



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Information Bulletin

January to March 2021



Personnel

Statistics Covering Period January to March 2021

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 30 December 2020 : 291
(Including 3 Gold Book)

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength : 143
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

Whole time Duty System : 0
Retained Duty System : 7
Support Staff : 6

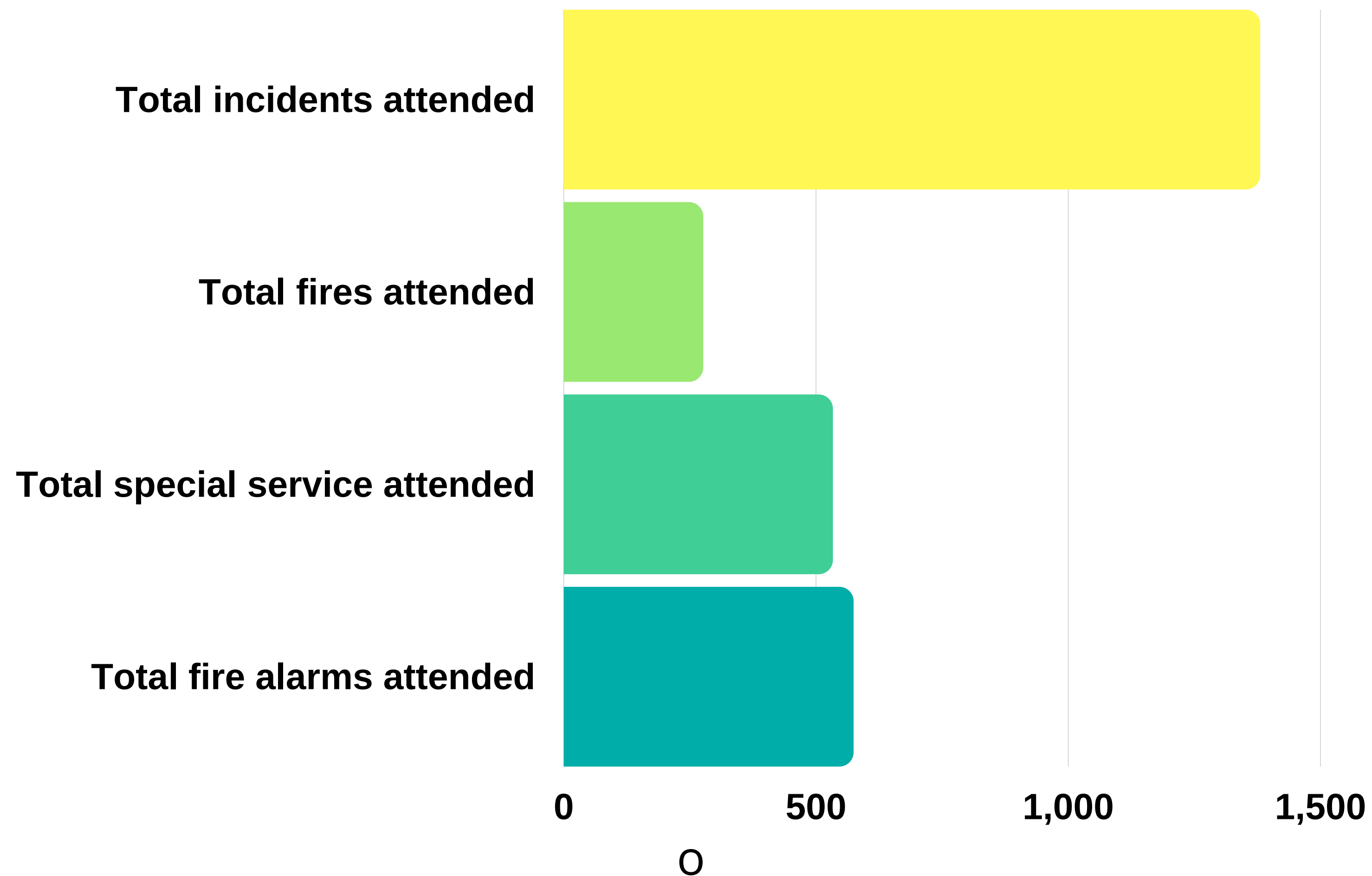
Leavers:

