

Police Phonetic Alphabet

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The NATO/ICAO phonetic alphabet used by police, aviation, and military radio worldwide — the one part of police radio that doesn't vary by department. Alfa is spelled with an "f" and Juliett has two t's — both are correct, not typos (see notes below).

THE PHONETIC ALPHABET (A–Z)

A	Alfa	<i>AL-fah</i>	N	November	<i>no-VEM-ber</i>
B	Bravo	<i>BRAH-voh</i>	O	Oscar	<i>OSS-cah</i>
C	Charlie	<i>CHAR-lee</i>	P	Papa	<i>pah-PAH</i>
D	Delta	<i>DELL-tah</i>	Q	Quebec	<i>keh-BECK</i>
E	Echo	<i>ECK-oh</i>	R	Romeo	<i>ROW-me-oh</i>
F	Foxtrot	<i>FOKS-trot</i>	S	Sierra	<i>see-AIR-rah</i>
G	Golf	<i>GOLF</i>	T	Tango	<i>TANG-go</i>
H	Hotel	<i>hoh-TELL</i>	U	Uniform	<i>YOU-nee-form</i>
I	India	<i>IN-dee-ah</i>	V	Victor	<i>VIK-tah</i>
J	Juliett	<i>JEW-lee-ett</i>	W	Whiskey	<i>WISS-key</i>
K	Kilo	<i>KEY-loh</i>	X	X-ray	<i>ECKS-ray</i>
L	Lima	<i>LEE-mah</i>	Y	Yankee	<i>YANG-key</i>
M	Mike	<i>MIKE</i>	Z	Zulu	<i>ZOO-loo</i>

NUMBER CALLOUTS (AVIATION-STYLE)

0 Zero **1** Wun **2** Too **3** Tree **4** Fower **5** Fife **6** Six **7** Seven **8** Ait **9** Niner

OLDER ALPHABET (STILL USED IN SOME CALL SIGNS, e.g. LAPD)

A Adam	B Boy	C Charles	D David	E Edward	F Frank	G George
H Henry	I Ida	J John	K King	L Lincoln	M Mary	N Nora
O Ocean	P Paul	Q Queen	R Robert	S Sam	T Tom	U Union
V Victor	W William	X X-ray	Y Young	Z Zebra		

Alfa (not "Alpha") and **Juliett** (not "Juliet") are the official ICAO spellings, chosen so non-English speakers pronounce them correctly — the "f" avoids a "ph" being read as a "p" sound, and the extra "t" keeps French speakers from silencing the final consonant. Number pronunciations (tree, fife, niner) are the full aviation standard; many police agencies use them only partially, most often keeping "niner" to avoid confusion with "five."

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