



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period 1 January – 31 March 2018

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 March 2018 305

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength
(includes wholetime retained) 138

Appointments:

Wholetime Duty System	6
Retained Duty System	1
Support Staff	9

Leavers:

Wholetime	3
Retained	5
Support Staff	3

Appointments:

Whole time:

Firefighters (transferees) D Robert,
S Exton-Woodford, A Ford, A Iles,
G Jackson with effect from
8 January 2018

Firefighter A Ford (Dunstable Green) with
effect from 2 February 2018

Retained:

Firefighter M Brace (Harrold) with effect
from 29 January 2018.

Support:

S Gardner-Potter (Area Fire Safety
Officer, South) with effect from 5 February
2018

J Ormerod (Assessment and Selection
Co-ordinator) with effect from 8 January
2018.

L Child (Human Resources Administrator) with effect from 27 March 2018.

L Horner (Personal Assistant to the Principal Officers) with effect from 14 March 2018.

E Nikolaou (Procurement Manager) with effect from 1 March 2018.

S Kightley (Property Manager) with effect from 12 March 2018.

K Pedder (Quality Support and Training Administrator) with effect from 19 February 2018.

D Johnson (Secretary Corporate Management Team) with effect from 5 February 2018.

S Scott (Site Assistant) with effect from 16 January 2018.

Retirements:

Wholetime:

Firefighter A Howey (Stopsley) after 27 years and 10 months service.

Retained:

Watch Commander (Biggleswade)
E Wing after 41 years and 11 months.

Support Staff:

Fire Safety Inspecting Officer (South)
J Hollamby after 29 years.

Secretary Corporate Management Team
S Stewart after 25 years and 5 months.

Leavers:

Wholetime:

Firefighter (Bedford Extra) N Damian after 10 years.

Firefighter (Dunstable) A Ford after 3 years and 9 months

Retained:

Firefighter M Dear (Biggleswade) left on 25 January 2018 after 5 years and

4 months service.

Firefighter P Wright (Leighton Buzzard) left on 31 January 2018 after 10 years and 2 months service.

Firefighter P Brown (Toddington) left on 31 January 2018 after 25 years and 7 months service.

Crew Commander R Hutchinson (Potton) left on 27 February 2018 after 31 years and 7 months service.

Support Staff:

D Wilmot (Service Control Manager – seconded 1256OPR) left on 28 February after 33 years and 11 months service.

Operations

Statistics for the Period 1 January to 31 March 2018

Incident Statistics	2017/18 Q4
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1273
Total Fires Attended*	337
Primary Fires	210
Accidental Dwelling Fires	82
Non Domestic Property Fires	27
Chimney Fires	10
Fire Fatalities	0
Fire Injuries	6
Total Special Service Attended	408
Road Traffic Incidents	116
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extractions	14
Total Fire Alarms Attended	494
Malicious False Alarm	22
False Alarm Good Intent	136
Alarm caused by Apparatus	336
OTB Mobilised To	21

*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

FIRES

Fire Building

Woburn Safari Park, Woburn Park, Woburn

2 January 2018 - 0240 hours

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable and Woburn, with the Water Carrier from Toddington attended an outdoor building used to house monkeys, 3 x 8 m which was 90% damaged by fire. Thirteen Patas monkeys were confirmed as fatalities.

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

House Fire

Finch Crescent, Linslade

18 January 2018 - 0847 hours

Rescue Pumps from Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable attended a fire in the downstairs living room of a terraced property. Adjoining property affected by smoke and naturally ventilated by the Fire Service. Two persons were treated for smoke inhalation by the Fire Service.

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

Building Fire Roof

Arundel Road, Luton

1 February 2018 - 1651 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton, Dunstable, Stopsley and Ampthill and the Incident Command Unit from Leighton Buzzard attended a fire involving a single storey building of traditional construction. Three cars, a propane cylinder, a paint booth and asbestos roof sheeting were involved in the fire.

