



Los Angeles Fire Department

The **Los Angeles Fire Department** (**LAFD** or **LA City Fire**) provides firefighting services as well as technical rescue services, hazardous materials services and emergency medical services to the citizens of the city of Los Angeles, California, United States.^[6] The LAFD is responsible for approximately four million people who live in the agency's 471 square miles (1,220 km²) jurisdiction.^[7] The Los Angeles Fire Department was founded in 1886 and is the third largest municipal fire department in the United States, after the New York City Fire Department and the Chicago Fire Department. The department is sometimes also referred to as the *Los Angeles City Fire Department* or "LA City Fire" to distinguish it from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, which serves unincorporated areas and, via contracts, other incorporated municipalities within Los Angeles County without their own fire departments. The department is currently under the command of Chief Kristin Crowley.

History

The Los Angeles Fire Department has it origins in the year 1871.^{[8][9][10]} In September of that year, George M. Fall, the County Clerk for Los Angeles County organized Engine Company No. 1. It was a volunteer firefighting force with an Amoskeag fire engine and a hose jumper (cart). The equipment was hand-drawn to fires. In the spring of 1874, the fire company asked the Los Angeles City Council to purchase horses to pull the engine. The Council refused and the fire company disbanded.^[11]

Many of the former members of Engine Company No. 1 reorganized under the name of Thirty-Eights No. 1 in May 1875, Engine Co. No. 2 was organized under the name Confidence Engine Company.^[11]

Los Angeles acquired its first "hook and ladder" truck for the Thirty-Eights. It proved to be too cumbersome and was ill-adapted to the needs of the city. It was sold to the city of Wilmington. In 1876, another "hook and ladder" truck was purchased, serving in the city until 1881.^[11]

In 1878, a third fire company was formed by the residents in the neighborhood of Sixth Street and Park. It was given the name of "Park Hose Co. No. 1". East Los Angeles formed a hose company named "East Los Angeles Hose Co. No. 2" five years later. The final volunteer company was formed in the fall of 1883 in the Morris Vineyard area. This company was called "Morris Vineyard Hose Co. No.3."^[11]

All of these companies remained in service until February 1, 1886, when the present paid fire department came into existence.^[11]

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Seal of the LAFD



Patch of the LAFD

Operational area

Country	 United States
State	 California
County	 Los Angeles
City	 Los Angeles

Agency overview^{[1][2][3]}

Established	February 1, 1886
Annual calls	505,988 (2022)
Employees	3,902 (2023–2024)
Annual budget	\$854,000,000 (2023–2024)
Staffing	Career
Fire chief	<u>Kristin Crowley</u>
EMS level	<u>Advanced Life Support (ALS)</u> & <u>Basic Life Support (BLS)</u>
IAFF	IAFF Local 112
Motto	"Serving with Courage, Integrity, and Pride"

Facilities and equipment^{[4][5]}

Divisions	4
Battalions	14
Stations	106
Engines	140
Trucks	43

In 1877, the first horses were bought for the city fire department. The department would continue to use horses for its equipment for almost fifty years, phasing out the last horse drawn equipment on July 19, 1921.^[12]



L.A.F.D. Engine No. 11 at 1819 West 7th Street, ca.1910

By 1900, the department had grown to 18 fire stations with 123 full-time paid firefighters and 80 fire horses.^[12] The city had also installed 194 fire-alarm boxes allowing civilians to sound the alarm if a fire was spotted. 660 fire hydrants were placed throughout the city, giving firefighters access to a reliable water source.^[13] In 1955 Station 78 in Studio City became the first racially integrated station in the department.^[14]



LAFD on the scene of a fire in the Bradbury Building, Downtown Los Angeles in 1947.

