A Battalion Chief commands a number of fire stations in a specific geographic area. They operate a command vehicle. Command vehicles are large SUV-type vehicles carrying the equipment and tools needed to command emergency incidents of various sizes and types.

In the driver's area, there is an assortment of radio and telephone equipment for communication with the dispatch center, responding equipment and equipment already on the scene of the emergency. In the rear of the command vehicle, there is a work area containing additional communication equipment, a computer, fax machine and various maps and reference materials.

**Staffing:** Normally a Battalion Chief operates the vehicle alone. At major incidents, or for out-of-county assignments, a driver may be assigned to assist the Battalion Chief.

**Radio designation:**
Battalion + battalion number. i.e.: Battalion 1.