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

Vehicle Fire

Vision Modular System, Wolseley Road, Kempston

18 February 2018 - 0535 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended four articulated lorry rigs involved in a fire. A fire investigation was carried out.

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

ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

RTC Persons Trapped

A6 Silsoe to Barton By-pass

4 January 2018 – 1525 hours

Two Rescue Pumps from Stopsley attended a RTC involving two cars and one van. One person was trapped and released by rapid extraction. There were three wounded from two other vehicles.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

GKN Aerospace Transparency Systems Ltd, Percival Way, Luton

8 January 2018 - 0739 hours

Rescue Pumps and the Response Support Unit from Stopsley attended a 25 tonne de-icing lorry which had gone off the road. One male casualty was conveyed to hospital with a broken leg by medical professionals.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

Barford Road, Wilden

19 January 2018 - 0809 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended a RTC involving one car in a ditch. Hydraulic rescue equipment and small tools were used to extricate an unconscious male casualty.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

M1 Southbound, Junction 12 to 11a

25 February 2018 - 1519 hours

Rescue Pumps from Toddington, Dunstable, Ampthill and Stopsley attended a RTC involving two cars and one van. A space was created for one male adult injured prior to extraction. One female adult and one female child were released prior to the arrival of the Fire Service

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

RTC Persons Trapped

Hatters Way, Luton

25 March 2018 – 0203 hours

Rescue pumps from Luton and Stopsley attended a RTC involving three cars and one commercial vehicle. One male extracted and taken to hospital. Three males treated and one male fatality confirmed at the scene.

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

CHEMICAL SPILLAGE

Hazardous Substance Chemical Leak/Spill

Fed Ex Uk Ltd, 6 Badgers Rise, Brogborough

22 February 2018 - 0153 hours

Rescue Pumps from Stopsley and Woburn, with the Hazardous Material Unit from Stopsley attended an incident where a drum containing copper sulphate formaldehyde had leaked its contents into a shipping container on the site. Further clean up was completed by a chemical company.

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

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 **The Bedford Hospitals Charity:**

.....'On behalf of the Christmas Tree Festival Committee we would like to thank you most sincerely for your help in setting up and dismantling the Christmas Tree Festival, in particular to James, Graham and Rodney. Thank you to Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue for your part in making this now Bedford tradition such a success'.

Thank you from **Ivel Valley School, Biggleswade:**

....'Thank you for coming to our school and telling us all about fires and keeping safe and letting us sit in the fire engine.'

Thank you from **a member of the public:**

.....I am writing to express my appreciation to the Toddington Fire Crew who were so helpful to me.

'My next door neighbour is overseas for 5 weeks and I have a key to their house. At 11pm I noticed water coming from the roof area. I went inside the house to discover water pouring through the upstairs ceiling and then through to the downstairs. I could not find the stopcock, or the mains electricity switch, got no response from Anglian Water so in desperation I called the Fire Service, what a relief when they arrived.

Their response was so helpful, professional, calm and considerate and I am writing to let you know how much I valued their help and support and ask you to pass on my thanks to a fine group of men who are a great credit to your organisation.'.....

Thank you letters from **Ridgeway School, Kempston:**

.....'Thank you for showing me the fire engine. It was interesting. I enjoyed climbing into the fire engine, seeing the breathing apparatus and masks. When you pressed the horn it made me jump, it was very loud. The hose was powerful; it was tricky to reach the bus. I liked using the hose, it was fun. It was a wonderful day and I learnt so much about the fire engine. Thank you for being helpful'.

'I really enjoyed our trip to the Fire Station. It was very interesting looking at the things inside the fire engine. Thank you for talking to us'.

'Thank you for showing us around your fire station. I love dressing up as a Fire Fighter. I also loved putting the sirens on.'.....

Forthcoming Events

- *21 May 2018, 11.00am*
Fire Commission, Local Government Association
- *24 May 2018, 2.00pm*
FRA Briefing, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *31 May 2018, 10.00am*
FRA Annual Meeting, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

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