



Freedom of Information request reference number: 6237.1

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Request:

I am requesting a list of call signs for all vehicles operated by London Fire Brigade (not including officers).

Please provide:

- * Callsign
- * Station
- * Vehicle type (Pump, Pump Ladder, Turntable Ladder etc)

Response:

Some LFB vehicle callsigns (pumps and pump ladders) are not withheld under the FOI act. These are published online via the London Datastore Mobilisation Records: <a href="https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-mobilisation-records?q=mobilisation-records.p=mob

If you download the 'LFB Mobilisation data - last three years' excel spreadsheet from this webpage, the resource codes (or callsigns) can be found in column 'E':

https://data.london.gov.uk/download/london-fire-brigade-mobilisation-records/3ff29fb5-3935-41b2-89f1-38571059237e/LFB%20Mobilisation%20data%20Last%203%20years.xlsx

Station callsigns (and names) are also published on this spreadsheet and can be found in columns 'O' and 'P'.

The callsign corresponds to a specific LFB fire station. If we release the callsigns for a more specialised vehicles then this could be used to determine their base location. Therefore, I would consider providing any further details about the callsigns of any LFB vehicles (other than pumping appliances) exempt from disclosure under the FOI act under section 31(1)(a) - Law enforcement. Section 31 is a qualified exemption and I 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. I am therefore of the view that it is in the public interest not to disclose information at the detailed level you have requested.

The entire LFB fleet list is also published online, via the London Datastore, and this can be accessed via the following link: https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade---fleet-list.

If you download the 'LFB Fleet List - December 2020' excel spreadsheet from this webpage, the vehicle type can be found in column 'F': https://data.london.gov.uk/download/london-fire-brigade---fleet-list/e67cb365-0d66-493b-ac71-50e304be0037/LFB%20Fleet%20List%20-%20December%202020.xlsx

We do not publish a combined list of vehicle type and vehicle locations. We do not typically provide a detailed breakdown where LFB vehicles are located as, unfortunately, they can be targeted for theft. Therefore, I would consider providing any further details about the location of appliances exempt from disclosure under the FOI act under section 31(1)(a) - Law enforcement. Section 31 is a qualified exemption and I must consider the public interests for and against disclosure. It is sadly the case that

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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 <u>on our website</u>.