



# Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

## Information Bulletin

### Personnel

#### Statistics Covering Period 1 October – 31 December 2017

#### Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 December 2017    303

#### Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength    143  
(includes wholetime retained)

#### Appointments:

Wholetime Duty System	0
Retained Duty System	17
Support Staff	4

#### Leavers:

Wholetime	6
Retained	9
Support Staff	5

#### Appointments:

##### *Retained:*

Firefighters B Morton, J Luff, S McKenna, T Blight, N Lusardi, R Johnson, V Bieron, P Stansfield, M Del Carmen Casado Rodriguez, D Carpenter, N Sinnott, A Payea, J Whittemore, E Fender, A Pickering with effect from 30 October 2017.

Firefighter J Calvey (Shefford) with effect from 1 November 2017.

Firefighter M Garrett (Kempston) with effect from 7 November 2017.

##### *Support:*

A Meader (Payroll Manager) with effect from 2 October 2017.

K Elsander (Human Resources Administrator) with effect from 24 October 2017.

J Evans (Administrative Assistant [Operations] Du/Wo) with effect from 27 November 2017.

S White (Motor Transport Vehicle Technician) with effect from 18 December 2017.

## **Retirements:**

### ***Wholetime:***

Station Commander A Gayter (Station Commander Biggleswade/Potton/Sandy/Shefford) with effect from 8 October 2017 after 30 years' service.

Station Commander (Control) C Alexander (Temporary Replacement Mobilising System Project Delivery Manager) after 36 years and 2 months service.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer G Ranger after 28 years and 9 months service.

Group Commander J Clayton (Training and Development Manager) with effect from 26 December 2017 after 24 years and 9 months service.

### ***Support Staff:***

A Nixon (Site Assistant) with effect from 19 November 2017 after 4 years and 4 months Service.

F McClements (Human Resources Administrator [RDS]) with effect from 17 December 2017 after 22 years and 4 months service.

## **Leavers:**

### ***Wholetime:***

Station Commander A Robertson (Station Commander Luton/Toddington) left on 3 December 2017 after 17 years and 1 month's service.

Crew Commander M Seymour (Dunstable) left on 3 December 2017 after 15 years and 8 months service.

### ***Retained:***

Firefighter A Summerfield (Toddington) left on 1 October 2017 after 6 years and 8 months service.

Firefighter I Kemp (Harrold) left on 13 October 2017 after 4 years and 10 months service.

Firefighter J Lempel (Bedford) left on 22 October 2017 after 10 months service.

Firefighter T Maguire (Harrold) left on 25 October 2017 after 10 months service.

Firefighter J Tear (Shefford) left on 26 October 2017 after 6 years and 7 months service.

Firefighter A Payea (Training and Development Centre) left on 10 November 2017.

Firefighter M Bettsworth (Shefford) left on 5 December 2017 after 1 year and 1 month's service.

Firefighter L Pryor (Biggleswade) left on 8 December 2017 after 2 years' service.

Firefighter J Bull (Shefford) left on 9 December 2017 after 1 year and 10 months service.

### ***Support Staff:***

M Palmer (Site Assistant) left on 1 October 2017 after 1 year and 7 months service.

F Renouf (Business Information Manager) left on 22 October 2017 after 2 years and 3 months service.

T Littley (Home Safety Adviser [South]) left on 31 December 2017 after 12 years and 10 months service.

(Contact Mrs S Green, HR Operations Manager, Tel 01234 845152)

# Operations

## Statistics for the Period 1 October– 31 December 2017

Incident Statistics	2017/18 Q3
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1461
Total Fires Attended*	419
Primary Fires	254
Accidental Dwelling Fires	110
Non Domestic Property Fires	26
Chimney Fires	11
Fire Fatalities	0
Fire Injuries	5
Total Special Service Attended	413
Road Traffic Incidents	140
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	32
Total Fire Alarms Attended	596
Malicious False Alarm	28
False Alarm Good Intent	186
Alarm caused by Apparatus	379
OTB Mobilised To	29

\*Note: Total fires attended is not a total of the sub fire categories listed.

(Contact Mr A Turner, Service Performance Officer, Headquarters, Tel 01234 845022)

### Incidents of Note

#### RESCUES

#### ASSIST SERVICE/POLICE                      AMBULANCE

##### Special Service Assist Ambulance Church Street, Luton

**1 November 2017 - 1821 hours**

The Trauma Response Unit from Dunstable with a Rescue Pump from Luton attended a male adult who was rescued from the embankment and placed in the care of the Ambulance Service.

