



# Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

## Information Bulletin

### Personnel

#### Statistics Covering Period 1 July – 30 September 2018

#### Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 30 September 2018 315

#### Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength  
(includes wholetime retained) 140

#### Appointments:

Wholetime Duty System	0
Retained Duty System	3
Support Staff	7

#### Leavers:

Wholetime	2
Retained	4
Support Staff	6

#### Appointments:

##### **Retained:**

Firefighter L Murphy with effect from 1 July 2018, Firefighter C Shelley with effect from 10 July 2018, Crew Commander M Archard with effect from 10 September 2018.

##### **Support:**

D Dawe (ICT Support Manager) with effect from 2 July 2018.

A Grant (Respiratory Protective Equipment Technician) with effect from 1 August 2018.

M La Vita (Fitness Apprentice) with effect from 7 August 2018.

S Deacon (Property Support Officer) with effect from 13 August 2018.

S Crizzle (Payroll Officer) with effect from 3 September 2018.

P Hughes (Head of ICT) with effect from 17 September 2018.

H Commons (Recruitment and Positive Action Administrator) with effect from 24 September 2018.

A Roberts (ICT Senior Support Technician) left on 31 July 2018 after 16 years and 6 months service.

H Bechoo (Finance Officer) left on 31 July after 12 years and 10 months service.

C Ashpole (Software and Integration Services Engineer) left on 12 August after 12 years and 9 months service.

## **Retirements:**

### ***Wholetime:***

Firefighter K Shaw (Dunstable) with effect from 13 August 2018 after 27 years' service.

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

## **Leavers:**

### ***Wholetime:***

Firefighter M St Ville (Dunstable) with effect from 8 September 2018 after 9 years and 7 months service.

### ***Retained:***

Firefighter R Jones (Woburn) left on 17 July 2018 after 1 year service.

Firefighter P Robinson (Kempston) left on 30 July 2018 after 10 years and 8 months service.

Firefighter J Whittemore (Bedford) left on 11 July 2018 after 8 months service.

Crew Commander D Lee (Harrold) left on 20 August 2018 after 7 years and 9 months service.

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

M Anderson (Area Community Safety Officer (Youth Development) North) left on 30 September 2018 after 10 years and 4 months service.

M Broughton (ICT Communications Technician) left on 31 July 2018 after 11 years and 10 months service.

B Macharia (ICT Senior Network Technician) left on 31 July 2018 after 4 years and 11 months service.

# Operations

## Statistics for the Period 1 July – 30 September 2018

<b>Incident Statistics</b>	<b>2018/19 Q2</b>
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	<b>1895</b>
Total Fires Attended*	<b>729</b>
Primary Fires	<b>291</b>
Accidental Dwelling Fires	<b>87</b>
Non Domestic Property Fires	<b>22</b>
Chimney Fires	<b>1</b>
Fire Fatalities	<b>0</b>
Fire Injuries	<b>1</b>
Total Special Service Attended	<b>351</b>
Road Traffic Incidents	<b>125</b>
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	<b>23</b>
Total Fire Alarms Attended	<b>624</b>
Malicious False Alarm	<b>26</b>
False Alarm Good Intent	<b>239</b>
Alarm caused by Apparatus	<b>354</b>
OTB Mobilised To	<b>27</b>

\*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

### **PERSONAL INJURIES**

#### **Assist Ambulance**

##### **Bedford Road, Wixams**

**19 July 2018 - 1749 hours**

Rescue Pump Kempston and Aerial Platform Luton, extracted one male injured in JCB digger. Assisted in transportation of casualty to hospital.

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

### **ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS**

#### **RTC Persons Trapped**

##### **West Street, Dunstable**

**7 July 2018 - 1809 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable and Stopsley attended incident involving two cars. One person with trapped leg extracted by fire service.

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

#### **RTC Persons Trapped**

##### **A6 Bletsoe to Clapham**

**18 July 2018 - 1809 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Bedford and Kempston attended a RTC involving a tractor and a car. One male casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

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

#### **RTC Persons Trapped**

##### **Shortmead Street, Biggleswade**

**19 July 2018 - 1535 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Biggleswade and Sandy attended an incident involving two cars. One casualty medically trapped released by the Fire Service.

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

#### **RTC Persons Trapped**

##### **A6 Barton Bypass**

**22 August 2018 – 1623 hours**

Rescue pumps from Luton, Stopsley and Bedford attended an incident involving a people carrier. Two persons trapped in vehicle. Extracted by the Fire Service.

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

### **RTC Persons Trapped**

#### **A421 Westbound**

**16 September 2018 – 2256 hours**

Rescue pumps from Bedford, Kempston and Amphill attended an incident involving one car and one Heavy Goods vehicle. Seven casualties. Two persons trapped in vehicle. Extracted by the Fire Service.

