

Fire Chiefs Association

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS SECTION

Santa Cruz County

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FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS	TITLE: Bridge Load Limit Signs	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard is to provide minimum specifications for signs to be posted at the approach to private bridges within the County of Santa Cruz. When a bridge is required to be used as part of a fire apparatus access road, it shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with nationally recognized standards. Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges.

SCOPE

Bridge load limit signs shall be provided for all new and existing bridges located within the County of Santa Cruz.

REQUIREMENTS

Sign specifications are as follow:

- 1. Signs shall be posted at both entrances to all private bridges.
- 2. Signs shall be a minimum of 18" x 24", 18 gauge steel sign white in color with black lettering.
- 3. Letters shall be a minimum of 3-1/2 inches in height with 3/8 inch stroke.
- 4. When bridge entrances are not lit, a reflective sign may be required
- 5. The bridge weight limit, as determined by a State of California Registered Civil or Structural Engineer, shall appear above the words "TONS".
- 6. The sign will state:

LOAD LIMIT 25 TONS

(example)