
5	Detail Complete	6	Report Taken
7	Field Interview Card Completed (or False Alarm if Alarm Call	8	Vehicle accident Report
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Ten-codes, also known as 10-codes or ten signals, are code words used by many police officers to aid with voice communication. The codes were originally developed in 1937 to allow for brevity, clarity, and standardization of messages transmitted over radio channels. On old radio systems, channels were limited so messages needed to be short. Also, the first syllable of speech was often not transmitted, so the syllable "ten" was prefixed to all numeric codes to ensure that the important information would be received.Despite their usefulness, the exact meaning of ten-codes often varies between jurisdictions and locations. In addition to law enforcement, ten-codes are frequently used on Citizens' Band (CB) radio.



In addition to law enforcement, ten-codes are frequently used on Citizens' Band (CB) radio. One of the most frequently used ten-codes, 10-4, has become popular enough to sometimes be used in every-day language. Code Description 10-00 Officer down, all patrols respond 10-0 Use caution 10-1 You are being received poorly / Cannot copy 10-2 You are being received clearly / Signal is strong 10-3 Stop transmitting 10-4 Affirmative / Understood / Message received 10-5 Relay message to [person] 10-6 Busy / Out at call 10-7 Out of service (completely) 10-7b Out of service (personal) 10-7c Out of service (court) 10-7d Out of service (off duty) 10-8 In service 10-8ot In service (over time) 10-9 Repeat last message 10-10 Negative / Fight in progress 10-11 Identify frequency / Dispatching too fast 10-12 Standby / Visitor(s) present 10-13 Advise weather and road conditions 10-14 Convoy or escort detail / Suspicious person 10-15 Prisoner in custody / Message delivered 10-15m Prisoner in custody (mental case) 10-16 Pick up prisoner / Reply to message 10-17 Pick up papers / En route 10-18 Urgent / Complete present assignment ASAP 10-19 Return to station or location 10-20 Your location 10-21 Call by telephone 10-21a Advise home I will return at [ETA] 10-21b Call your home 10-22 Disregard / Cancel last message 10-23 Arrived at scene / Stand by until channel clears 10-24 Emergency backup / Emergency at station 10-25 Report to [person] / Do you have contact with [person] 10-26 Detaining suspect / Check auto registration 10-27 Request drivers license check 10-28 Check registration on vehicle 10-29 Request arrests/warrants check 10-29a Check wants, subject [PIN] 10-29c Check complete, subject [NCIC] 10-29f Subject wanted, felony 10-29h Hazard potential from subject 10-29m Subject wanted, misdemeanor 10-29r Check wants and record, subject [PIN, CJIC] 10-29v Vehicle wanted 10-30 Does not conform to rules or regulations 10-31 Crime in progress / in pursuit 10-32 Person with gun 10-33 Emergency, all units stand by 10-34 Open door or window / Riot 10-35 Confidential information or open window 10-36 Provide current time of day 10-37 Identify yourself / suspicious vehicle 10-38 Traffic stop 10-39 Run with lights and siren 10-40 Run silent (no lights or siren) 10-41 Begin duty 10-42 End duty 10-43 Information 10-44 Permission to leave patrol 10-45 Condition of patient 10-45a Condition of patient - Good 10-45b Condition of patient - Serious 10-45c Condition of patient - Critical 10-45d Condition of patient - Dead 10-46 Motorist assist 10-47 Emergency road repair 10-48 Traffic control 10-49 Traffic light out 10-50 Officer welfare check / under influence of drugs 10-51 Tow truck needed / under influence of alcohol 10-52 Ambulance needed 10-53 Road blocked / Man down 10-54 Possible fatality 10-54d Possible dead body 10-55 Intoxicated driver 10-55d Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56a Intoxicated driver 10-56b Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56c Intoxicated driver 10-56d Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56e Intoxicated driver 10-56f Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56g Intoxicated driver 10-56h Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56i Intoxicated driver 10-56j Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56k Intoxicated driver 10-56l Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56m Intoxicated driver 10-56n Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56o Intoxicated driver 10-56p Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56q Intoxicated driver 10-56r Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56s Intoxicated driver 10-56t Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56u Intoxicated driver 10-56v Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56w Intoxicated driver 10-56x Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-56y Intoxicated driver 10-56z Intoxicated pedestrian / Suicide 10-57 Hit and run accident / Missing person 10-58 Direct Traffic 10-59 Escort or convoy / Security check 10-60 Squad in vicinity 10-61 Personnel in vicinity / Not wanted 10-62 Subject possibly wanted 10-63 Subject positive / Prepare to copy 10-64 Subject wanted / Found property 10-65 Net message assignment 10-66 Check officer's well-being 10-67 Clear for next message 10-68 Dispatch message 10-69 Clear to copy transmission? 10-70 Fire alarm / Prowler 10-71 Advise nature of fire / Shooting 10-72 Report progress of fire / Gun involved / D.O.A. 10-73 How do you copy / Smoke report 10-74 Negative / Theft 10-75 Severe weather statement 10-76 En route to location 10-77 Estimated Time of Arrival 10-78 Need assistance / Send ambulance 10-79 Notify coroner / Bomb threat 10-80 Pursuit in progress 10-80a Assist radio dispatcher 10-81 Traffic stop initiated / Breathalyzer request 10-82 Reserve lodging 10-83 Work/school crossing detail 10-84 Advise ETA 10-85 Arrival delay due to [cause] 10-86 Officer on-duty 10-87 Give call letters of your station 10-88 Advise phone number of officer 10-89 Bomb threat 10-90 Alarm going off / Bank alarm 10-91 Pick up subject / Prepare for inspection / Animal 10-91a Animal - stray 10-91b Animal - noisy 10-91c Animal - injured 10-91d Animal - dead 10-91e Animal - bite 10-91g Animal - pickup 10-91j Animal - pickup collect 10-91l Animal - leash law violation 10-91v Animal - vicious 10-92 Subject in custody / Parking violation 10-93 Blockage 10-94 Street racing 10-95 Officer's residence 10-96 Mental patient / Detain suspect 10-97 Arrived at scene / Record information 10-98 Assignment complete / Prison break 10-99 Cardiac arrest / Officer held hostage 10-100 Misdemeanor warrant / Out using restroom 10-101 Ending security check 10-102 Cruelty to animals 10-103 Disturbance 10-103f Disturbance by fight 10-103m Disturbance by mental person 10-106 Obscenity 10-107 Suspicious person 10-108 Officer down / Officer in danger 10-109 Suicide 10-110 Juvenile disturbance 10-112 Impersonating an officer 10-200 Narcotics, drugs involved 10-1000 Felony warrant / Dead person 10-2000 Police required immediately Skip to content