

Chicago Area Taxi Cabs

The Taxicab business in the Chicago metropolitan area has always been a competitive and lucrative pursuit. Most conventional radio systems servicing the companies are configured not as repeaters but as split frequency or “duplex” operations. This, in theory, enables drivers to “bid” on pending orders based on their location (who is closest) without hearing each other. Congested base frequencies, combined with high power mobiles in the field also add to interesting listening.

By nature of their work cab drivers are almost constantly roaming the streets of Chicagoland and often serving the general public, usually more often than police or fire services. As a result, they are the frequent first reporters of traffic related incidents or other crimes and incidents in progress. Constant corporate acquisitions make for frequently reconfigured system licensing. Newer technologies like automated dispatchers and mobile data terminals are also in use.

Some cab drivers have installed scanners to monitor the company mobile channels in order to better compete with other drivers.

Base	Mobile	Tone	Operation
035.1800	Simplex	186.2	Niles Flash Cab Association F1
035.8800	Simplex	118.8	Niles Flash Cab Association F2
035.9200	Simplex	186.2	Niles Flash Cab Association F3
151.6850	Simplex	103.5	American 303 Cab Assoc F5 103.5T/127.3R
151.6850		88.5	Howard's Cab Company Calumet City
151.8350	Simplex	199.5	Syls Livery (111 th & Cicero)
151.7750		192.8	Best Taxi F2
151.7900	160.1550	Data	303 Taxi
151.8050	Simplex	79.7	American 303 Cab Assoc F6
151.8950	Simplex	103.5	303 Cab Lake Zurich F4
151.9700	160.0500	151.4	AAA Universal Taxi Lombard
152.0700	158.5300	Data	American United Taxi
152.2700	157.5300	146.2	Aurora Checker & Yellow Cab past use
152.2700	157.5300	156.7	Elgin Yellow & Checker Cab
152.2700	157.5300	167.9	AAA Cab Lake Zurich aka Alan Cab
152.2700	157.5300	192.8	Best Taxi
152.2850	157.6800	127.3	American Taxi Rolling Meadows F3 South
152.3000	157.5600	000.0	Yellow Cab, Waukegan
152.3000	157.5600	118.8	American United Taxi dispatch
152.3000	157.5600	141.3	North Chicago Checker I-Ride Cab
152.3000	157.5600	91.5	Community Cab Des Plaines
152.3150	157.5750	127.3	American 303 Cab Glenview F1 East auto dispatch
152.3300		100.0	Unk gypsy cab company on Chicago south side prior report
152.3300	157.5900	114.8	Norshore Cab Evanston prior use
152.3300	157.5900	179.9	Bellwood Cab Melrose Park past use
152.3300		88.5	Unk Taxi dispatch
152.3450	157.6050	127.3	Yellow Taxi Waukegan
152.3600	157.6200	Data	303 Taxi
152.3600	157.6200	127.3	American Taxi Round Lake F4
152.3600	157.6200	156.7	North Suburban Yellow Cab Glenview
152.3900	157.6500		Karim / Lake Co Transportation Chgo Taxi

