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**Request and Response:**

May you provide, the ending number/letter for the London Fire Brigade's 2018 fleet for different fire appliance types. For example A241, the 1 representing a pump ladder or on F21A, the A representing an Operational Support Unit. Further to this, I would also like to know the callsign for the Detection Identification Monitoring (DIM) Unit and the Fire Investigation Unit.

Thank you for your request, dated 11 December 2018 regarding London Fire Brigade (LFB) fleet call signs.

Historically the London Fire Brigade was divided into five districts, each designated by a letter of the alphabet: the Northern District Command is designated as "A"; the Southeastern District Command is designated as "E"; the Eastern District Command is designated as "F"; the Western District Command is designated as "G"; the Southwestern District Command is designated as "H". The London Fire Brigade is now currently divided into four areas, however the old method of identifying each district still applies.

Each appliances call sign will begin with the prefix for the area in which they are based, followed by three numbers, the last of which reflects the appliance type;

**Abbreviation**

For example, H222 would reflect a Pump Ladder from Lambeth station.

Appliance Type	Abbreviation	Call Sign Ending
Pump Ladders	PL	2
Pumps	P	1
Fire Rescue Units	FRU	6
Hose Layers	HLL	9
Bulk Foam Unit	BFU	n/a
Incident Response Unit	IR	n/a
All Wheel Drive vehicle	AWD	n/a
Command Units	CU	CU1 to CU8
USAR PM's	USM	n/a
Operational Support Unit	OSU	n/a
Aerial Appliances	AER	3, 4, or 5

Scientific Support unit	SSU	n/a
Mass Decontamination Response vehicle	MDRV	n/a
Fire Boat	FBT	n/a
Fire Investigation Units	FI	OK11 to OK17
Rapid Assessment Unit (CBRN)	CBRN	n/a
High Volume Pumps	HVP	n/a

Please note, DIM instruments are a set of equipment that can be found upon a number of appliances including: PL, P, FRU, SSU, DIM\* and FIU.

\*In addition, there are a number of DIM Units used nationwide as part of national resilience.

You can find a list of the LFB's current fleet on the London datastore here:  
<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade---fleet-list>.

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