Whole time : 13 (including 2 gold book)
Retained : 4
Support Staff : 8



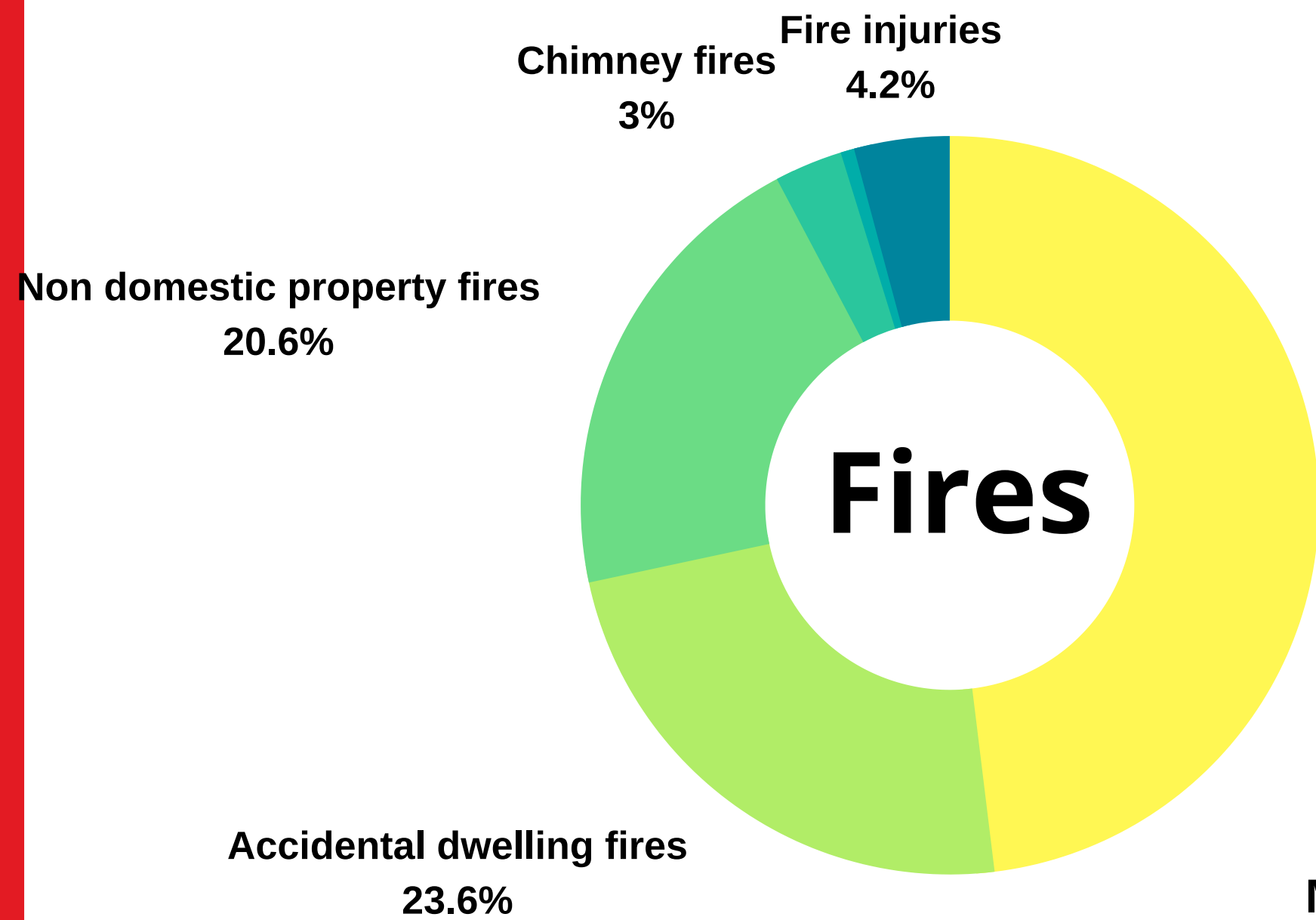
Operations

Statistics for the Period January to March 2021

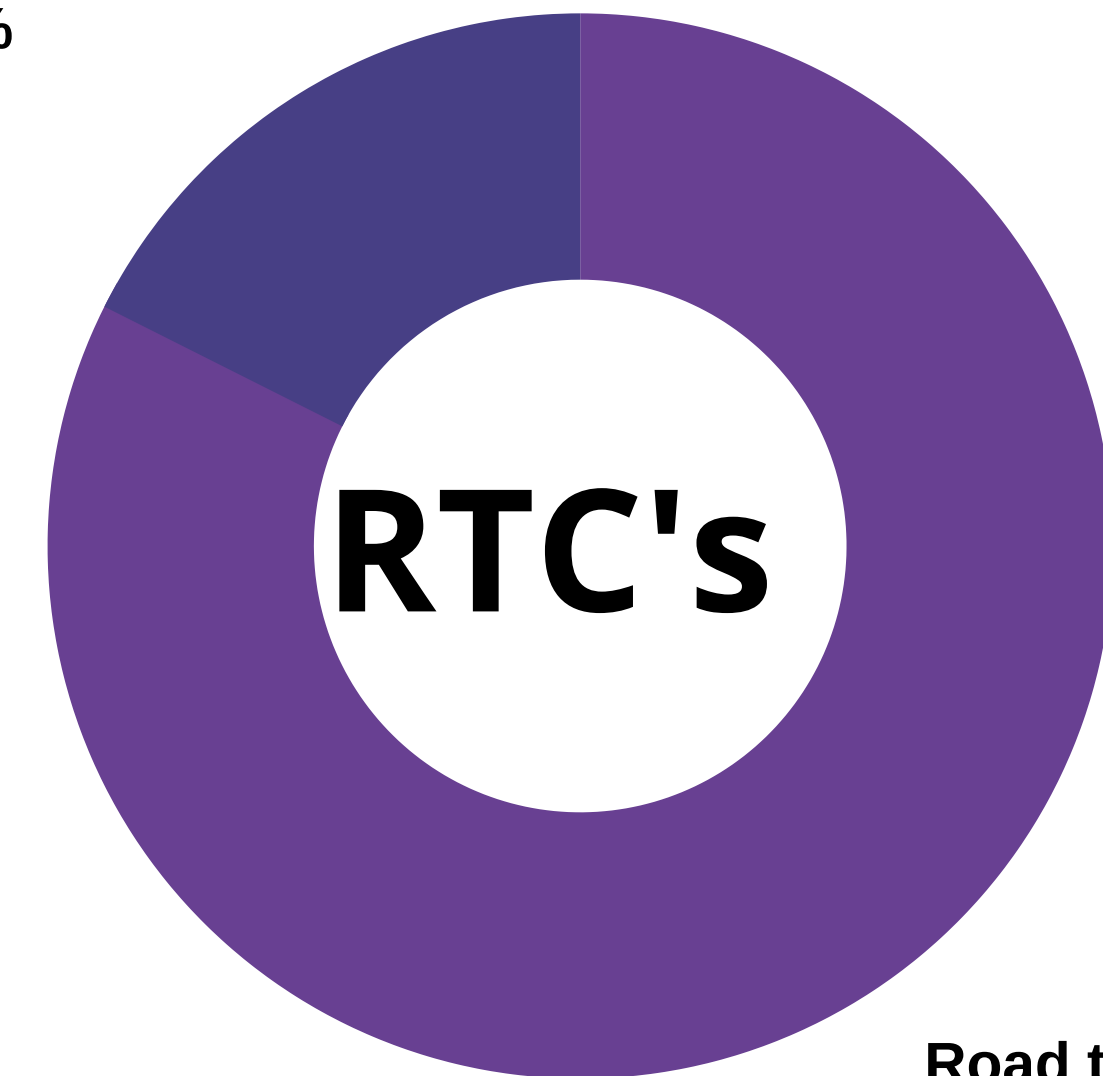




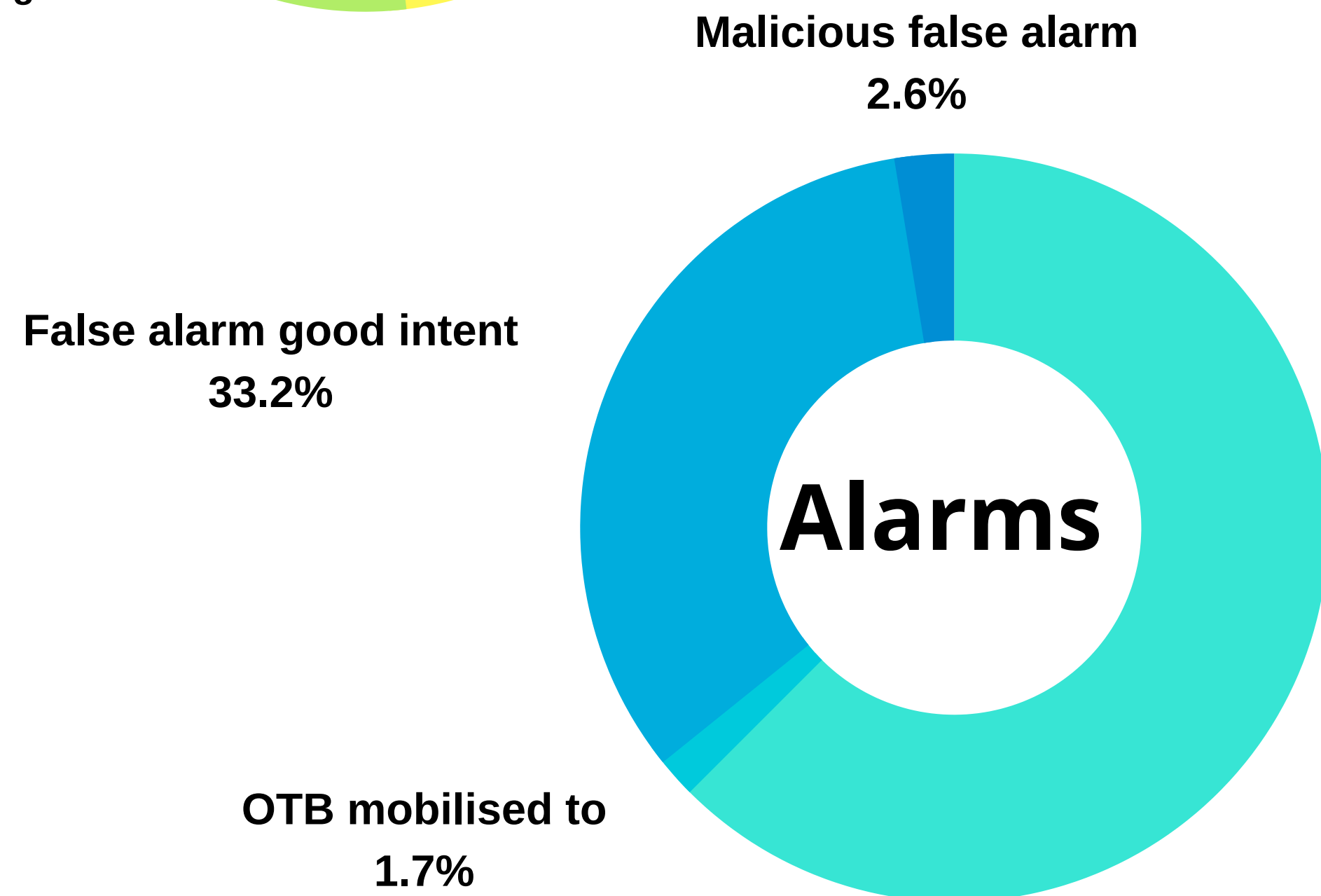
Operations (breakdown)



Road traffic collisions
17.6%



Road traffic incidents
82.4%



Alarms caused by apparatus
62.5%



Examples of incidents attended

Transportation RTC 3 or More Persons

**Dunstable Road, Luton
11 January 2021 - 0814 hours
2 Rescue Pumps from Luton,
Rescue Pump from Stopsley
and Rescue Unit from
Stopsley. RTC involving 1
vehicle in collision with brick
wall. 1 male pedestrian and 1
male driver now in care of
Ambulance Service. Small
electrical fire in boot
compartment of vehicle
approx 5% fire damage, crews
making vehicle safe TIC
Holmatro and EA pack in use.**

**(Contact Station Commander S
Williams, Luton and
Toddington Fire Stations, Tel
01582 875219)**

RTC

Transportation RTC Persons + Large Vehicles (LGV)