Since 1978 the LAFD has provided emergency medical and fire suppression services to the city of San Fernando by contract.^[15]

In responses to the 2020 pandemic, the LAFD has helped to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to residents from Los Angeles. Also, more than 1,800 Los Angeles firefighters have received the COVID-19 vaccine.^{[16][17]}

In 2022, Kristin Crowley became the first female, and the first openly gay, chief of the LAFD.^[18]

Organization

Administration

Administration has The official office for the Fire Chief of the department. CAD designation of 'FC1' and radio designation of 'Fire Chief'. The Fire Chief reports directly to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Executive Bureau / Chief of Staff

Executive Bureau/Chief Of Staff is Commanded by a Deputy Chief (Bureau Commander) who holds the title of Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is Assisted by an Executive Administrative Assistant II and Senior Management Analyst I. In 2022, the Executive Bureau was changed from the previous name of Administration Bureau.^[19]

Planning Section

Rescues	1
Ambulances	93 ALS & 43 BLS
Tenders	2
HAZMAT	4
USAR	6
Airport crash	9
Wildland	6
Bulldozers	2
Helicopters	6
Fireboats	5

Website

lafd.org (<https://lafd.org>)

uflac.org (<https://uflac.org>)



Los Angeles Fire Department Sunday morning training in downtown Los Angeles, February 1977

Planning Section is Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Section Commander), who maintains regular business hours (Monday-Friday). It Also consists of four Captains and one Secretary.

Employee Relations Division

Employee Relations Division Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Division Commander), who maintains regular business hours (Monday-Friday). They are assisted by a Secretary.

Community Liaison Office

Community Liaison Unit is Commanded by a civilian Public Information Director, who holds the assignment of Community Liaison Officer. It Maintains regular business hours (Monday-Friday).

Community Service Unit

Community Service Unit is Commanded by a Captain I (Unit Commander), who holds the assignment of Department Public Information Officer. It Maintains regular business hours (Monday-Friday).

The Community Service Unit also consists of three Public Service Officers (PSOs) who hold the department rank of Firefighter/Specialist. It Maintains 24-hour platoon duty.

Community Risk Reduction Unit

Community Risk Reduction Unit is Commanded by a Captain I (Unit Commander). Two Fire Inspectors are also assigned to the CRRU.

FireStat LA Section

Firestat LA Section is Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Section Commander) and the Fire Statistical Manager. It Also consists of two Senior Fire Statistical Analyst.

Responsible for Departmental statistics, such as the City wide response metrics (<https://www.lafd.org/fsla/stations-map>).

Professional Standards Division

Professional standards division is commanded by an Assistant Chief (Division Commander), civilian Chief Special Investigator and Battalion Chief.

Internal Investigations Unit

Internal investigations unit consists of civilian Fire Special Investigators and Captains who serve as Department Advocates.

Administrative Operations

Administrative Operations is Commanded by a Chief Deputy, who has a CAD designation of 'CM1' and radio designation of 'Command 1'. They are assisted by an Executive Administrative Assistant II, Administrative Clerk and a Battalion Chief who has the title of 'Executive Officer, Administrative Operations'.

Risk Management Section

All taken from RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION OVERVIEW (https://ens.lacity.org/lafd/lafdreport/lafdlafdreport1864161693_05112022.pdf) Board of Fire Commissioners Report. risk management section is Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Section Commander) who has the title 'Department Health and Safety Officer'. They are assisted by one Captain II (Chief Litigation Officer / On-Call Incident Safety Officer), one Captain I (Department Safety Coordinator / On-Call Incident Safety Officer) and a Secretary.

The primary objective of the Risk Management Section is to augment the line functions of the department by administering the department's In-Service Training Section, the Recruit Training Section, and the Quality Improvement Section. Specialized personnel assigned to Risk Management include the Department Safety Officer. The majority of personnel assigned to the Section maintain regular business hours.

Records Unit

Records Unit is Commanded by a Captain I (Unit Supervisor) who is also an Incident Safety Officer. Also consists of two Senior Administrative Clerks and one Administrative Clerk.

Injury Prevention Unit

Injury prevention unit is Commanded by a Captain I (Unit Supervisor) who is also an Incident Safety Officer. Also consists of a Certified Athletic Trainer.

Medical Liaison Unit

Medical liaison unit is Commanded by a Captain II (Unit Supervisor). They are assisted by four Captain Is (assuming one for each Bureau?) and one Administrative Clerk.

Administrative Services Bureau

Administrative services bureau is Commanded by the Fire Administrator (Bureau Commander), who has a CAD designation of 'FA1' and a radio designation of 'Fire Administrator'. Assisted by a Secretary.

The primary objective of this Bureau is the implementation of administrative staff functions in accordance with current policies and procedures as established by the Fire Chief.

