

## **50 FIRE SERVICE ACRONYMS FOR PROBIES**

If you're new to the fire service, or even just contemplating a career in the greatest job in the world, you might not realize just how much firefighters love acronyms. Here are some of the most common fire service acronyms. Hopefully you're already familiar with a few!

1. **AAR:** After-action review
2. **AFFF:** Aqueous film forming foam
3. **ALS:** Advanced life support
4. **ASE:** Active shooter event
5. **BC:** Battalion chief
6. **BLEVE:** Boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion
7. **BLS:** Basic life support
8. **CAD:** Computer aided dispatch
9. **CAFS:** Compressed air foam system
10. **CAN:** Conditions-Actions-Needs
11. **CBRNE:** Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, high-yield explosives
12. **COAL WAS WEALTH:** Construction, occupancy, area, life hazard – water, auxiliary systems, street conditions – weather, exposures, apparatus and personnel, location, time, hazards
13. **DCD:** Descent-control device
14. **EMS:** Emergency medical services
15. **FAST:** Firefighter assist and search team
16. **FDNY:** Fire Department City of New York
17. **FEMA:** Federal Emergency Management Agency
18. **GPS:** Global positioning system
19. **HOT:** Hands-on Training
20. **IAFC:** International Association of Fire Chiefs
21. **IAP:** Incident action plan
22. **ICS:** Incident Command System
23. **IDLH:** Immediately dangerous to life and health
24. **IMT:** Incident management team
25. **LCES:** Lookouts, communications, escape routes, safety zones

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26. **LDH:** Large-diameter hose
27. **LODD:** Line-of-duty death
28. **LUNAR:** Location, unit number, name, assignment (or air supply status), resources needed
29. **MCI:** Mass-casualty incident
30. **MIH:** Mobile integrated healthcare
31. **MVC:** Motor vehicle collision/crash
32. **NFPA:** National Fire Protection Association
33. **NIMS:** National Incident Management System
34. **NIOSH:** National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
35. **PAR:** Personnel accountability report
36. **PASS:** Personal alert safety system
37. **PPA:** Positive pressure attack
38. **PPE:** Personal protective equipment
39. **PPV:** Positive pressure ventilation
40. **PTSD:** Post-traumatic stress disorder
41. **RECEO-VS:** Rescue, exposures, containment, extinguish, overhaul – ventilation, salvage
42. **RIC/RIT/RAT:** Rapid-intervention crew; rapid-intervention team; rapid-assessment team
43. **SAR:** Search and rescue
44. **SCBA:** Self-contained breathing apparatus
45. **SOP/SOG:** Standard operating procedures; standard operating guidelines
46. **TIC:** Thermal imaging camera
47. **UAS/UAV:** Unmanned aircraft systems; unmanned aerial vehicle (drone)
48. **USAR/US&R:** Urban Search and Rescue; Urban Search & Rescue
49. **VES/VEIS:** Vent-enter-search; vent-enter-isolate-search
50. **WUI:** Wildland-urban interface