

# Police Terminology

Understanding the terms used by officers, other operators, and citizens is an important part of properly assessing and dispatching calls for service. Some of these terms can be considered jargon or slang. Following is a list of common terms found on the job:

3511	A vehicle that has been impounded for a mandatory 30 days
A.P.S.	Arizona Public Service
A.S.A.P.	As soon as possible
A.T.F.	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
BAILED OUT	Subject jumped out of car and ran
BYFRND	Boyfriend
BEER RUN	Shoplifting beer
BONDOUT	Prisoner who is going to post bail and be released
BEEN MADE/BURNED	Undercover officer's ID is known
BHND	Behind
BIKE	Motorcycle
BIKERS	Motorcycle riders
BOOKING	Booking prisoner into jail



EQUIPMENT	Police vehicle
E.R.	Emergency Room
E.T.A.	Estimated time of arrival
F.A.A.	Federal Aviation Administration
F.B.I.	Federal Bureau of Investigation
F.I.	Field Interrogation (Form 36 card)
FILE STOP	Notation put in police record; File Stops are confirmed by R&I Bureau
FLIR	Device used by aircraft to check for heat sources
F.O.J.	From other jurisdiction
FRONT DESK	Information Desk at main station
FUGITIVE	A wanted person
GAS WASH/WASHDOWN	Fire Department needed to wash gas down
G.C.I. /B.A.	Test used to determine blood alcohol content
G.I.B.	General Investigations Bureau

GOT THE EYE	In view (on a code 5)
GRN	Green
HOND	Honda
HIT	Subject or item wanted
H.G.N.	Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (a test for detecting drug / alcohol use)
HOBBLES	Nylon rope used for legs and hand restraint
HOOK	Wrecker
HSE	House
ICE, CRYSTAL	Smokeable methamphetamine
J.C.C.	Juvenile Corrections Center
J.P.	Justice of the Peace
JUMPED ON	Assaulted
JUMPER	Person attempting suicide by jumping
LADDER	Fire Department ladder truck
MARQUIS	Test for narcotics

M.D.C.	Mobile Digital Computer (Police car computer)
MEDICS	Paramedics
MERZ	Mercedes Benz
MHP	Mobile Home Park
MOTOR	Solo motor unit
NUMBER 1 SITUATION	Probable cause for arrest
NUMBER 9's	Citations
OD	Overdose
ONE FROM LIST	Contract wrecker (926)
ONE ON ONE	Suspect / witness I.D.
ONE ROLL	Fingerprints
O.V.	On view, officer just witnessed an incident
PAGE 2	Additional charges filed on a subject already in custody
P.C.	Probable cause
PLE	Purple

P.O.	Probation officer
RESTRAINTS	Leather straps used to restrain prisoners
RINGER	Audible alarm
ROLLOVER	Accident involving overturned vehicle
R.P.	Responsible party
S/E/C	Southeast corner
SEIZURE	Impound a vehicle; subject having convulsions
SGT	Sergeant
SILENT	Silent alarm
SLIM JIM	Device used to open locked vehicle
SMASH & GRAB	Broke out window, grabbed items and ran
S.O./M.C.S.O.	Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
S.R.P.	Salt River Project
STRIPPED	Vehicle stripped
TECH	Radio or computer technician

THIRTY-SIX                      Field interrogation (or form 36)

THREE WHEELER                Police 3-wheeled motorcycle

TILL TAP                         Grab money from register

DISPATCH AN ANIMAL        To shoot an animal

TRAFFIC BOX KEY              Key used to open traffic signal control box

XHUSB                          Ex-husband

WAGON/WAGON                Police paddy wagon