

About the Los Angeles Fire Department

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) is a full-spectrum life safety agency that protects our 174 neighborhoods and the more than five million people who live, work, and visit in America's second largest city. The LAFD responds to more than 1,200 emergency responses, transports more than 500 people to local hospitals, and effectively fights an average of 12 structure fires – each and every day.

To be prepared for any threat, ranging from earthquake, wildfire, floods, or pandemic, the LAFD maintains an array of standard and specialized firefighting and life safety personnel and apparatus. While most people are familiar with fire engines and aerial ladder trucks, the LAFD also operates basic and advanced life support ambulances, a fleet of helicopters and fireboats, specialized urban search and rescue and hazardous materials apparatus, bike paramedics, and other specialized teams and equipment.

The City of Los Angeles is geographically divided into 106 local fire station service areas. Currently, the LAFD operates across three Divisions, each with five to six Battalions. Within each Battalion are seven to ten local fire station service areas. The proposed Deployment plan realigns both Division and Battalion boundaries while retaining and supporting your local service area. When you call for service, we'll be there, typically within five minutes, ready to render any type of aid that is required.

Supporting the mission of the LAFD and serving the public is our cadre of professional civilian members who specialize in technical and administrative functions. The LAFD also manages a civilian Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), made up of hundreds of active LA residents. Several additional volunteer corps supplement the Department's mission of: Serving with Courage, Integrity, and Pride.

Today, the LAFD is evolving. The Department has developed a forward thinking Deployment Plan (Plan) that takes into account the current economic realities, while also taking advantage of new technologies that are already helping the department to more effectively and efficiently respond to the needs of each fire station service area. The Plan calls for all 106 fire stations to remain open. The Plan protects every existing firefighter's job. The LAFD's mission is predicated on ensuring public and firefighter safety. As the Department moves into the second decade of the 21st century, we will continue to evolve, focusing on the best possible use of available technology, training, and readiness.

To learn more about the proposed Deployment Plan, you may email us at: lafd.deployment@lafd.org

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REMEMBER: If you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1 immediately. When you are on the line with an operator, be prepared to clearly state your location, your emergency, and how to best reach you.

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FY2011/2012 Deployment Plan Positioning the LAFD for the Future



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Serving with Courage, Integrity & Pride

Vision Statement

It is the mission of the Los Angeles Fire Department to preserve life and property, promote public safety, and foster economic growth through leadership, management and actions, as an all-risk life safety response provider.

Department Motto: Serving with Courage, Integrity, & Pride



The Deployment Plan

The Deployment Plan (Plan) is designed to maximize service delivery and create long term structural change while sharing in the sacrifice required by the City's budgetary constraints. The Plan ends the disruptive rotating MCP closures, expands our EMS resource, realigns resources to match the service delivery needs of each local fire station service area; and redistributes resources with low volume to higher volume areas while maintaining coverage for all areas.

Specifically, the Plan saves over \$197 million dollars over the next three years; increases the daily complement of on-duty Firefighters; increases the number of EMS Battalions; and increases the number of EMS response resources. Additionally, the Plan realigns administrative geographic boundaries thereby reducing the number of Divisions and Battalions; and, through redistribution and resource upgrades reduces, the number of Engines and Trucks.

The Decision Making Process

1. Analyze budget reduction impact on number of Fire Department positions.
2. Determine number emergency resources that result from budget reduction.
3. Analyze incident data history, response area size/terrain, population density and target hazards for: the entire City, each Division, each Battalion and each Fire Station district.
4. Develop minimal staffing level model.
5. Place minimal staffing level in each Fire Station district.
6. Place remaining resources in Fire Station districts after considering the unique needs of individual districts and the needs of the surrounding districts.
7. Analyze placement of additional resources using computer modeling software.
8. Adjust model to minimize impact of personnel reduction.
9. Determine, develop and provide policies, procedures and equipment necessary to support new staffing model.
10. Deploy new staffing model.
11. Analyze ongoing data to monitor success of modeling process.
12. Adjust resource placement as needed.

