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Request:

I am writing to you again to ask a question not sure if yourself or someone could help me.

I'm an emergency spotter planning to join the LFB and was wondering what the current rank structure is for operational firefighters.

If someone could get back to me that would be great.

Response:

Further to your request, please see the table below for the current rank structure for operational firefighters from the 2019 agreement.

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/>

Current rank	New rank	Outduties	Acting up	Hanging on	Helmet	Rank Marking	Workwear Uniform	Undress Uniform	Notes
					Below markings are reflective of substantive rank				
FF(D)	FF(D)	As per standby registration	Cannot act up to next rank until off of development	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket and trousers with navy blue shirt.	
FF	FF	As per standby registration	Can only act up once completed assessment	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket and trousers with navy blue shirt.	
		Can volunteer to carry out standbys as a LFF once FF Act up assessment is completed	Must act up a minimum of 24 times in a rolling 12 months period to be eligible for promotion	Can be made to hang on as a LFF if they were acting up on the off going shift					
			Can choose to only act up to LFF at their own station						
		Can opt to act up as LFF at other stations							
FF+	FF+	As a FF as per standby registration. As a LFF direct & on shift pan brigade	Must act up to LFF in accordance to FF+ scheme	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket and trousers with navy blue shirt.	FF+ scheme will cease to continue when the Brigade agrees it is no longer required. 3 months notice will be provided to all personnel on the scheme
FF+	FF+	As a FF as per standby registration. As a LFF direct & on shift within 7.5 miles	Must act up to LFF in accordance to FF+ scheme	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket and trousers with navy blue shirt.	FF+ scheme will cease to continue when the Brigade agrees it is no longer required. 3 months notice will be provided to all personnel on the scheme
CM(D)	LFF(D)	As per standby registration	Can only act up once they have received the appropriate training to act up	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with one bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with one shoulder bar and trousers with navy blue shirt.	Can hold the station keys whilst awaiting an OIC for a period of 3 hours
CM	LFF	As per standby registration	Must act up a minimum of 24 times in a rolling 12 months period to be eligible for promotion	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with one bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with one shoulder bar and trousers with navy blue shirt.	The term "deputising" has been removed and LFF will now act up whilst covering the absence of the Sub Officer
		Can volunteer to carry out standbys as a Sub O. This will count towards the minimum 24 occasions to be eligible for promotion.	Can volunteer to Act up to Sub O at other stations	Can be made to hang on as a Sub O if they were acting up on the off going shift					
		Must act up a minimum of 21 duty shifts in a rolling 12 month period to cover the absence of the Sub Officer at their own station.							
CM+	LFF+	As a LFF as per standby registration.	Must act up to Sub O a single or multi appliance station in accordance to CM+ scheme	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with one bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with one shoulder bar and trousers with navy blue shirt.	CM+ scheme will cease to continue when the Brigade agrees it is no longer required. 3 months notice will be provided to all personnel on the scheme
		As a Sub O when required	Can be made to hang on as a Sub O if they were acting up on the off going shift						
WM(D)	Sub(O/D)	As per standby registration	Cannot act up to next rank until off of development	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with two bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with two shoulder bars and trousers with navy blue shirt.	Will not be able to Act up to Stn O, however will ride in charge of the Pt, and will be able to be in charge of multi appliance station but not on a permanent basis
WM(A)	Sub O	As per standby registration	Must Act up to Stn O when required	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with two bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with two shoulder bars and trousers with navy blue shirt.	
		As a Stn O when required	Can be made to hang on as a Stn O if required						
WM(D)* (FRU)	Sub(O/D)	As per standby registration	Cannot act up to next rank until off of development	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with two bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with two shoulder bars and trousers with navy blue shirt.	Will not be able to Act up to Stn O, however will ride in charge of the Pt, and will be able to be in charge of multi appliance station but not on a permanent basis
WM(A)* (FRU)	Sub O	As per standby registration	Must Act up to Stn O when required	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with two bar blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with two shoulder bars and trousers with navy blue shirt.	
		As a Stn O when required	Can be made to hang on as a Stn O if required						
WM(B)	Stn O	Cannot perform outduties	No requirement to Act Up	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			White work wear shirt with two impeller black epaulettes, white T-shirt, black work wear trousers and black jacket	Black undress jacket with two shoulder impellers and trousers with white shirt.	
Ring fenced WM(A)	Sub O (Will become a Stn O once a vacancy becomes available)	As per standby registration	Must Act up to Stn O when required	Must hang on a minimum of 1 hour if required			Blue work wear shirt with two impeller blue epaulettes, red T-shirt, blue work wear trousers and blue jacket	Navy Blue undress jacket with two shoulder impellers and trousers with white shirt.	Ring fenced WM(A) will be shown on SORS as a Sub O and will be offered a promotion to Stn O when a vacancy arises in line with the preferences each officer has submitted. On the incident ground, they will have the same level of responsibility as a Stn O and will wear the same PPE to reflect this.
		As a Stn O when required	Can be made to hang on as a Stn O if required						