**A505 - A4146 to A5 Chalk Hill
19 February 2021 - 0856 hours
2 Rescue Pumps from Dunstable.
RTC involving one LGV, now on it's
side, no persons trapped, driver
being assessed by Ambulance
Service. Leak from LGV stopped
using EA pack, SSZ implemented by
Fire Service. Highways requested by
Police, incident now being left with
Police and Ambulance Service.**

**(Contact Station Commander S Sugars,
Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations,
Tel 01582 661223)**

RTC



Examples of incidents attended

**Transportation RTC Up 2 Persons (No LGV) M1/Dual
A1 Southbound Sandy Roundabout to Biggleswade
30 March 2021 – 1640 hours
Rescue Pump from Sandy, Rescue Pump from Biggleswade, Rescue Pump from Kempston, Rescue Pump from Potton and Specialist Rescue Support Unit from Kempston. RTC involving 2 cars, 1 female casualty trapped released by Fire Service using hydraulic cutting equipment and small tools. Scene safety zone implemented by Police and Fire Service.**

**(Contact Station Commander I Finch,
Biggleswade, Potton, Sandy and Shefford Fire Stations, Tel 07912 493250)**

RTC

**Fire Building
Dane Road, Luton
11 January 2021 - 1328 hours
2 Rescue Pumps from Luton. Fire in first floor bedroom caused by faulty electrics, 2 BA under stage 1 withdrawn 1 HR 1 TIC covering jet in use. Smoke clearance in use using PPV Phase 1. Services isolated by Fire Service.**

**(Contact Station Commander S Williams, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations,
Tel 01582 875219)**

Fire



Examples of incidents attended

**Fire Domestic House Ground Floor
Rodeheath, Luton**

13 February 2021 - 2206 hours

2 Rescue Pumps from Luton. Fire in kitchen of ground floor flat caused by extractor fan, fire contained to kitchen. 10% kitchen damaged by fire and 50% of kitchen damaged by smoke. 1 50 year old female suffering from smoke inhalation, now in care of the Ambulance Service. 2BA under stage 1, 1 HR, 1 Covering Jet, 1 Safety Jet Phase, 1 PPV and Oxygen Therapy in use. SSZ implemented by Fire Service. Electrics isolated to property.

**(Contact Station Commander S Williams,
Luton and Toddington Fire Stations,
Tel 01582 875219)**

Fire

Fire Building Persons Reported

St Andrews Road, Bedford

25 March 2021 - 1345 hours

2 Rescue Pumps from Kempston and Rescue Pump from Bedford. 3 storey building used as domestic flats. Fire in kitchen of 1st floor flat, fire out on arrival. Entry made via 9m ladder, 1 male casualty removed from flat by the Fire Service and left in care of Ambulance Service. 1 HR, 1 Covering Jet, PPV Phase 1, 9m ladder, TIC and breaking in equipment in use.

**(Contact Station Commander J Clarke,
Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations,
Tel 01234 245501)**

Fire



Examples of incidents attended

**Special Service Assist Ambulance
Oliver Street, Ampthill**

4 January 2021 – 1649 hours

Rescue Pump from Ampthill and Rescue Unit from Kempston. 1 Elderly female patient with suspected stroke and breathing difficulties in 2nd floor flat of 3 storey building now extricated from building using MIBS stretcher and left in care of Ambulance Service.

(Contact Station Commander R Hulatt, Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations, Tel 07780 339360)

Rescue

Special Service Assist Police - Missing Person

Ashburnham Road, Luton

15 February 2021 – 0915 hours

Drone Unit from Potton. Request to assist the Police with high risk missing person, subsequently the person was found and our resources were recalled shortly after mobilisation.

(Contact Station Commander S Williams, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 875219)

Rescue



Examples of incidents attended

Rescue Animal Small

Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

23 March 2021 – 2135 hours

Rescue Pump from Biggleswade. 1

Munjac deer now released from front of vehicle and now in care of police, small tools in use, scene safety implemented by Fire Service. RSPCA no longer required.

(Contact Station Commander I Finch, Biggleswade, Potton, Sandy and Shefford Fire Stations, Tel 07912 493250)



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:

Thank you received from Thames Valley Air Ambulance for Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable White Watch who attended a fire Clarence Road, Leighton Buzzard on 24th February. Sadly the patient later died in hospital from her injuries.

