



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 06

Number of incidents from 2009 to 2019

Query and response:

I would like a breakdown of figures regarding on-call fire fighters and fire incidents across the past decade in Wiltshire and Dorset.

For calendar years 2009 to 2019:

Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2016 so this response covers both Dorset and Wiltshire.

1. How many times were Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service called to a fire incident?

| | 2009* | 2010** | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All fire incidents | 1894 | 3939 | 4055 | 3533 | 3630 | 3162 | 3219 | 3356 | 3355 | 3764 | 3305 |
| Fire incidents within Salisbury station ground | 216 | 187 | 163 | 122 | 187 | 105 | 124 | 126 | 169 | 171 | 165 |
| Fire incidents attended in the New Forest*** | | | | | | | 1 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 |

* This information is from April 2009 and for Wiltshire only. The information for Wiltshire prior to April 2009, and for Dorset for January to December 2009 is not held.

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*** This information is only available from Summer 2015 onwards and is only recorded for incidents where we were in sole attendance. For example, if Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service were also in attendance then this would not be included in these figures.

2. During this time how many fires were Salisbury?

As above

3. During this time how many fires were in areas in the New Forest?

As above

4. Could we get a break down of the types of fire involved (e.g. car, thatched roof, electric)?

Please find attached a document called "FOI 20 06 Number of incidents from 2009 to 2019". There is one row per incident, and each row confirms the year of the incident and the recorded property type.



5. How many fires were missed (e.g. because of no staff / equipment, fire and rescue service did not need to attend)?

This information is not held. Our mobilising system will only propose available pumps to attend and incident, therefore if a pump isn't available then it isn't proposed for the incident.

6. How many on-call firefighters were in Wiltshire and Dorset Fire and Rescue Service in total?

The information that you have requested is publicly available. Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemptions to the information that you have requested:

“Information accessible by other means” in Section 21 of the Act. The information requested can be found [here](#).

Specifically, please see the fire statistics table entitled “FIRE1103: Staff headcount by gender, fire and rescue authority and role”.

7. How many of these on-call firefighters were women?

As above