

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2025/00415

Date of request: 23rd April

Request:

Q1) Can you provide the staffing levels for every frontline & specialist vehicle please include how many per rank (Example: 1 SubO & 4 FFs then specify the vehicle)

2) Please can you say all stations that have an FRU capability, please specify what their specialty is and how many of each rank at the station is trained

3) Please can you say if you have Station Commanders specifically assigned to FRU/Rescue Operations (not assigned to stations solely overseeing FRU Operations)

4) Can you provide an org chart for your specialist/Resilience department (or whatever your equivalent is called) please Include Senior Leadership positions and show the portfolio they oversee

5) Please provide any documents relating to FRU Operations (such as policies/SOP/Mobilisation Requirements etc)

Response:

Please see response to each of your questions in turn,

Q1) Can you provide the staffing levels for every frontline & specialist vehicle please include how many per rank (Example: 1 SubO & 4 FFs then specify the vehicle).

Pump Ladder – 1 Officer and 4 Firefighters
Pump – 1 Officer 3 Firefighters
TL – 1 Officer 1 Firefighter
Fire Rescue Unit (FRU) – 1 Officer 3 Firefighters
Fireboat – 1 Officer 4 Firefighters
Command Unit – 2 Officers 1 Firefighter
Operational Support Unit (OSU) – 1 Firefighter

2) Please can you say all stations that have an FRU capability, please specify what their specialty is and how many of each rank at the station is trained.

We do not typically provide a detailed breakdown of equipment and vehicles as it can be targeted for theft. Therefore, I would consider providing stations that have an FRU capability exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) under section 31(1)(a) - Law enforcement.

Section 31 is a qualified exemption and we must consider the public interests for and against disclosure. It is sadly the case that fire stations and appliances are targets for crime and the loss of equipment prevents the LFB from carrying out its public safety duties. We are therefore of

the view that it is in the public interest not to disclose this information.

We do have some published information online around staffing and ridership here <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/ah3n3ols/staffing-and-riders-at-fire-stations-september-2021.pdf>

3) Please can you say if you have Station Commanders specifically assigned to FRU/Rescue Operations (not assigned to stations solely overseeing FRU Operations)

No. We do not have Station Commanders specifically assigned to FRU/Rescue operations.

4) Can you provide an org chart for your specialist/Resilience department (or whatever your equivalent is called) please Include Senior Leadership positions and show the portfolio they oversee.

Please see attachment below Directorate of Preparedness & Response Operational Resilience & Control structure chart.

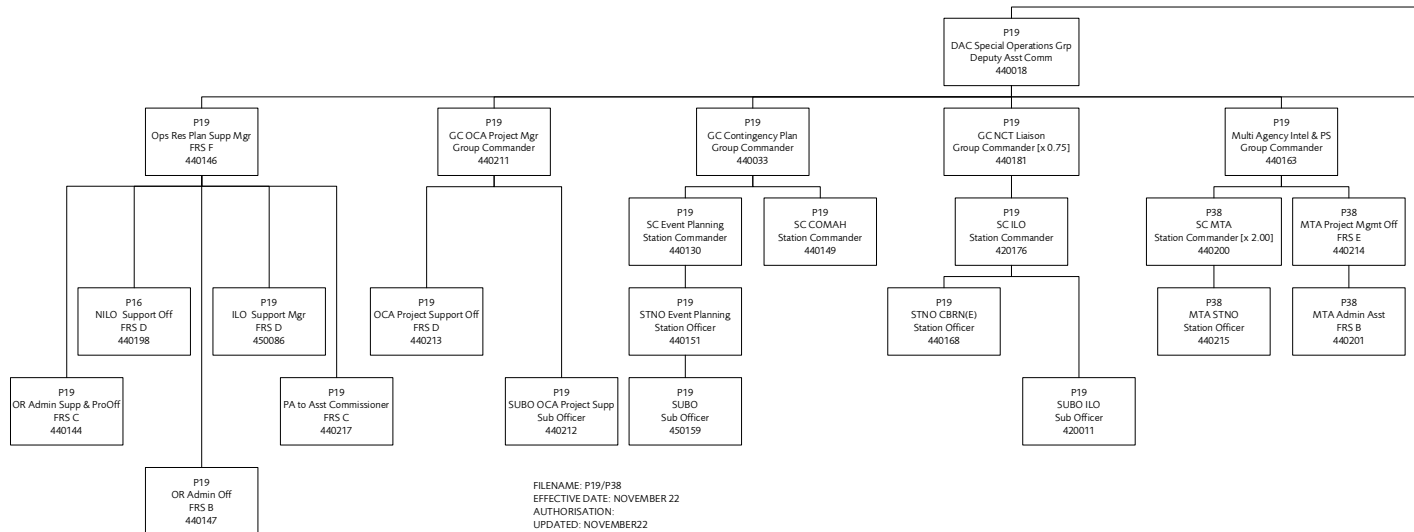
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We do not have a specific policy on the FRU's however we have some general information on the FRU on our website here <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/what-we-do/respond-to-emergencies/>

