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Request:

You indicate on your site that when a call is made, you dispatch a truck even though the caller hasn't provided all the information.

Can you tell me if you have different trucks for different types of intervention? One for fire, one for extrication, one for animal rescue, and so on?

Response:

In response, our website provides information in relation to how resources are allocated to incident here:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/techniques-and-procedures/pre-determined-attendance/>

Our website also details information in relation to some of the more specialist vehicles used to attend incidents here:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/vehicles-and-equipment/>

The LFB 'Mobilising policy' (policy number 412) provides information on the management of operational response of appliances, equipment, officers and external agencies to specific incident types and events.

An example of the LFB mobilizing policy is published online via the Grenfell Tower Inquiry website. This can be accessed via the following link: <https://assets.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk/LFB00001531.pdf>

You will see that some information has been redacted from this policy. The information that is redacted is 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](#).