Financial Services Division

Financial Services Division is Commanded by a Chief Management Analyst (Division Commander).

Budget Management Section

Budget Management Section is Commanded by a Senior Management Analyst II (Section Commander).

Budget Preparation/Control Budget Preparation/Control is under the command of three Senior Management Analyst Is, one Management Analyst and one Management Assistant.

Revenue Management Section

Revenue Management Section is Commanded by a Senior Management Analyst II (Section Commander). It Also consists of two Senior Management Analyst Is, one Management Analyst and one Management Assistant.

EMS Records Section

The EMS Records Section is Commanded by a Senior Management Analyst II (Section Commander).

EMS Records Unit

EMS Records Unit is Commanded by a Senior Management Analyst I (Unit Commander). Also consists of one Senior Administrative Clerk, four Administrative Clerks and one Management Assistant.

Contracts Unit

Contracts Unit is Commanded by a Senior Management Analyst I (Unit Commander). Also consists of one Management Analyst.

Fiscal Systems and Audit Section

Fiscal Systems and Audit Section is Commanded by a Fiscal Systems Specialist II (Section Commander). This Also consists of one Fiscal Systems Specialist I, one Senior Auditor, one Auditor I and one Accounting Clerk.

Accounting Services Section

Accounting Services Section is Commanded by a Departmental Chief Accountant III (Section Commander).

Human Resources Division

Human Resources Division is Commanded by a Personnel Director II (Division Commander).

Selection and Records

Selection and records is Commanded by a Senior Personnel Analyst II.

Personnel Services Section

Personnel Services Section is Commanded by a Senior Personnel Analyst I (Section Commander).

Selection Unit

Selection Unit is composed of three Personnel Analysts and one Senior Administrative Clerk. Civilian & Sworn selection, Bilingual, Advanced Vacant Step Hiring (Civilian), Advanced Starting Salary Falls & Education Bonus (Sworn)

Records Unit

Records Unit Consists of one Senior Personnel Analyst I, one Personnel Records Supervisor, one Personnel Analyst, two Senior Administrative Clerks and one Office Services Assistant.

Fire Prevention & Public Safety Bureau

Fire Prevention & Public Safety Bureau is Commanded by a Deputy Chief (Bureau Commander), who also holds the title of Fire Marshal. They have a CAD designation of 'CM5' and a radio designation of 'Command 5'. Assistant is commanded by an Assistant Chief (Assistant Bureau Commander), who also holds the title of Assistant Fire Marshal. It Also consists of a Secretary and Management Analyst.

Administrative Section

Administrative Section is Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Section Commander). They are assisted by an Office Services Assistant.

Legal Unit

The Legal Unit is Commanded by a Captain II. They are assisted by a Senior Administrative Clerk.

Planning Unit

The Planning Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Research Unit

The Research Unit Consists of three Fire Inspectors.

Industrial & Commercial Section

Industrial & Commercial Unit is Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Section Commander). They are assisted by an Administrative Clerk.

Central Industrial Unit

Central Industrial Unit is Commanded by a Captain I. They are assisted by an Administrative Clerk.

Harbor Industrial Unit

Harbor Industrial Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

High-Rise Unit

High-Rise Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Valley Industrial Unit

Valley Industrial Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

West Industrial Unit

West Industrial Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Cannabis Unit

Cannabis Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Brush Clearance Unit

Brush Clearance Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Public Safety Section

Public Safety Section is Commanded by a Battalion Chief (Section Commander). They are assisted by a Senior Administrative Clerk.

Public Assemblage Unit

Public Assemblage Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Film Unit

Film Unit is Commanded by a Captain I. They are assisted by a Senior Administrative Clerk.

Schools & Churches & Institutions Unit

Schools & churches & institutions unit is Commanded by a Captain I. Assisted by an Administrative Clerk.

Valley Public Safety Unit

Valley public safety unit is Commanded by a Captain II.

CUPA Section

CUPA is Commanded by the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Manager.

Environmental Unit - Underground Storage Tank & HazMat

Environmental unit-underground storage tank & HazMat is Commanded by a Captain II.

Technical Support Unit

Technical support unit is Commanded by a Supervising Hazmat Specialist. It Also consists of a Hazmat Specialist, Fire Inspector II, Industrial Hygienist, Engineering Geologist Associate IV and Environmental Technician.

