LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

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Request:

This goes a bit off the typical intention of a FOI request, but I am curious if there is any documentation regarding the various tabards firefighters would wear at incidents, such as the ones worn by Incident Commanders, Fire Investigators, etc. I'd be interested in knowing what the extent of roles in LFB is and how many different roles can be taken at an incident.

Response:

Thank you for your request for information received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In relation to the identification surcoats (tabards) worn by personnel at incidents and the roles associated with them, this information has previously been released in response to FOI2025/00151. That response is available via the Brigade's disclosure log at the following link: https://london-fire.disclosurelog.co.uk/disclosures/ac988259-29c5-4556-87e4-c528b0e2e53c

In relation to the full range of roles that can be taken at an incident, this information is contained within Policy PN0987 – Organisation at incidents – knowledge, skills and competence – NOG, a copy of which is attached. Section 3 of that document sets out the identification surcoats used for each command role, and Section 8.69 lists the full range of roles that may be assigned at an incident, which includes sector commander, operations commander, command support officer, monitoring officer, breathing apparatus sector commander, cross-border liaison officer, damage control officer, equipment officer, evacuation officer, fire sector commander, fire survival guidance coordinator, fire survival guidance sector commander, inner cordon controller, inner cordon recorder, inner cordon sector commander, lobby sector commander, marshalling officer, mass decontamination sector commander, resources officer, safety officer, safety sector commander, search sector commander, water officer, and welfare officer.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/