

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
*TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION*

MEMORANDUM

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT:</b> Signing		<b>NUMBER:</b> TE-252
<b>SPECIFIC SUBJECT:</b> Dry Fire Hydrants		<b>DATE:</b> August 31, 1994
<b>DIRECTED TO:</b> District Administrators		<b>SUPERSEDES:</b>
		<b>SIGNATURE:</b> <i>J. L. Butner</i>

The Department has decided to authorize requests by local fire departments for signing of "DRY FIRE HYDRANTS" on state right of way to better delineate such emergency facilities. Dry fire hydrants are defined as dry non-pressurized fire hydrants located at water sites for drafting of water by fire department equipment. Signing shall be limited to the actual dry fire hydrant location; directional signs to these locations will not be permitted. All work and expenses associated with the fabrication, installation and maintenance of these signs shall be the responsibility of the local fire department. If maintenance is not adequately provided by the fire department, the Department will remove or request that such signs be removed. Any work accomplished within the state right of way shall require the acquisition of all necessary Departmental permits.

Dry fire hydrants sign shall be a maximum size of 24" x 36", shall utilize a blue or red field on a white background and shall be fabricated from encapsulated lens sheeting.

It shall be the fire departments responsibility to ensure compliance with the Outdoor Advertising Laws and Regulations if directional signs are placed on private property.

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