Plan Check Unit

Plan check unit Consists of two Risk Management Plan Specialists and one Fire Inspector II.

Data Management Unit

Data Management Unit is Commanded by a Principal Clerk. They are assisted by two Accounting Clerks.

Fire Development Services Section

Fire Development Services Section is Commanded by a Senior Fire Protection Engineer. Assisted by one Office Services Assistant, one Management Analyst and one Accounting Clerk.

Fire Life Safety Plan Check Unit

Fire Life Safety Plan Check Unit is Commanded by a Fire Protection Engineer.

Fire Life Safety Field Inspection Unit

Fire Life Safety Field Inspection Unit is Commanded by a Captain II. They are assisted by one Administrative Clerk.

Municipal Services Unit

The Municipal Services Unit is Commanded by a Captain I. They are assisted by one Administrative Clerk.

Affordable Housing Unit

The Affordable Housing Unit is Commanded by a Captain I. They are assisted by one Administrative Clerk.

Hydrants and Access Unit

Hydrants and Access Unit is Commanded by a Captain I.

Information Technology Bureau

The Information Technology Bureau is Commanded by the Chief Information Officer.

Infrastructure and Operations Division

Infrastructure and Help Desk Support Section

Commanded by a Senior Systems Analyst II. It Also consists of two Systems Programmer IIs and two System Analyst Is.

Helpdesk and Technical Support

Helpdesk and Technical Support is Commanded by a Senior Systems Analyst II. It Also consists of three Systems Analyst IIs and two Administrative Clerks.

Software Applications Support Section

Software Applications Support Section Consists of two Senior Systems Analyst IIs, one Programmer Analyst V, one Programmer Analyst IV, one Programmer Analyst III and one Systems Analyst II.

GIS Unit

GIS is Commanded by a Senior Systems Analyst I. It Also consists of two GIS Supervisor Is and four GIS Specialists.

Enterprise Records Section

Enterprise Records Section is Commanded by a Senior Systems Analyst II. It Also consists of three Programmer Analyst IIIs.

Network Staffing Support Section

Network Staffing Support Unit is Commanded by a Senior Systems Analyst II.

Development Operations Division

Development Operations Division is Commanded an Information System Manager II.

Fire Communications Dispatch Support Section (FCDSS)

FCDSS is Commanded by a Battalion Chief and assisted by one Senior Management Analyst I and one Secretary.

Technical Control

Technical Control is Commanded by a Communications Electrician Supervisor.

Fire Communications Unit

Fire Communications Unit is Commanded by a Captain I. It Also consists of one Communications Electrician.

Telephone Coordinator

Firefighter III

Fire Communications Technician Support Unit

Fire Communications Technician Support Unit is Commanded by a Captain I. Also consists of one Senior Communications Electrician. *Organization structure obtained via LAFD Administrative Roster September 2022.*

Rank structure

Title	Explanation
Fire Chief	General Manager of the department. Highest ranking uniformed employee.
Chief Deputy	Two positions - Chief Deputy of Emergency Operations and Chief Deputy of Administrative Operations.
Deputy Chief	Seven positions. Bureau Commander.
Assistant Chief	Seventeen positions. Assignment varies.
Battalion Chief	Sixty Seven positions. Assignment varies.
Captain II	Generally is the Station Commander of a Task Force station.
Captain I	Company Commander of a 4-man Engine Company.
Apparatus Operator	Drives Truck, USAR, Squads and Heavy Rescue
Engineer	Drives Engine Companies and manages the pump panel.
Firefighter III / EMT	Firefighter
Firefighter II / EMT	Probationary Firefighter
Firefighter I / EMT	Academy Recruit

Types of apparatus

The department utilizes a wide array of apparatus and equipment. These are most but not all of the apparatus.

