

# Rank insignia

## Introduction

### When to use

Use this schedule to identify the correct Fire and Emergency uniform insignia for each rank, including:

- epaulette
- cap
- gorget
- helmet (for ranks that wear them).

### In this schedule


Normal This schedule contains insignia details for the following groups of personnel:

- [Operations and Region personnel, and National Headquarters](#)
- [Operational support personnel](#)
- [Communications centres.](#)

## Operations and Region personnel, and National Headquarters


Rank	Epaulette	Cap	Gorgets	Helmet
National Commander	 Crossed sword and scabbard, crown	Two rows of laurel leaves	Black oak leaves on a red background (also worn on the shirt in working dress)	Black helmet with a label reading <i>National Commander</i>
Deputy National Commander	 Crossed sword and scabbard, One Impeller	Two rows of laurel leaves	Black oak leaves on a red background (also worn on the shirt in working dress)	Black helmet with a label reading <i>Deputy National Commander</i>
Assistant National Commander	 Three impellers, crown	Two rows of laurel leaves	Black oak leaves on a red background (also worn on the shirt in working dress)	Silver helmet, two blue bands and a label reading <i>Assistant National Commander</i>
Commander	 Box border, One impeller, crown	Two rows of laurel leaves	Black oak leaves on a red background	Silver helmet with one blue band and a label reading <i>Commander</i>

Rank	Epaulette	Cap	Gorget	Helmet	
Assistant Commander		Box border, Three impellers	One row of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background	Plain silver helmet with a label reading <i>Assistant Commander</i>
<b>Station personnel</b>					
Chief Fire Officer (Volunteer)		Impeller with laurel, two small impellers	Two rows of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background	white helmet, two blue bands and a label reading Chief Fire Officer
Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Volunteer)		Impeller with laurel, one small impeller	One row of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background	White helmet with one blue band and a label reading Deputy Chief Fire Officer
Senior Station Officer		Two impellers	Plain	None	Red helmet with two blue bands
Station Officer		One impeller	Plain	None	Red helmet with one blue band
Senior Firefighter		Two bars	Plain	None	Yellow helmet with two red bands
Qualified Firefighter		One bar	Plain	None	Yellow helmet with one red band
Firefighter		One bar outline	Plain	None	Plain yellow helmet

Rank	Epaulette	Cap	Gorget	Helmet	
Trainee Firefighter		'RECRUIT'	Plain	None	Fluorescent green helmet with black crest

## Operational support personnel

Rank	Epaulette	Cap	Gorget	Helmet
Chief Fire Officer		Two rows of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background	White helmet, two blue bands and a label reading <i>Chief Fire Officer</i>
Deputy Chief Fire Officer		One row of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background	White helmet with one blue band and a label reading <i>Deputy Chief Fire Officer</i>
Senior Station Officer		Plain	None	Blue helmet with two yellow bands
Station Officer		Plain	None	Blue helmet with one yellow band
Senior Firefighter		Plain	None	Blue helmet with two red bands
Qualified Firefighter		Plain	None	Blue helmet with one red band

Rank	Epaulette	Cap	Gorget	Helmet	
Firefighter		One bar outline	Plain	None	Plain blue helmet

## Communications centres

Rank	Epaulette	Cap	Gorget	Helmet
Communications Centre Manager		Three impellers	One row of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background
Communications Centre Operations Manager		Three impellers	One row of laurel leaves	Red oak leaves on a black background
Communications Centre Shift Manager		Two impellers	Plain	None
Communications Centre Relieving Shift Manager		Two bars	Plain	None
Communications Centre Senior Communicator		One bar	Plain	None
Communications Centre Communicator		One bar outline	Plain	None

## Related information

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### Policies

[N2 POP Uniform and PPE policy](#)

[Assignment of rank and ACL policy](#)

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