

Blue Light Collaboration – LAS and Pandemic Multi-Agency Response Team Assistance

The London Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Police Service have asked for assistance. We are now seeking volunteers.

The Roles

LFB are looking for watch based personnel to work alongside colleagues in the London Ambulance Service (LAS) and Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) during this difficult period. As a front line service we are looking at ways that we can support our blue light partners in delivering their service with maximum output. Your help has the potential to make a real difference to some of those most affected by the COVID19 outbreak and we urge those of you who can volunteer, to support the people of London. This has been fully discussed with the Fire Brigades Union, who are fully involved and will be consulted with throughout, and all relevant risk assessments will be completed.

In accordance with the National fire service agreement on supporting Local Authorities and NHS and Ambulance Trusts, and subject to its provisions, we are now looking for volunteers for the following roles:

Pandemic Multi-Agency Response Team (PMART). You will be detached to a multi-agency team of four, driving a vehicle to locations across London, wrapping the bodies of deceased persons for collection.

Ambulance Service Assistance; Ambulance Driving and Patient/Ambulance personnel support limited to current competence (Not additional FRS First or Co-responding), whilst detached to the LAS.

This is an opportunity to be part of the solution to this pandemic. Speed is of the essence, the quicker you can provide support the better, so please read the supporting literature which outlines the role in more detail. You will undoubtedly have a number of questions before applying for this role, so please refer to the attached [FAQs](#). If the question you have is not covered in the FAQs please email the Recruitment Mailbox and we will direct your question to the relevant department.

Eligibility

For the LAS role you must hold the following qualifications:

- Current MD in Stars or anyone who is Emergency Fire Appliance Driver (EFAD) trained with a current CAT C on their licence
- Immediate Emergency Care (IEC)

For the PMART role you will need an ordinary driving licence.

The Process

To apply, please fill out the attached application form and send it to the [Recruitment Mailbox](#).

FAQ's LFB/Blue Light Collaboration

What will my hours be?

For the LAS role you will work an average of 37.5 hrs per week on the LAS shift pattern which applies to your location.

For the PMART role, see 'What are the shift patterns' below.

What are the shift patterns?

LAS shift patterns are normally built around a core of day and night 12 hr shifts starting and finishing between 0600-0700 hrs, ad hoc shifts to meet peaks in demand, and occasional late shifts starting between midday and 1600 hrs.

PMART: This team will follow the MPS shift pattern of 6 days on (2 x earlies, 7-3, 2 x lates 3-11 and 2 x nights 11-7) and four days off and run for 12 weeks at which point staff would potentially have to be rotated due to the nature of the task.

Where will I be located?

For the LAS role, you will be offered a base location, should this be unacceptable, you will if practicable be offered an alternative.

The PMART role will be based at one of four police stations geographically spread across London.

Will my pay be the same?

For the duration of either role, your core LFC pay will remain unchanged. We recognise that during the course of this work you may be required to work additional hours and you will be paid accordingly.

You will receive a special responsibility allowance (SRA) of 7.5% in either role.

Will I get training?

You will receive the necessary training to undertake these roles. For the LAS role this is a one-day mandatory training course.

What happens if I get sick?

If you are off sick for three consecutive calendar days, the LAS/PMART role will end.

Will I be financially protected if I am injured, or fall ill, whilst undertaking these roles?

Yes, the Brigade guarantees that you will receive exactly the same financial protections (e.g. due to service sick pay, ill health retirement injury awards) as you would if injured, or falling ill, undertaking your normal duties with the LFB.

Will I be able to take leave?

There will be no change to your LFC contractual leave entitlement as a result of undertaking these roles.

If you wish to book leave whilst undertaking these roles, this must be notified to your assigned LAS/PMART manager, and to your LFC line manager. You are asked to book the minimum number of leave shifts in these roles. Leave booked will be deducted from your LFC contractual leave entitlement.

What happens if I need to take leave at short notice?

TBA locally

What will I be expected to do?

Please see the Operational Guidance notes attached

Will I be protected?

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Will I wear an LAS/MPS uniform?

No, you will wear your LFB uniform

Will I be able to get a qualification?

No, not during this time

How long will I be in this role for?

Initially this will be 2 months in the LAS role, and 12 weeks in the PMART role; these periods can be extended by mutual agreement. Where an employee chooses to volunteer to facilitate such work, the NJC for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services has agreed such work will be regarded as part of the core job. Individuals may withdraw from such work subject to 7 days' notice, following a discussion with their line manager to address their concerns.