(Contact Station Commander D Evans, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

##### Special Service Assist Ambulance Church Road, Harlington

**3 December 2017 - 0438 hours**

A Rescue Pump from Luton, with the Trauma Response Unit from Dunstable, attended to assist paramedics with the removal of a critical male adult from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of a two-storey house.

(Contact Station Commander S Brereton, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 825218)

##### Water Rescue Assist Police Missing Person

Church Lane, Oakley

**9 December 2017 - 1507 hours**

The Rescue Boat from Bedford attended a male fatality retrieved from the river.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245501)

#### ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

##### RTC Persons Trapped

Barkers Lane, Bedford

**3 November 2017 - 1457 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Bedford and Kempston, with the Specialist Rescue Unit from Kempston, attended a RTC involving two cars, one of which was on its roof. One casualty was removed from the vehicle and left in the care of paramedics.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245501)

##### RTC Persons Trapped

A421 Eastbound Renhold Turn to Black Cat Roundabout

**10 November 2017 - 1441 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Bedford and Sandy, with the Special Rescue Unit from Kempston, attended a RTC involving three LGVs. One male casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

(Contact Station Commander D Hobbs, Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations, Tel 01234 845024)

**RTC Persons Trapped****Hatters Way, Luton****11 November 2017 - 0046 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley, with the Response Support Unit from Stopsley, attended a RTC involving one car and a van. Two casualties were released by the Fire Service. One casualty was stabilised by a doctor at the scene and then conveyed to hospital by ambulance. Scene safety was implemented by the Police and Fire Service.

(Contact Station Commander S Brereton, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 825218)

**RTC Persons Trapped****M1 North Bound Junction 10 to 11****14 November 2017 - 1439 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Bedford, Luton, Dunstable and Stopsley, with the Response Support Unit from Stopsley, released one person and placed in the care of paramedics. Scene safety was implemented by the Fire Service and Highways Agency.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245501)

**RTC Persons Trapped****Sundon Road, Streatley****20 November 2017 - 1342 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley, with the Response Support Unit from Stopsley, attended a RTC involving one private car and a tractor with a trailer on the carriageway. Three casualties - one male and one critical female were relayed to hospital by air ambulance and another walking wounded female was taken to hospital by ambulance.

(Contact Station Commander S Brereton, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 825218)

**RTC Persons Trapped****A5120 Westoning to Toddington****21 December 2017 - 0408 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Toddington, Dunstable and Stopsley, with the Response Support Unit from Stopsley, attended a RTC involving a 38 tonne articulated lorry and one private car. Two adult males were released prior to arrival of the Fire Service and another male adult was extracted by the Fire Service and taken to Addenbrookes hospital by ambulance. The scene and vehicles were made safe by the Fire Service.

(Contact Station Commander S Brereton, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 825218)

**Car Fire Following RTC****A5120 Westoning to Toddington****26 December 2017 - 0026 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Ampthill, Dunstable and Luton attended a RTC involving two cars, comprising four casualties. Three self-extracted and one was removed with assistance from the Fire Service. Stabilisation and glass management were put in place.

(Contact Station Commander D Hobbs, Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations, Tel 01234 845024)

**FIRES****Roof Fire****Bramhanger Acre, Luton****5 November 2017 - 1313 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley, with the Aerial Platform from Luton and the Operational Support Unit from Pottton, attended a fire in the roof space of a two-storey terraced property, approximately 6 x 10 m. 50% of the roof was damaged by fire and 100% of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom was damaged by fire.

(Contact Station Commander S Brereton, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 825218)

**Building Fire****Peaches Close, Harrold****9 November 2017 – 0226 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Bedford and Kempston attended a fire in the ground floor of a two-storey mid-terrace property. One cat was treated with oxygen for smoke inhalation and the neighbouring property was ventilated. A fire investigation was carried out.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245501)

**Fire High Rise Residential****Wenlock Court, Jubille Hall, Manor Road, Luton****18 November 2017 - 1933 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Stopsley and Dunstable, with the Aerial Platform from Luton, attended a fire in the kitchen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of a high rise building consisting of six floors. 20% of the kitchen was damaged by fire and 20% of the kitchen was damaged by smoke.

(Contact Station Commander S Auger, Stopsley and Leighton Buzzard Fire Stations, Tel 01582 459177)

**House Fire****Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable****3 December 2017 - 0316 hours**

Two Rescue Pumps from Dunstable attended a fire in a one bedroom semi-detached bungalow, measuring approximately 8 x 10 m. 100% of the building was damaged by fire and smoke. One elderly female adult was treated for smoke inhalation and placed in the care of the Ambulance Service.

(Contact Station Commander D Evans, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

**Alarm Domestic House****Halleys Way, Houghton Regis****16 December 2017 - 2111 hours**

Two Rescue Pumps from Dunstable attended a 84 year old female who was suffering from severe burns to her legs and feet. She was treated by the Fire Service and paramedics.