Our Team that night were Consultant Alex Martin-Bates and Critical Care Paramedic Lisa Brown. They asked me specifically to pass on to the Fire Service crews the statement below. "The support and quality of the care delivered by the Fire Service that evening was truly excellent. The team had removed the patient from further danger in a burning building, successfully cooled the patients' burns and remained actively involved in facilitating her further care. This included covering burns, creating an area protected from the elements and providing support before, during and after the anaesthetic. Despite the fact the outcome was ultimately poor, the care delivered gave the patient the best chance of survival. A huge thank you from us. Alex Martin-Bates and Lisa Brown and the TVAA team.



Letters of appreciation or complaint

Compliment received from EEAST -

Your ongoing drive and professionalism has been fantastic on many different levels with secondment drivers supporting EEAST since April 2020. Fire Fighters and BFRS support staff have proven that 'red and green' can work hand in hand no matter what the challenge .Things haven't always been easy and at times it has felt as if we have been in rather deep and uncharted water, but with the vaccine now being rolled out I can only hope normality will be restored soon. Within Bedfordshire we have led not just across the region, but nationally .We might be a small sector within EEAST and with BFRS being one of the smallest Fire Services across the country, but do not underestimate the impact your support has made. Daring to be different and stepping forward during uncertain times has allowed both EEAST and BFRS to keep the public safe during a time of national emergency. Whether you have supported EEAST by driving on secondment or are part of our falls team/ TSU or medical responders you have made a real difference and from us all here at EEAST thank you. Thank you once again and I look forward to seeing what else we can achieve together during the rest of the year.



Letters of appreciation or complaint

Letter received by Army CC Pat Carberry - As the Army's LGBT+ Champion, I wanted to write and thank you for speaking at the Army LGBT+ Network Conference in January. Your perspective and the historical context of LGBT+ inclusion throughout your career, including your time serving with the Royal Air Force Fire Service, provided a very positive view of the progress made in shaping an inclusive environment for the community. Your personal story of coming out to your colleagues highlights the very real challenge that I know our LGBT+ personnel continue to face today. I recognise that coming out is something LGBT+ people often feel that they have to do every day. Indeed the challenge of tackling the mindset that you described as, 'you can be gay, just discreetly' was particularly stark. Your honest and candid thoughts on inclusion were greatly appreciated by all; the seeds that you planted during the day will provide food for thought and open doors for future conversations so that the Army can continue to 'be the best', inclusion is hard won, and I sense there is much value in further collaboration between the Army LGBT+ Network and the Fire and Rescue Service to collectively develop a stronger and inclusive culture for both of our organisations.

Thank you once again and, once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, I do hope to meet you at a future LGBT+ inclusion event.

A member of the public - Hi just a quick email to say thank you to the fireman at Kempston fire station who made my sons dream come true. It was his 2nd birthday yesterday and obviously has had his first 2 birthdays in lockdown. Yesterday morning we decided to walk him down the fire station as he is obsessed with fireman sam (we did him a fireman sam birthday theme at home) the fireman spotted us walking outside trying to show him the fire engines from a distance and he took a couple of minutes out of his busy day to lift the shutters up and turn the lights on for my son to see it and even allowed us to take a photo with him in front of the fire engine. I don't know the fireman's name but if you can pass on our gratitude for making a 2 year old boy sooo happy on his birthday we would really appreciate it. Thank you.