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

### **FIRES**

#### **Shed Fire**

##### **Woodcock Lane, Hockliffe**

**12 July 2018 - 0714 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable, Kempston and Stopsley attended a fire in farm outbuilding containing around 100 tonnes of hay. Livestock evacuated to alternative location. Safety cordon put in place to protect against asbestos roof collapse.

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

#### **Standing Crop Fire**

##### **Furzenhall Road, Biggleswade**

**14 July 2018 – 1353 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Sandy and Pottton and specialist vehicles from Shefford, Kempston and Toddington attended a fire involving 14 hectares of stubble and standing crop.

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

#### **Fire Outside**

##### **Keysoe Row, East Keysoe**

**23 July 2018 - 1353 hours**

Rescue pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended an incident involving three large areas of fire involving manure and straw close to wind turbines and growing crop. One large farm trailer destroyed during incident.

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

#### **Field Fire**

##### **Bedford Road, Roxton**

**24 July 2018 - 1354 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Sandy, Pottton, Bedford, Amphill, St Neots and Biggleswade attended a standing crop fire of around 200 hectares. Two tractors and ploughs used to cut fire break.

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

#### **Bales on Trailer Fire**

##### **A6 Wilstead**

**21 August 2018 – 1237 hours**

Rescue pumps from Bedford and Kempston attend a fire involving 30 tonnes of hay on a trailer. All hay removed from trailer and damped down.

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

## RESCUES

### Water Rescue

#### The Embankment, Bedford

14 August 2018 – 1758 hours

Rescue pumps from Kempston and rescue boat from Bedford attended one female casualty needing rescue from river.

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

### Cow stuck in River Reeds

#### Felmersham Road, Carlton

18 September 2018 – 0953 hours

Rescue pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended animal stuck in soft ground by river. Moved to a place of safety by the Fire Service.

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

## 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:

#### Compliment from a **Member of the Public:**

*.....'It's nice to be provided with additional links to other agencies involved where more in depth info is available. I often find the links very interesting and so much more open to the people of Bedfordshire who need and are fortunate enough to have an excellent Fire and Rescue Service staffed by skilled men and women*

*who risk their lives for us in so many situations'.....*

The following has been received from **Rt Hon Alistair Burt, MP for NE Bedfordshire:**

*.....' During this prolonged spell of hot, dry weather, and the increasing number of rural fires in the county, I would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at the Fire Service for all their hard work in what must be very difficult conditions' .....*

**A member of the public** sent thanks to Potton Red Watch:

*.....'I write to comment the actions of the five crew members from Potton who attended the child rescue incident at Howard Park and gardens in Letchworth on Monday 6 August.*

*Working in temperatures of 30 degrees and in full sun, surrounded by members of the public, there was no room for error as they worked to successfully release a young boy with his leg trapped in a climbing frame at a height of over three metre from the ground.*

*The crew had to balance on climbing ropes as they worked to partially dismantle the frame which the boy was both perched on and wedged within. The care, skill and dedication was eventually rewarded with a round of applause from the attentive audience as the boy was released unharmed.*

*British firefighters at their best. Thank you'.*

Thanks from a **Member of the Public:**

*.....'My family would like to thank all the crews who attended the barn fire late on 27 July, especially Shefford crew who were so quick on the scene. All crews worked tirelessly all night and Saturday to contain it to the hay barn and prevent it from getting to the other sheds where cattle were housed'. .....*

Thank you from a **Member of the Public:**

*.....'Thank you to the two firefighters from Luton station who visited to replace my faulty smoke alarm, I'd like to express my thanks for their courteous and helpful behaviour. It is unusual in Luton these days to be treated this well. I will be making a donation to the Firefighters Charity in recognition of this'.....*

Thank you from a **Member of the Public:**

*.....'Last week, one of my smoke detectors in my home started playing up. I tried to fix it myself but the skills I used to have as a firefighter have left me. It's a medical condition called AGE. I called your Service and my home was visited by Stephanie. She was in my house for about an hour and she was first class. She did a great job and my wife and I were very impressed. Please give her my thanks'.....*

Thank you from a **Member of the Public** where some of their livestock died in an accidental fire

*.....'The fire team did a fantastic job by getting there as quickly as they could and my heart melts knowing we had 2 fire fighters giving oxygen to the badly burned remaining 3 in our kitchen that we are still caring for and praying they will survive'.*

### **Forthcoming Events**

*31 October 2018, 10.00 am*  
Members' Development Day, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*15 November 2018, 10.00 am*  
Budget Workshop (no: 1), Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*27 November 2018, 10.00 am*  
Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*29 November 2018, 10.00 am*  
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*20 September 2018, 10.00 am*  
Human Resources Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*6 December 2018, 10.00 am*  
Audit and Standards Committee, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*6 December 2018, 10.00 am*  
FRA Briefing, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*13 December 2018, 10.00 am*  
FRA (Draft Budget), Dunstable Community Fire Station

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