Triple combination engines

The triple combination fire engine or “triple” (as it is commonly called) is the most common type of firefighting apparatus in Los Angeles. The term “triple combination” refers to the apparatus having three components; water tank, high capacity water pump, and hose. The triple can be found as a one-piece engine company or as two engines assigned to a Task Force station. The “triples” used by the LAFD have a direct drive, dual centrifuge main pump rated at 1,500 GPM at 150 psi with a 10-foot lift through a 6-inch suction. These apparatus carry a combination of all of the following sizes of hose; 4”, 2½”, 1 ¾”, 1 ½” and 1”. The standard hose load is 750' of 4", 750' of 2 1/2" with a 325GPM nozzle, 400' of 1 ¾" with a 200 GPM nozzle, 400' of 1 ½" with a 125 GPM nozzle and 500' of 1" with a dual gallonage 10/40 GPM nozzle. The water tank carrying capacity of all LAFD engines is 500 gallons. All frontline engines are equipped with a 30-gallon Class A foam injection system with the exception of Engine 51 at LAX that carries Class B foam in the onboard system. These apparatus are staffed by four members, including a captain who is the company commander, an engineer responsible for driving, maintaining and operating the pump, and two firefighters. A number of triples in the LAFD are also paramedic assessment companies – meaning they include a firefighter/paramedic as part of the crew. All engines are equipped with fire suppression gear as well as basic rescue equipment and emergency medical services equipment.



LAFD Engine Co. 11 responding to an emergency call.

Light Forces and Task Forces

The LAFD uses the concept of Light Forces and Task Forces which can be considered one "Resource", although comprising more than one unit or company.^[20]

A Light Force is composed of a Pump Engine (200 Series, for example Engine 201 or Engine 301 for 100 stations) and a Ladder Truck.^[21] Light forces will almost always respond together as one unit or resource.^[20]



LAFD on the scene of a Major Emergency Structure Fire

A Task Force is simply a Light Force coupled with an Engine. An Engine Company is considered a single unit or "resource" when responding to incidents on its own.^[21] A Task Force usually responds to larger incidents, such as structural fires, and is made up of an Engine, a 200 Series Engine (Pump), and a Truck, all operating together. While a standard Engine is always staffed with a full crew, a 200 Series Engine (Pump) is only staffed by a driver (and one other firefighter if responding as part of a Light Force). The purpose of the 200 Series Engine (Pump) is to provide support and equipment to the Truck in a Light Force, and either the Truck Company or the Engine Company in a Task Force.^[20]

Rescue Ambulances

Rescue Ambulances (RAs), often called 'rescues' for short, can be considered either Paramedic/advanced life support (ALS), or Emergency Medical Technician/basic life support (BLS) units. Ambulances number 1-112 are frontline Advanced Life Support Units staffed by 2 firefighter / paramedics, while those in the 200 series are Advanced Life Support reserve units.^[22] Ambulances in the 800s & 900s are Basic Life Support Units staffed by 2 firefighter EMTs, with 900-series units assigned to Stations identified numerically over 100.^[22] Rescue Ambulances have Cardiac Defibrillators and Monitors, Cardiac Drugs, Intubation and Airway supplies and other equipment for Emergency Medical Responses.



Rescue Ambulance 11 responding to a call near MacArthur Park

Helicopters

The Air Operations Section (AIROPS)^[23] of the LAFD operates out of Fire Station 114 at Van Nuys Airport (KVNY). The helicopter fleet consists of five Medium Duty helicopters and two Light Duty helicopters, making the Department capable of handling brush fire suppression, air ambulance transport, high rise fire response, and hoist rescues.^[24]



LAFD Bell 412 (retired)

FIRE 1, *FIRE 2*, *FIRE 3*, *FIRE 4*, and *FIRE 5* are all AgustaWestland AW139s.^{[25][26][27][28][29]} *FIRE 6* and *FIRE 7* are both Bell 206 B-III Jet Rangers.^[30] The department previously operated Bell 205 and Bell 412 types, the last of which was retired in 2017 to make way for the newer AW139s.^[31]

Fireboats

The Port of Los Angeles is under the jurisdiction of the LAFD which operates 5 fireboats to provide fire protection for ships and dockside structures.^[32] *Fireboat 1*, *Fireboat 3* and *Fireboat 5* are identical 39-foot (12 m) long aluminum fireboats capable of a top speed of 29 knots (33 mph; 54 km/h) while fully loaded.^[33] They are equipped with a 2,400 US gal/min (9,100 L/min) pump and a 1,000 US gal/min (3,800 L/min) deluge gun.^[33] They also have a 50-US-gallon (190 L) firefighting foam capacity.