Response

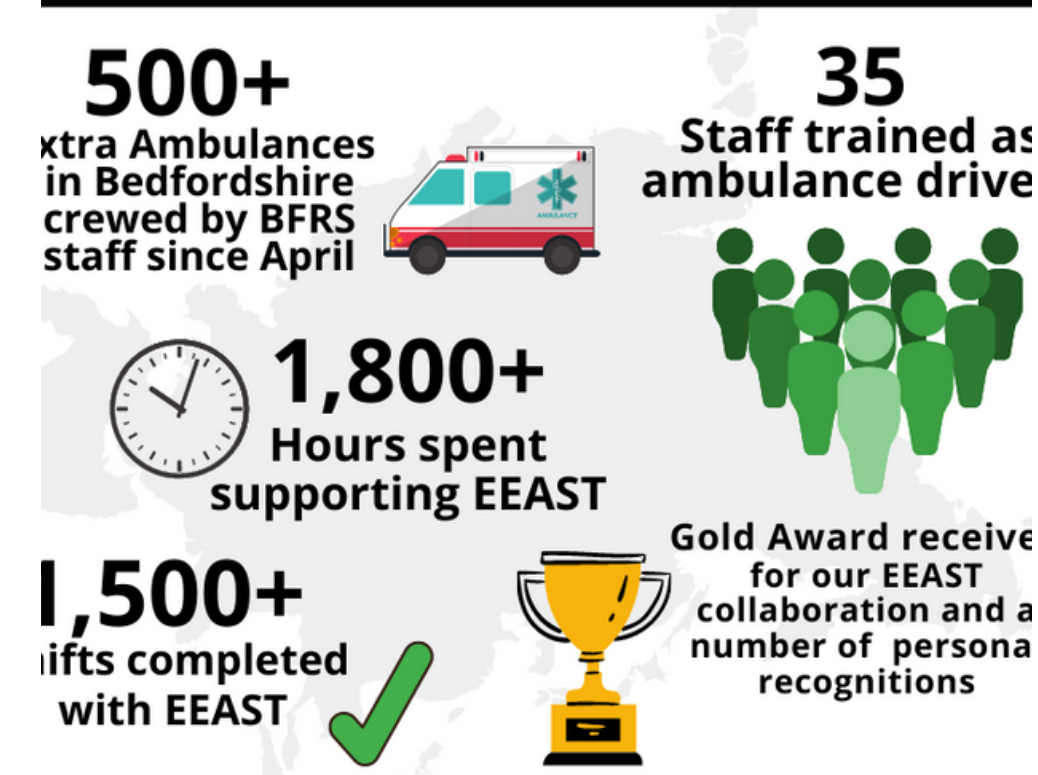
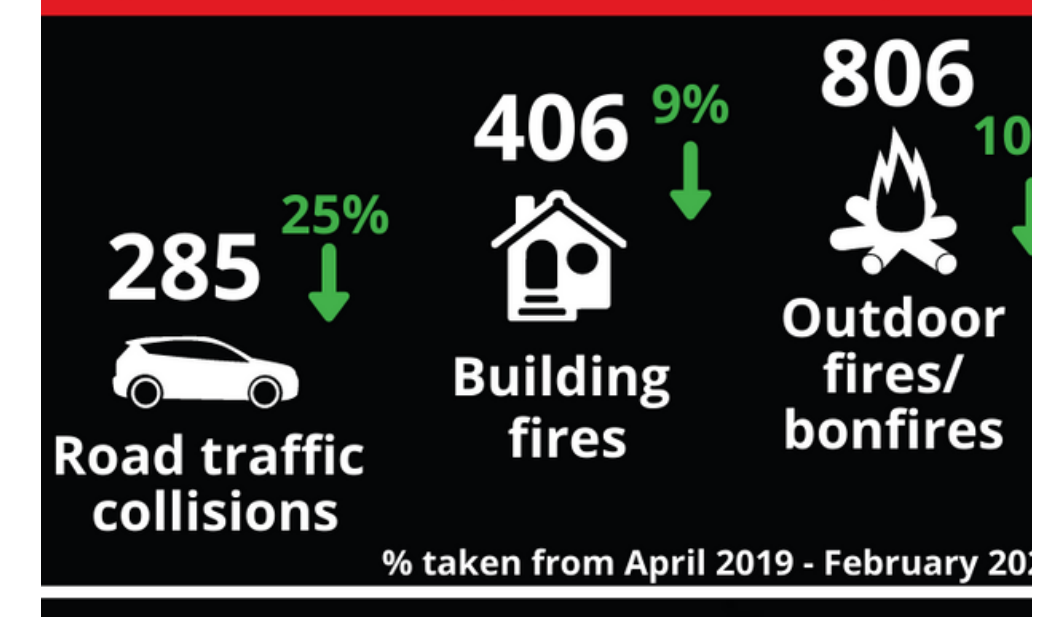
Collaboration with East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)

Figures taken April 2020 to February 2021



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Response statistics (April 2020 - February 2021)





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corporate social media channels since January 2020