(Contact Station Commander D Evans, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

**RESCUES****Pony Stuck in Window Frame****Wrestlingworth Road, Potton****14 November 2017 - 1346 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Potton and Kempston, with the Special Rescue Unit from Kempston, attended a horse which was released by the Fire Service and placed in the care of the owner and vet.

(Contact Station Commander S Duffy, Biggleswade/Potton/Sandy/Shefford Fire Stations, Tel 07717 274302)

**Car in Flood Water****Green End, Pertenhall****27 December 2017 - 0723 hours**

The Multi-Role Vehicle from Bedford attended a car in flood water approximately 12 inches deep. One male driver was rescued from the vehicle by the Fire Service.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245501)

## AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

### Aircraft incident - Airship Cardington Airfield, Shortstown 18 November 2017 - 0958 hours

Rescue Pumps from Bedford, Kempston and Shefford, with the Specialist Rescue Unit from Kempston, attended an airship which had broken from its mooring. The envelope was ventilated by the airship owners under Fire Service supervision. One female was conveyed to hospital by ambulance due to injuries sustained in the accident. Approximately 4,500 litres of aviation fuel was isolated in the fuel tanks.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245501)

## Letters of Appreciation or Complaint

### Complaint:

No complaints (past Stage I) have been received for this period.

### Appreciation:

We continue to receive letters of appreciation from members of the public, schools and organisations that we visit and/or assist with charitable events.

The following is a selection:

Thanks from **a member of the public** via Facebook:

*.....'To all at Fire and Rescue, I would like to thank the crew from Kempston who came out to rescue my injured cat from under a car on Denmark Street. I felt bad calling them out for a cat but they treated it like no job is too small and took every care to get him out.*

*I rushed him to the vet and didn't say thank you properly. I can report Nemo was treated for shock and then had an operation on a ruptured diaphragm and is expected to recover well. So thanks again for your quick and sympathetic response.'.....*

The following letter has been received from the **Lord-Lieutenant Helen Nellis** addressed to the Lord Lieutenant's Cadets and Parents:

*.....'May I thank you sincerely for your great support at the Remembrance Services of this weekend and last.*

*The Cadets who attended me were outstanding and a fine example of the great contribution our young people make in Bedfordshire.*

*I have heard from my colleagues, that those of you who supported my Deputy Lieutenant colleagues were equally impressive and that the people who attended the ceremonies were heartened to see the way in which you conducted yourselves.*

*This was the first of your duties and I am reassured that each of you will achieve the high standards required of LL Cadets. Remembrance is a key event in the Lieutenancy year and I very much appreciate the part you played in ensuring we showed appropriate respect and honour for the Fallen.*

*My sincere thanks also to Major Sadler for making the arrangements which went so smoothly.'.....*

**A couple from Kempston** sent thanks to Kempston White Watch:

*.....'We were visited by members of your team who advised my wife and I about smoke alarms. Devices were installed and we wanted to say thank you to the firefighters for their polite and pleasant manner. Please find enclosed our cheque made payable to The Fire Fighters Charity as a gesture of our appreciation.'*

Thanks from **Pavenham Park Residents Association:**

*.....'Thank you for enabling and part funding of our on-site defibrillator. The Association are especially grateful as we foresaw a long fund raising battle to achieve our aim in this respect.'.....*

Thank you from **Devon and Somerset FRS:**

Following the devastation caused by hurricane Irma, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service has been coordinating an appeal for assistance to Fire and Rescue Services, suppliers and charities.

*.....'I wanted to say thank you to BFRS for the very generous donation of two light portable pumps. In particular I wanted to extend our thanks to Chris Ball and Andy Draper who worked so hard to secure service and transport the pumps for us.'.....*

*Glenn Askew, CFO*

Thank you from **St Johns School:**

*.....'Thank you so much for arranging the visit of a crew to our school last Thursday. The crew were incredibly considerate of our pupils' needs and interacted with them superbly. The pupils really enjoyed the experience.'.....*

**Forthcoming Events**

- *12 March 2018, 10.00 am*  
Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *15 March 2018, 10.00 am*  
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *28 March 2018, 10.00 am*  
Audit and Standards Committee, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

- *29 March 2018, 10.00 am*  
Human Resources Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *24 April 2018, 10.00 am*  
Fire and Rescue Authority Briefing, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *26 April 2018, 10.00 am*  
Fire and Rescue Authority meeting, Dunstable Community Fire Station

(Contact Mrs N Upton, Democratic and Regulatory Services Supervisor, Headquarters, Tel 01234 845149)