Fireboat 4, also known as the *Bethel F. Gifford*, was commissioned in 1962 and is the oldest of the fleet. It is capable of pumping water at 9,000 US gal/min (34,000 L/min) and carries 550 US gallons (2,082 L) of



LAFD Fireboat 2, the Warner Lawrence

foam solution for petrochemical fires.^[34] It is equipped with jet-stream nozzles to allow for increased maneuverability.^[34]

The newest and most technologically advanced of the fireboats is the 105-foot (32 m) long *Fireboat 2*, also known as the *Warner Lawrence*, which has the capability to pump up to 38,000 US gallons per minute (140,000 L/min) up to 400 feet (120 m) in the air.^[35] Boat 2 also has an onboard area for treatment and care of rescued persons.^[36]

USAR Task Force 1

The Los Angeles Fire Department is the founding member of one of California's eight FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces.^[37] California Task Force 1 (CA-TF1) is available to respond to natural or man-made disasters around the country and world and assist with search and rescue, medical support, damage assessment and communications.^[38]

Command structure

The LAFD is divided into four operational Bureaus: Operations Central Bureau (OCB), Operations West Bureau (OWB), Operations South Bureau (OSB); formerly known as 'South Division', and Operations Valley Bureau (OVB); formerly known as 'North Division'. Each Bureau is commanded by a Deputy Chief, who holds the title of 'Bureau Commander'. Each Bureau also has an Assistant Chief who serves as the 'Assistant Bureau Commander'. To replicate the former North and South Division, Operations Central Bureau (OCB) and Operations Valley Bureau (OVB) also have three additional Assistant Chiefs who work 24-hour platoon duty. These Assistant Chiefs staff marked Dodge RAM SUVs and respond to major incidents - Command 22 for Operations Central Bureau (OCB) and Command 42 of Operations Valley Bureau (OVB).

- Operations Central Bureau comprises of 3 battalions and 22 Fire Stations. Battalion 1 (8 Fire Stations), Battalion 2 (8 Fire Stations) and Battalion 11 (6 Fire Stations). Operations Central Bureau headquarters are located at Fire Station 3 located in Civic Center and Bunker Hill.
- Operations West Bureau comprises of 3 battalions and 21 Fire Stations. Battalion 4 (7 Fire Stations), Battalion 5 (7 Fire Stations) and Battalion 9 (7 Fire Stations). Operations West Bureau headquarters are located at Fire Station 82 located in Hollywood
- Operations South Bureau comprises 3 battalions and 25 Fire Stations. Battalion 6 (11 Fire Stations), Battalion 13 (8 Fire Stations), Battalion 18 (6 Fire Stations). Operations South Bureau headquarters is located at the San Pedro Municipal Building (638 South Beacon Street, Suite 374).^[39]
- Operations Valley Bureau comprises of 5 battalions and 31 Fire Stations. Battalion 10 (9 Fire Stations), Battalion 12 (7 Fire Stations), Battalion 14 (7 Fire Stations), Battalion 15 (8 Fire Stations) and Battalion 17. Operations Valley Bureau headquarters is temporarily located at Fire Station 83 located in Encino.

Each of the four operational Bureaus house a number of battalions. These battalions are staffed by uniformed personnel who rotate on a 24-hour platoon duty. Each battalion is commanded by a Battalion Chief, who responds to major incidents within their battalion, usually 20-30 square miles in size. They have the responsibility of commanding these scenes as the Incident Commander (IC). Battalion Chiefs typically respond to these incidents with a Firefighter/Specialist, who holds the title of Emergency Incident Technician (EIT). EITs drive the Dodge RAM SUV to the scenes and act as an assistant to the Battalion Chief.

Note that stations with a truck and a 200 series engine (pump) will usually respond the two apparatus together as a lightforce. So, for example, Truck 1 and Engine 201 will often respond together as *Light Force 1*.^[21] The only full time exception is Fire Station 9 where Engine 209 is fully staffed. Truck 9 responds as a single company when appropriate.