152.4050	157.6650	162.2	Waukegan-Zion-Benton Cab ABC Metro Cab
152.4200	157.6800?	127.3	American 303 Cab F2 Rolling Meadows auto dispatch
152.4350	157.6950	103.5	303 Cab Lake Zurich F1
152.4500	157.7100	114.8	Former Black & White Cab
152.4500	157.7100	146.2	O G Cab Lyons
152.4500	157.7100	162.2	Gladstone Cab Elmwood Park
152.6675	157.9275	Data	Chicago Carriage
152.8125	157.9125	Data	Chicago Carriage
152.8025	158.0625	Data	303 Taxi
152.8850	159.7605		Best Cab Evanston
153.0750			AA Regional Cab (Southern Cook suburbs)
153.1550	160.1700	Data	Chicago Carriage
153.2450	150.8600	Data	Chicago Carriage
153.3650	159.8550	151.4	Norshore Cab Evanston package delivery past use
153.4400		127.3	American 303 Cab Rolling Meadows automated dispatch
153.5450	159.9300	151.4	AAA Universal Taxi Lombard F1
153.5450	159.9300	151.4	Universal Taxi Lombard
157.5450		127.3	American 303 Taxi Rolling Meadows former use
157.6650		000.0	King Drive Cab
159.5100	159.5450	103.5	American 303 Cab Assoc F3 past use
159.5100	159.5700	127.3	AAA Yellow Taxi Mundelein aka Metro Taxi Gurnee
159.5400	159.5400	103.5	303 Taxi
159.6150	151.8350	167.9	Fred Richardson Taxi (?) Chicago
159.6900	160.0200	Data	303 Taxi
159.7050	160.1400	Data	303 Taxi
159.7050		225.7	American 303 Cab Association mobile data terminals
159.8850		107.2	Unk Spanish n/w burbs possible cabs
159.9750	160.1100	Data	303 Taxi
159.9750	160.1100	225.7	American 303 Cab Assoc F2 Data
160.0950			Chicago Midway Shuttle Bus Delaware Limousines
160.1550	simplex	Data	American 303 Cab Assoc F7
451.4500	456.4500	D365	O'Hare standard parking repeater - cab spotters
451.6250		107.2	Yellow Cab (Chicago)
451.8750		110.9	Unk taxi co. ops. - Indian / Pakistani? CW id
452.1000		225.7	Checker Taxi Chicago mobile data
452.1500	457.1500		Yellow Cab voice F1
452.2250		225.7	Checker Taxi Chicago mobile data
452.2750	457.2750	Data	Checker Cab F4
452.3500		225.7	Checker Taxi Chicago mobile data
452.3625		Data	Taxi Data
452.4500		123.0	Gladstone Cab dispatched by Express Cab
452.5000		127.3	A1 Cab (Elgin) - voice inversion scrambling
452.7250		79.7	Top / Diamond Cabs
454.5750	459.5750	CSQ	Metro Yellow Cab Data 1
461.0500		D043	Taxis Downtown
461.5250		173.8	Unk taxi ops. - possibly Horizon Cab ? (Rosemont)
461.5750		203.5	General Taxi (Chicago?) - taxis
461.5750		67.0	General Taxi (Chicago?) - base
461.5750	466.5750	79.7	Globe Taxi (mobiles use 225.7)
461.7000		192.8	Taxis?
461.7000		82.5	Taxis DTMF ID's
461.9000		118.8	Maywood Cab Company (Maywood)
462.0000		192.8	Oak Lawn-area taxi ops poss. Garden Cab?
462.0750		131.8	Gypsy taxis ops. west side
462.0875	467.0875	CSQ	Metro Yellow Cab Data 2
462.1000		186.2	City Suburban Taxi (LaGrange)

462.1000		D546	West Suburban Taxi (Maywood)
462.1250		100.0	dial-a-ride? taxi? medicar? Joliet / Lockport area
462.1375		110.9	Taxi ops?
462.2750		192.8	Sun Taxi
462.3000			Cabs
462.3250			Cabs
462.4000		173.8	Taxi or Livery Service pickups day and night
462.6250		203.5	24-7 Cab Company chit chat
462.6750		D074	unknown taxi company LaGrange area (10/04)
463.2250			Cabs
463.2250		D712	O'Hare Standard Parking F1 & Cab Spotters
463.2500	468.2500	CSQ	Metro Yellow Cab Data 5
463.2750		123.0	Peoples Cab (Maywood)
463.3250		123.0	Checker Taxi (Chicago) - base
463.3750	Simplex	110.9	Blue Ribbon Taxi Base (Mob PL 192.8)
463.4000		151.4	O'Hare Wisconsin Limo Busses
463.4250	468.4250	123.0	Metro Yellow Cab Voice 3
463.6500	Simplex	D023	Red Cab
463.6750		123.0	unknown taxi base
463.9500		162.2	Cleaners? Taxi/Limo?
464.0250		192.8	City Service Taxi
464.2500		D431	Taxis or Limos
464.3000		LTR	users include unk Joliet-area taxi company
464.3500		173.8	Limo or Taxi
464.5000	469.6000	123.0	Metro Yellow Cab Voice 4
464.6000		Data	Taxi Affiliation, Lake Villa
464.6500		77.0	Hansom cabs (horse & carriages) - downtown
464.7500		131.8	O'Hare CW Limo operations
464.9500		D331	Express Cab
467.8125		D023	Chicago Carriage 1
467.9250		D351	Chicago Carriage 2
851.1625		136.5	O'Hare-Midway Limo Service
853.4625		173.8	O'Hare-Midway Limo Service
853.5875		156.7	O'Hare West Suburban Limo Service
855.0125		173.8	O'Hare-Midway Limo Service
935.1500			HM Limo
935.7375			Pacella
935.7500			Amms Limo Service (Glenview)
936.7500		131.8	A1 Cab of Elgin