

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 6805.1

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**Request:**

1. *Please may I request inventories for the following equipment for use in the creation of a realistic virtual video game:*
  - a. *Dual Purpose Ladder (DPL)*
  - b. *FRU (Hazmat)*
  - c. *Bulk Foam Unit*
  - d. *Command Unit*
  - e. *Hose Layer Unit*
  - f. *Operational Support Unit*
  - g. *Turntable Ladder*
  - h. *Cobra Cold Cut Van*
  
2. *Can I also request the Pre-Determined Attendance (PDA) for standard incidents.*

**Response:**

We do not typically provide a detailed breakdown of equipment and where it is located on vehicles as it can be targeted for theft. Therefore, I would consider providing a full inventory of equipment stored on latest DPLs, FRUs and Command Units 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 information at the detailed level you have requested.

With regard to the PDA, the incidents LFB attend can be divided into types, for example, fires, hazardous substances, road traffic collisions, etc. For each type of incident, we have agreed in advance what resources will need to be sent or 'mobilised'. Further information about how we mobilise can be found on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/techniques-and-procedures/pre-determined-attendance/>

We do hold the PDA for all incident types attended by the LFB. However, we consider the information you are seeking exempt from disclosure under the FOIA via [Section 24 – National Security](#). Although we believe this exemption applies, the Brigade is required, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to consider the public interest. This requires us to consider whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Whilst we acknowledge there is a public interest in knowing that the London Fire Brigade has adequate procedures in place to deal with any emergency incident involving public safety, the disclosure of these details would, or would be likely to, provide anyone wanting to carry out acts of terrorism with a detailed plan of our pre-planned emergency response and in turn damage the Brigade's ability to respond efficiently and effectively, and placing public safety at risk.

It is for this reason we conclude that the public interest in withholding the information, outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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/>