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Request and response:

Do you use or have badge and collar numbers if so what is the layout for instance how do they work and what is the layout or style of how they're put for instance do they change per rank or are they just numbers?

In response, I can confirm that the LFB do not use numbers on epaulette badges or collars so we do not hold the information you have specifically requested.

However, the LFB do use role markings on operational uniforms. Please see the information below in relation to these role markings which has been taken from LFB policy no. 693 – 'Structural firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE)':

Role markings

Role markings will be allocated and must be worn as follows:

Role	Role Markings	
	Helmet	Collar
Substantive	Substantive	Substantive
Promoted on to a development programme		
Specialist on a development programme		
Temporary/acting up to cover vacancies	Substantive	Temporary
Specialist prior to successfully completing assessment development centre (i.e. CBRN Team)		
Substantive specialist returning to operational development		
Targeted development programme		

All officers are entitled to one set of collar role markings. For a full description of helmet and collar role markings, see below:

Helmet role markings

Helmet role markings show the wearer's substantive rank:

Firefighter under development



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Firefighter



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Leading Firefighter



LFB image id 124127

Sub/Station Officer



LFB image id 124131

Station Commander



LFB image id 124130

Group Commander



LFB image id 124124

Deputy assistant commissioner



LFB image id 124511

Brigade manager



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Temporary helmet rank markings will be held in stock in each SRS and replaced once it has been used.

When a substantive watch manager (A or B) requires temporary use of the SRS yellow Gallet helmet, temporary rank markings for the yellow SRS helmet will be provided and they should be adhered as in the illustration below

Temp sub/station officer rank markings fitted to firefighters helmet



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When a substantive leading firefighter requires temporary use of the SRS yellow Gallet helmet, it will be worn without rank markings. The crew manager will be identified by their collar markings only.

Firefighters under development will wear two diamond markings on their helmet front until such time as they have demonstrated competence by having their personal development folder successfully assessed and verified. The diamond markings are to be fixed as shown in the illustration below.

Trainee firefighters helmet marking



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Trainee diamond markings helmet stickers are available on POMS and delivered via the day van service from the Brigade distribution centre.

There is now no requirement for Extended Duration Breathing Apparatus (EDBA) wearers to mark their helmets with an identifying sticker.

Collar Role Markings

Leading Firefighter



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Sub/Station Officer



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Station Commander



LFB image id 124139

Group Commander



LFB image id 124136

Deputy assistant commissioner



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Assistant commissioner



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Commissioner



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The collar rank marking should be placed onto the collar of the tunic as shown in the illustration below.

Tunic collar marking



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When collar rank markings require cleaning, they should be removed from the tunic and washed by hand using warm soapy water and air dried.

I hope you find this information of use. Should you have any further questions please do let me know.

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