Note: Each step was processed using input from existing administrative staff, work groups, field member input and subject matter experts. The details of the Plan are subject to change without notice.

Los Angeles Fire Department FY2011/2012 Proposed Deployment Plan

Fire Department Facts	MCP	PLAN
Number of Fire Stations	106	106
Number of Divisions	2	2
Number of Battalions	14	14
Number of EMS Battalions	6	7
Paramedic Ambulances (ALS)	89	89
Basic Life Support Ambulance (BLS)	32	34
"600" BLS Ready Reserve Ambulance	16	24
Engine Companies	87	90
Assessment/Paramedic Engine Companies	58	72
Truck Companies	41	42
Hazardous Material Squads	4	4
USAR Companies	6	6
Helicopters	1 ALS, 5 BLS	1 ALS, 5 BLS
Airport Companies	8	8
Heavy Rescue Apparatus	1	1
Swift Water Rescue Teams	4	4
Bicycle Medic Teams	6	6
Brush Patrols	15	15
Emergency Lighting Units	2	2
Foam Tender	4	4
Rehab Air Tender	4	4
Fuel Tender	2	2

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NOTE: The Proposed Deployment Plan is scheduled to go into effect in the coming fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2011, subject to approval by the Los Angeles City Council.

LAFD Apparatus

The LAFD operates a wide variety of emergency and support apparatus.

LAFD Command Vehicle (AC) (BC) –

All Command Vehicles are specially equipped with computers, a suite of radios to enhance regional interoperability, maps, and information specific to the assigned geographic region. These apparatus serve as Mobile Command Post vehicles. Division-level command vehicles are staffed by an Assistant Chief (AC) and an Emergency Incident Technician (EIT). Battalion-level command vehicles are staffed by a Battalion Chief (BC). Both Division and Battalion Chiefs are assigned to these resources, providing critical incident command & control, coordination and communication with all assigned resources.



LAFD Engine Company (E) –

All LAFD Fire Stations includes at least one Engine. This basic firefighting apparatus has three components; water tank, high capacity water pump, and hose.

LAFD Assessment Engine (AE) –

The Assessment Engine is capable of responding to both medical incidents requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities or a fire emergency. These apparatus are staffed with at least one assigned Paramedic Firefighter, one Fire Captain, Engineer and EMT Firefighter.



LAFD Truck Company (T) –

Typically housed with and accompanied by an Engine, the Truck carries a hydraulically operated 100-foot aerial ladder, and specialized tools and equipment used for rescue, ventilation, forcible entry, salvage, and overhaul operations. They do not carry water. A Fire Captain II, an Apparatus Operator (A/O) driver, two Firefighters and a fifth member, the Tiller who steers the rear wheels, staff the Truck.



LAFD Task Force (TF) –

Normally comprised of three apparatus: an Engine Company, a Truck (Aerial Ladder) Company and a second Engine called a "Pump". These apparatus run together so that they operate with maximum flexibility.

Light Force (LF) –

A subset of the Task Force, including an Engine and a Truck.

Assessment Light Force (ALF) –

An Assessment Light Force (ALF) is staffed with a Paramedic. These companies provide Advance Life Support (ALS) and mitigate fire emergency.



Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance –

The Firefighters assigned to these rescue are certified by the State California as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). EMTs are capable of providing first, basic airway management, assisting patients administer some of their personal medication and CPR. LAFD Firefighters are also trained to apply the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

NOTE: If the proposed Plan is approved, the LAFD will add additional "Ready Reserve" RAs across the City. RAs will be placed in Fire Stations where EMS responses are highest. Whenever additional EMS resources are needed in response to a single catastrophic event or an extraordinary increase in service, the LAFD dispatch protocol can provide the flexibility to reconfigure resources.



Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance –

The Firefighters assigned to these rescue are licensed by the State of California as Paramedics. Paramedics provide advanced first aid, start IVs, administer a variety of medications by IV, injection and other routes, utilize advanced airway management tools, and perform defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion.



Want to learn more? You can learn more about LAFD apparatus by visiting the website: www.lafd.org/apparatus/