Engine 59 at the scene of a structure fire



LAFD Firefighters battling a house fire

During "Augmented Staffing" (red-flag brush fire weather, or other increased threat days) the 200 series engines can be fully staffed as a 4-member Engine Company. Each company can then either be dispatched individually or as a "Task Force".

400 series Engines are ready reserve apparatus. These apparatus are full loaded with equipment and hose. They are used either for short term relief IE when a frontline apparatus is shut down for repair or maintenance. 400 series Engines are also staffed as needed during "High Hazard" days or other augmented staffing times.

The LAFD has six Type 3 wildland Engines. Five are property of the State of California OES but are staffed as needed and maintained by the LAFD. Together these 5 Engines form Strike Team 1880C.^[40] Engine 482C (<https://www.firetrucks.com/new-deliveries?department=LA+City+Fire+Department&state=CA#>) is housed at Fire Station 82 and is a ready reserve Type 3 wildland Engine.

Command Assignment List

CAD Designation	Radio Designation	Assignment	Rank
FC1	"Fire Chief"	Fire Chief	
CM1	"Command 1"	Commander, Administrative Operations	Chief Deputy
CM2	"Command 2"	Commander, Emergency Operations	Chief Deputy
CM4	"Command 4"	Commander, Training and Support Bureau	Deputy Chief
CM5	"Command 5"	Bureau Commander, Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau	Deputy Chief
FA1	"Fire Administrator"	Bureau Commander, Administrative Services Bureau	Fire Administrator
MD1	"Medical Director"	Bureau Commander, Emergency Medical Services Bureau	Medical Director
Operations Central Bureau			
CM21	"Command 21"	Bureau Commander, Operations Central Bureau	Deputy Chief
CM22	"Command 22"	Assistant Bureau Commander, Operations Central Bureau (24-hour Platoon Duty)	Assistant Chief
TO24	"Training 24"	Training Support Specialist, Operations Central Bureau	Captain II
EM25	"EMS 25"	EMS/Community Resilience Officer, Operations Central Bureau	Captain I/Paramedic
Operations South Bureau			
CM31	"Command 31"	Bureau Commander, Operations South Bureau	Deputy Chief
CM32	"Command 32"	Assistant Bureau Commander, Operations South Bureau	Assistant Chief
TO34	"Training 34"	Training Support Specialist, Operations South Bureau	Captain II
EM35	"EMS 35"	EMS/Community Resilience Officer, Operations South Bureau	Captain I/Paramedic
Operations Valley Bureau			
CM41	"Command 41"	Bureau Commander, Operations Valley Bureau	Deputy Chief
CM42	"Command 42"	Assistant Bureau Commander, Operations Valley Bureau (24-hour Platoon Duty)	Assistant Chief
TO44	"Training 44"	Training Support Specialist, Operations Valley Bureau	Captain II
EM45	"EMS 45"	EMS/Community Resilience Officer, Operations Valley Bureau	Captain I/Paramedic
Operations West Bureau			
CM51	"Command 51"	Bureau Commander, Operations West Bureau	Deputy Chief
CM52	"Command 52"	Assistant Bureau Commander, Operations West Bureau	Assistant Chief
CM53	"Command 53"	Los Angeles World Airports	Assistant Chief
TO54	"Training 54"	Training Support Specialist, Operations West Bureau	Captain II
EM55	"EMS 55"	EMS/Community Resilience Officer, Operations West Bureau	Captain I/Paramedic

CAD Designation List

Letter	Unit Type
AF	Aircraft Rescue Firefighting "ARFF"
AO	Air Operations CAD Placeholder
AP	Advanced Provider
AR	Arson Investigator, Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section
BC	Battalion Chief
BP	Brush Patrol
BT	Fireboat
CE	Community Emergency Response Team "CERT"
CL	Community Liaison Officer
CM	Command Officer (Assistant Chief+)
CR	Crash/Fire Rescue
CS	Communications Support
CT	Cycle Team
CW	Volunteer Type II Handcrew
DT	Dozer Tender
DZ	Dozer
E	Engine
EA	Emergency Air
EM	EMS Captain
F	Aircraft Foam
FC	Fire Chief
FP	Inspector, Fire Prevention & Public Safety Bureau
FR	Fast Response
H0A-HOF	Air Operations CAD Placeholder
H	Helicopter
HA	Helicopter MDT
HE	Heavy Equipment
HH	Hose Hauler
HL	Homeland Security Division
HM	Hazmat Tender
HR	Heavy Rescue
HT	Helicopter Tender
HU	Hydration Unit
JT	Joint Hazard Assessment Team "JHAT"
LD	Loader / Dozer Team
PB	Plug Buggy
PH	Photographer
PI	Public Information Officer, Community Service Unit
RA	Rescue Ambulance
RH	Rescue Helicopter
RI	Radio Interoperability

