

FP2 - TIP 'O THE WEEK #102

TRUCK CHARTS



Using the Truck Charts

Many departments using the inventory and incidents module are not using the truck chart window, or are typing the unit information into the truck chart window manually each time (which can lead to inconsistencies and added effort).

There is an easier way that can save you time and keystrokes!

To show the trucks that you have in inventory as part of a drop down list on the truck chart window, rather than entering them manually each time, be sure that the "Show Truckchart Unit List as Drop List" box is checked in:

Set up → Custom Settings → Incidents → General

You can also choose whether or not to copy the times from the incident window to:

- all lines of the truck chart window (this is the default)
- to the first line of the truck chart only
- or to none of the lines of the truck chart.

The screenshot shows the 'Custom Settings' dialog box with the 'Incidents' tab selected. The 'General' sub-tab is active. The following settings are visible:

- Control Access to Incident Reports
 - Only Creator can Edit
- Minimum Invoice Charge: 350.00 Always Use
- Station:
 - Automatic
 - Manual
 - Mandatory
- Show Reviewed Status
- Reminder to print multiple copies
- Don't check Working Call
- Include Signature Line on Fire Report
- Use Alarm Time for Firefighter Time Out
- Use Depart Station for Firefighter Time Out
- Warn for total time greater than 120 minutes
- Check for 10 firefighters in 10 minutes
- Hide Station on printed Report
- Hide Officer Rank
- Override Injuries and Fatalites
- Default Today's Date
- Show TruckChart Unit List as Drop List
- Truck Chart:
 - Copy all lines
 - 1st line only
 - None

On the inventory window, ensure that the "Apparatus" box is checked for the trucks that should appear on the truck chart window.

Inventory Entry

Category: TRUCKS

Sub-Category: TRUCKS

Location: TRUCK BAY

Station: Station 1

Code: PUMPER 3

Symposium Unit Name

Serial #: 58765DFGH

Quantity: 1

Purchased:

Cost: 0.00

Invoice Costs

1st hr Cost:	400.00
1/2hr Cost 1st 4 hrs:	190.00
1/2hr cost after 4 hrs:	120.00

Service Schedule

Type	Last Serviced	Schedule	Service Due
oil change	JAN 16 07	every 9 weeks	MAR 20 07
maintenance	MAY 5 07	every 6 months	NOV 5 07

Monitor Driving Set Reminder if > 90 Days

Description: Specifications:

Apparatus
 Link to Incidents
 Retired

Gas Mileage

Find by Category
Find by Location
Next Previous
Add Edit Dup
Add + Print
Service Records
Defects Assigned
Picture Links 0
Cancel OK

If you don't have the inventory module, you can still use a drop down list for the trucks. To populate the list, go to:
Maintenance → Edit Pop Up Lists → Other Incident Lists → Truck Chart Units

Now you are all set!

Clicking on the Truck Charts button on the Incidents window will open the following window in which each vehicle for an incident may be entered. Click "Edit" and select the truck from the drop down list (the drop down list will only show in Edit mode). Tab through the fields to bring forward the times as entered on the main incident window and to go to a new line for a new vehicle.

Units & times for Incident 02-013

Unit	# FF	Alarm Time	Depart Station	Turn Back	Time On Scene	To Hospital	Clear of Scene	Return to Station	Back in Service
PUMPER 3		09:29:00	09:30:00	09:30:00	09:35:00		11:59:00	12:05:00	12:05:00

Edit Print Cancel OK

There is a further advantage to using the truck chart regarding invoicing that we will discuss next week!



Quote of the week:

"I look just like the girls next door... if you happen to live next door to an amusement park." *Dolly Parton*