



# **Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service**

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## **Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

### **Information Bulletin**

### **April to June 2021**



# Personnel

## Statistics Covering Period April to June 2021

### Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 March 2021 : 287  
(Including 3 Gold Book)

### Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength : 152 (104 primarily, 48 WTR)  
(Includes whole time retained)

### Appointments:

Whole time Duty System : 0  
Retained Duty System : 12  
Support Staff : 3

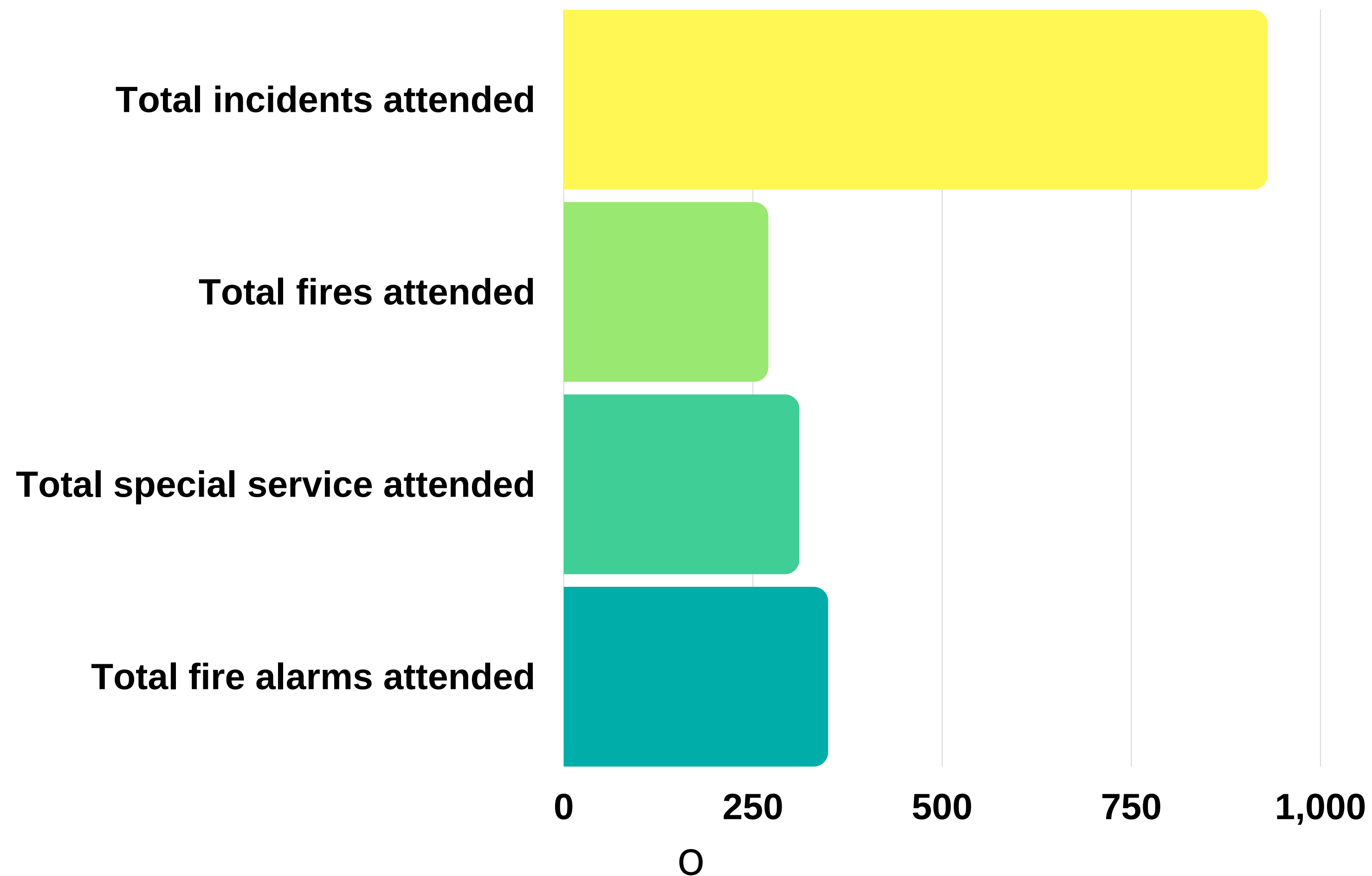
### Leavers:

Whole time : 7  
Retained : 5  
Support Staff : 5



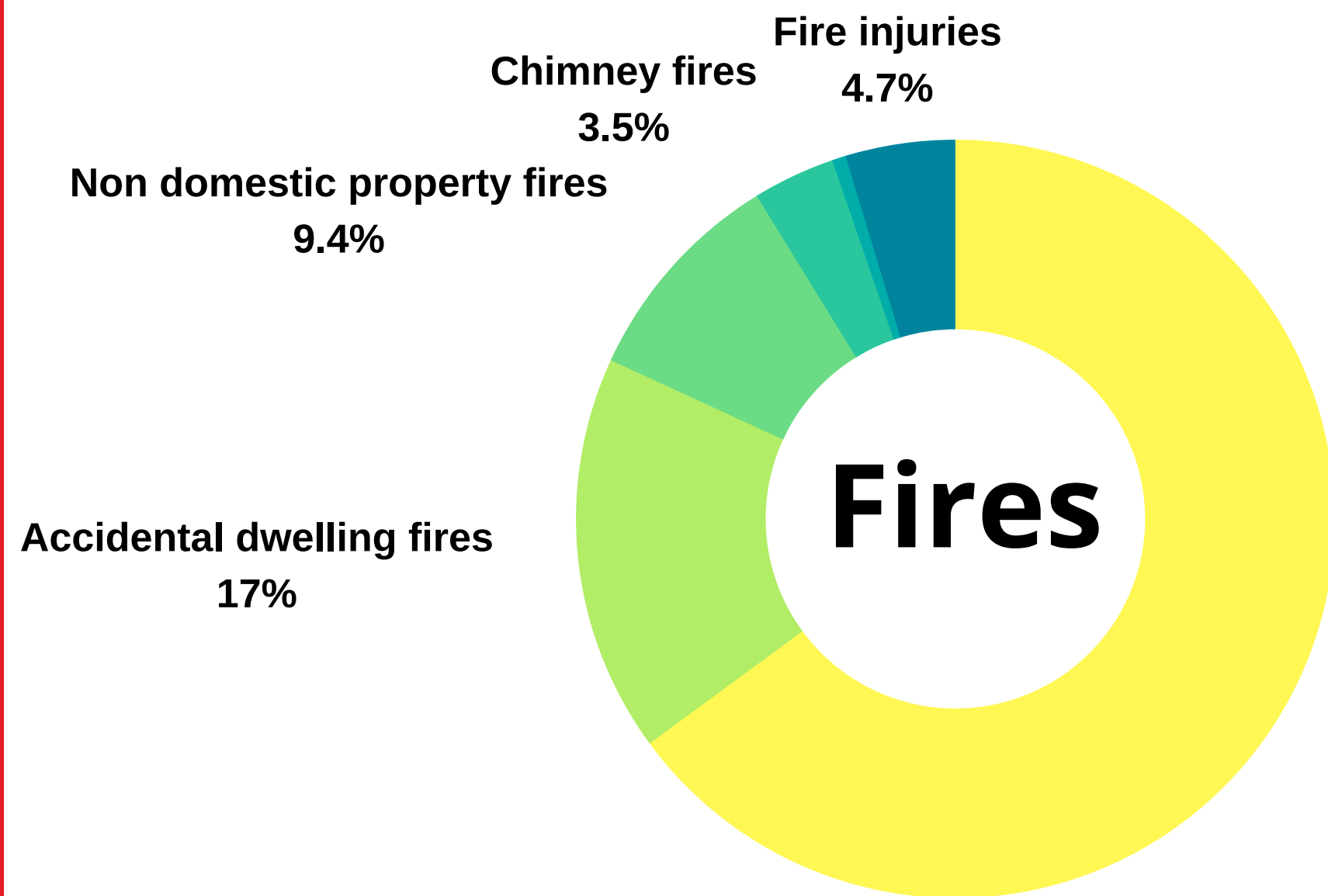
# Operations

Statistics for the Period April to June 2021

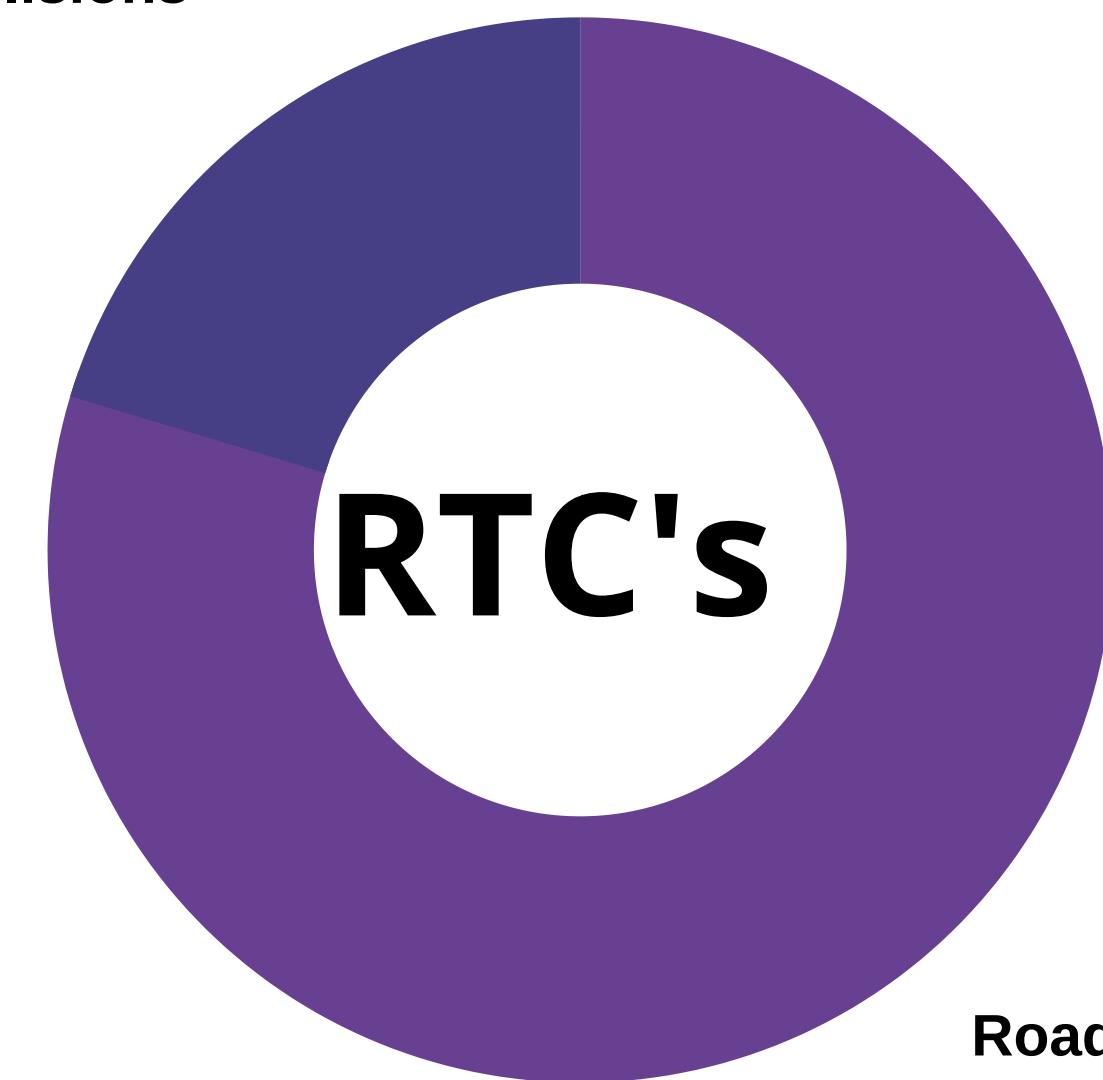




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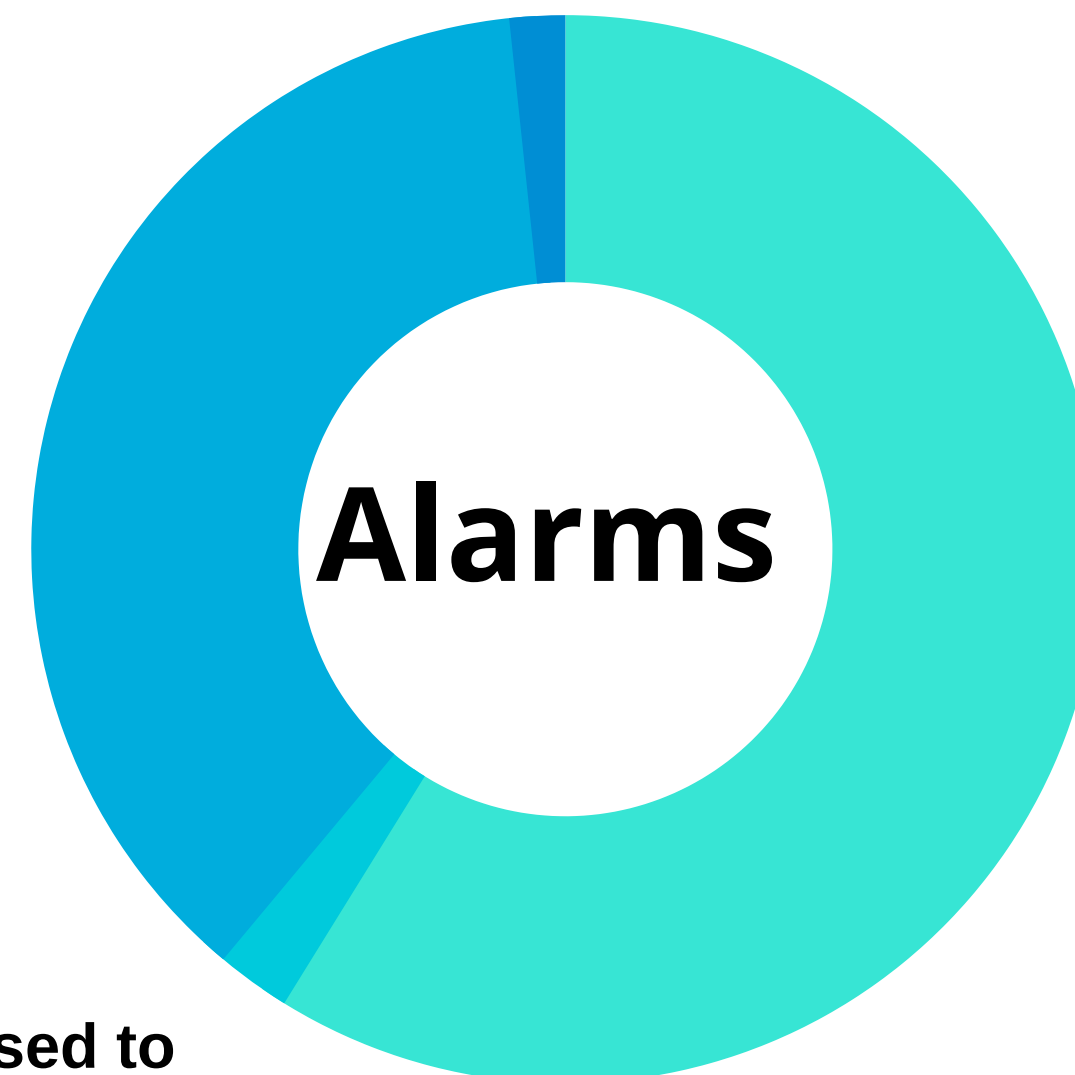


Road traffic collisions  
20.3%



Malicious false alarm  
1.7%

False alarm good intent  
37.3%



Alarms caused by apparatus  
58.8%

OTB mobilised to  
2.2%

Road traffic incidents  
79.7%



## Examples of incidents attended

**Transportation Fire Car  
Grafton Road, Bedford  
9 April 2021 – 0156 hours  
Rescue Pump from Bedford. 1  
car and 1 light van 100%  
involved in fire, 1 HR and 2 BA  
under stage 1 entry  
procedures, incident handed  
over to police to ascertain  
owners and secure removal of  
vehicles. Crews experienced  
difficulty in reaching the cars  
quicker due to poorly parked  
cars in the road.**