RM	Risk Management Section
RS	Robotic Solution
RT	Rehab Tender
SC	Swift Water Coordinator
SO	Safety Officer
SQ	Hazardous Materials Squad
SW	Swift Water Rescue
T	Truck
TL	Team Leader, Tactical Emergency Medical Support Unit
TM	Tactical Medic, Tactical Emergency Medical Support Unit
TP	Transport
TV	Therapeutic Van
UA	Unmanned Aerial (Drone)
UR	Urban Search and Rescue
WT	Water Tender

Station list

Fire Station	Neighborhood(s)	Engine Company	Light Force or Truck Company	EMS Unit	Command Unit	Special Unit	Bureau	Battalion
<u>1</u>	<u>Lincoln Heights</u>	Engine 1	Light Force 1	Rescue Ambulance 1 Rescue Ambulance 801			Central Bureau	2
<u>2</u>	<u>Boyle Heights</u>	Engine 2	Light Force 2	Rescue Ambulance 2			Central Bureau	1
<u>3</u>	Civic Center & <u>Bunker Hill</u>	Engine 3	Light Force 3	Rescue Ambulance 3 Rescue Ambulance 803	Command Post 3 Command 22 Command 722 (Reserve) EMS 25	USAR 3 USAR Tender 3 Heavy Rescue 3 Heavy Rescue 703 (Reserve) Emergency Light Unit 3 Medical Supply Trailer 3	Central Bureau	1
<u>4</u>	<u>Little Tokyo/Arts District</u>	Engine 4		Rescue Ambulance 4 Rescue Ambulance 804	Command Post 2 Battalion Chief 1 EMS 1	Therapeutic Van 4	Central Bureau	1
<u>5</u>	<u>Westchester</u>	Engine 5	Light Force 5	Rescue Ambulance 5	Battalion Chief 4 EMS 4	USAR 5 USAR Tender 5 Swift Water Rescue 5	West Bureau	4

6	<u>East Hollywood/Historic Filipinotown (formerly Angeleno Heights)</u>	Engine 6		Rescue Ambulance 6 Rescue Ambulance 806			Central Bureau	11
7	<u>Arleta</u>	Engine 7		Rescue Ambulance 7 Advanced Provider 7			Valley Bureau	12
8	<u>Porter Ranch</u>	Engine 8				Brush Patrol 8	Valley Bureau	15
9	<u>Skid Row</u>	Engine 9 Engine 209	Truck 9	Rescue Ambulance 9 Rescue Ambulance 209 Rescue Ambulance 809 Rescue Ambulance 900 (night time)		Fast Response 9	Central Bureau	1
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In pop culture

The LAFD has been featured in many TV shows, movies, and video games. Sometimes the LAFD or LAFD equipment is just seen in the background.

- (1974) *Firehouse*, starring James Drury
- (1981–1982) *Code Red*, starring Lorne Greene

- (1995–2000) *LAPD: Life on the Beat*, the fire department was featured often responding to various emergency calls with the "LAPD".
- (1999) *Rescue 77*
- (2004) *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas*, appears as Fire Department of San Andreas
- (2013) *Grand Theft Auto V*, appears as Los Santos Fire Department
- (2015) *San Andreas*
- (2018–present) *9-1-1*
- (2018–present) *The Rookie*

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- Engine House No. 18 (Los Angeles, California)
- Fire Station No. 14 (Los Angeles, California)
- Fire Station No. 23 (Los Angeles, California)
- Fire Station No. 30, Engine Company No. 30
- Los Angeles Fire Department Museum and Memorial
- Louis R. Nowell, fire captain who became a City Council member
- *Ralph J. Scott*, formerly known as **Fireboat #2**
- The Stentorians Fire Station No.46
- Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center Los Angeles

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