The light and air unit supports emergency operations. A special air compressor system refills the air cylinders for the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) used by firefighters in a fire. The unit also carries a supply of spare air cylinders.

A diesel-powered generator supplies electricity to power portable lights or other electrical needs. On the roof are two stadium-type lights that can be raised to light up the incident scene.

Food and drinks are carried for the rehabilitation of personnel on the emergency scene. A utility vehicle will usually accompany the light and air unit on emergencies to facilitate moving supplies around during an incident.

**Staffing:** The light and air unit is staffed by the crew from the engine where the unit is based.

**Radio designation:**
Light and Air + station number.
i.e.: Light and Air 57.