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/>

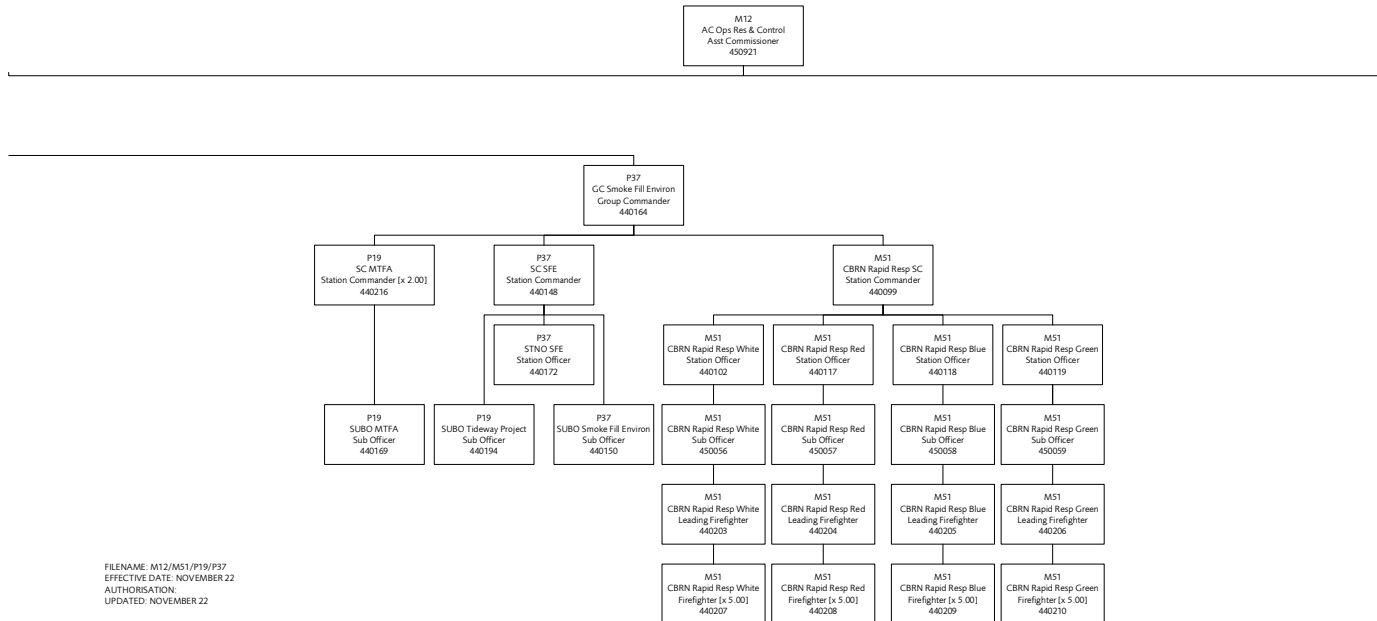
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