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**Request and Response:**

*I was wondering if you could tell me what is stored in the bulk foam unit, Hose layer unit, plus in the BDC 1  
Also could i have details on to the MTFA provision*

Thank you for your request, dated 23 February 2019 regarding various LFB fleet infantry.

In response, please find the inventory for both the Bulk Foam Unit (BFU) and Hose Layer Units (HLU) in the attached\* spreadsheet. Please note, we do not have a vehicle type with a fleet number BDC 1 however our fleet team have advised that the vans operated by the Brigade Distribution Centre are general carriers with no fixed inventory and will carry a wide variety of types of items from Breathing Apparatus Cylinders to mail, clothing and general fire station consumables.

With regards to our MTFA provisions, you will appreciate we do not publicly release a large amount of details surrounding this due to national security. However following the terrorists attacks in Paris in 2015 our then Commissioner publicly set out the following in an update to Members of the Authority for their meeting on 2 December 2015.

Terrorist Attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015

23. Members will be aware of the terrorist attacks that took place in Paris since the meeting of the Resources Committee on 12 November. Officers have carried out an initial assessment of the implications of these attacks with regard to the budget options being considered by LFEPA and our ability to play a full part in the multi-agency response to such an attack should one happen in London.

24. Currently the LFB response to such an attack would be provided in two ways. The first would be to provide sufficient fire appliances to stand ready outside the police cordon to deal with any fire and rescue related risks that might need to be dealt with in areas where there was confirmed to be no continuing terrorist threat (known as the 'cold zone'). The second would be to provide staff trained to work supporting casualty and fire hazards management in the area where it could not be confirmed that there was no continuing terrorist threat (known as the 'warm zone').

25. All fire appliances and firefighters are able to perform the fire and rescue service role in the 'cold zone' because it involves no level of increased risk arising from the terrorist activity and does not require any specialist skills not already possessed by firefighters. Consequently, from the information currently available from the Paris attacks, officers have considered the level of resource (fire appliances and firefighters) necessary to perform the 'cold zone' role and have concluded that the reduction of 13 appliances recommended in the officer budget proposals would still provide sufficient resource to meet the 'cold zone' requirements of an incident on the scale of the Paris attacks.

26. By comparison, only staff who have received specialist training with partner emergency services are able to work in the 'warm zone'. Currently this 'warm zone' role is carried out by a small group of managers who have volunteered to do so. It is not considered practical or cost effective to train all firefighters to undertake the 'warm zone' role and therefore since 2012 officers have sought to include this role on Fire

Rescue Units (FRUs). The advantages of this is that it would provide a larger but proportionate group of staff trained in this role and remove the uncertainty associated with having such an important capability provided on a voluntary basis by a small group of staff. Discussions with the FBU about the FRUs providing this role this took place during 2013 but agreement was not reached and so we have had no option but to continue to rely on the goodwill of the small group of managers who have volunteered to perform this role.

27. However, the attacks in Paris have confirmed the threat that London faces and highlighted the importance of the 'warm zone' role currently provided by the small group of volunteers. It is therefore officers intention to engage once again with the FBU in discussions to not only generally improve firefighter safety at an attack of this nature but also to agree that the 'warm zone' role should be provided by the FRUs. In advance of these discussions, it is not recommended to change the number of FRUs or make changes that might reduce their availability.

This update was provided as part of the "Supplementary Authority Budget Report" which you can find here: <http://moderngov.london-fire.gov.uk/mgconvert2pdf.aspx?id=4863>.

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

\*Attachment below

BFU - Item Name	Qty
AtoZ Geographia	1
Form 6178 Control Information (FSG) (pad)	1
Multitone Pager	1
Nominal Roll Board	1
Operators Handbook Manual	1
Vehicle Handbook (Stays with Vehicle)	1
Appliance Station Name Plate	2
Enviro Spill Pack	2
Extinguisher Dry Powder 6kg	1
Foam Control Breechings	6
IBC's High Expansion Foam Concentrate 1000Ltrs	1
IBC's Low Expansion Foam Concentrate 1000Ltrs	8
Turbex MkII Hi-Ex Foam Generator	1
Drivers PPE – Set	1
First Aid Kit – Full Size	1
IBC to storz adaptor	12
Reflective Jerkin	2
Foam Transfer Tube	20
Hi-Ex Foam Discharge Tubing (100ft)	1
Quick Attack Deluge Tip with Stream Shaper	2
Quick Attack Foam Nozzle (1900 lpm)	4
Quick Attack Monitor with Mercury Nozzle	2
Storz Coupling Spanner	4

HSU - Item name	Qty
First Aid Kit	1

Form 6178 Control Information (FSG) (pad)	1
Geographia	1
Multitone Pager	1
Nominal Roll Board	1
Operators Handbook Manual	1
Reflective Jerkin	1
Appliance Station Name Plate	2
Extinguisher Foam 9ltr	1
False Spindle (large)	2
Hose Bandage	6
Hydrant Key & Bar	2
Safety Helmet (blue)	4
Standpipe Double Head	2
Standpipe Standard (900mm)	2
Storz Coupling Spanner	4
Stowage Box	2
Tildawn Amber topped Lamp	12
Delivery Hose 90mm x 30m (Rolled)	3
Instantaneous to Storz Adaptor	4
Sign - Ramp Ahead	3
Hose Bridge	8
Water Control Breeching	2
Delivery Hose 90mm x 30m (Flaked)	67
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Water Control Breeching	2
Hose Bridge	8
Delivery Hose 90mm x 30m (Rolled)	3
Instantaneous to Storz Adaptor	4
Sign - Ramp Ahead	3
90mm Hose tail	8
Traffic Cones	