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

**RTC**

**Transportation RTC Up To 2 Persons (No  
LGV)  
High Street, Biggleswade  
30 May 2021 – 2015 hours  
Rescue Pump from Shefford,  
Technical Rescue Unit from  
Dunstable, Rescue Unit Kempston  
and Rescue Pump from Kempston.  
RTC involving 3 cars, 6 persons self  
extricated. One 50 year old female  
and one 15 year old boy assisted  
from vehicle. All casualties assessed  
by paramedics for superficial  
injuries. Scene safety zone  
implemented by FS. Incident  
handed over to Police.**

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

**RTC**



## Examples of incidents attended

**Transportation RTC 3 or More Persons  
Beechwood Road, Luton**

**13 June 2021 - 2117 hours**

**2 Rescue Pumps from Luton, Rescue Pump from Stopsley and Rescue Unit from Stopsley. RTC involving two vehicles, one vehicle fled scene, one male casualty in care of Ambulance. Scene safety zone implemented by Fire Service, incident left with Police.**

**(Contact Station Commander**

**A Doherty,**

**Luton and Toddington Fire Stations,  
Tel 01582 875218)**

RTC

**Fire Outside Unknown**

**Green Close, Luton**

**16 April 2021 - 2148 hours**

**2 Rescue Pump from Luton. Kitchen fire, approx. 30% smoke damage to kitchen, one 60 year old male being conveyed to hospital by Ambulance Service. Secondary fire on external scaffolding balcony, caused by chip pan being thrown from flat 56 by resident. Fire extinguished by members of the public prior to arrival of FS, 1 TIC, trauma care bag in use.**

**(Contact Station Commander A  
Doherty, Luton and Toddington Fire  
Stations,**

**Tel 01582 875218)**

Fire



## Examples of incidents attended

**Fire Prisons and Secure Accommodation  
St Loyes Street, Bedford  
1 May 2021 - 1842 hours  
2 Rescue Pumps from Kempston,  
Rescue Pump from Bedford and  
Aerial Platform from Bedford. Fire  
in cell 3 of segregation unit. 1 male  
rescued from cell by Prison Officers.  
Treated by Fire Crews for smoke  
inhalation using O2 therapy  
equipment. Fire extinguished using  
prison Hydro mist system. TIC used.**

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

Fire

**Fire Outside Unknown, Make Pumps 3  
Fieldside, Bedford  
13 June 2021 - 0229 hours  
2 Rescue Pumps from Bedford and  
Rescue Pump from Kempston.  
Motorcycle fire in front garden spread to  
two storey brick built house, measuring  
approx. 8m x 5m, ground floor 70%  
damaged by fire, first floor 30% damaged  
by fire. All persons accounted for. 2 BA  
under rapid deployment, 2 BA under  
stage 1, 2 HR jets, 1 covering jet, 2 TICs in  
use. Fire investigation level 1 completed.**

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

Fire



## Examples of incidents attended

**Rescue from Height  
Woodstock Road, Bedford  
27 April 2021 - 1742 hours**

**Rescue Pump from Bedford, Aerial Platform from Bedford, Technical Rescue Unit and Special Rescue Unit from Dunstable and Rescue Unit from Kempston. 1 42 year old man rescued from top of garage flat roof of domestic property using basket stretcher and aerial platform. 2 Firefighters in working at heights PPE, roof safety system implemented and scene safety implemented by Fire Service.**

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

Rescue

**Special Service Co Responder  
Western Way, Sandy**

**16 May 2021 - 2032 hours  
CRU from Potton. 78 year old male suffering from possible stroke. Observation taken, trauma care bag in use. Casualty handed into care of medical professionals. Safe and well details taken.**

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

Rescue





## Examples of incidents attended

### **Special Service Flooding Inside Vincent Road, Luton**

**13 June 2021 – 1604 hours**

**Rescue Pump from Luton. Electricians in flat 10 affected by water and isolated.**

**Entry gained to flat 12 through open window using triple extension ladder.**

**Water leak from combination boiler now isolated. Occupant from flat 12 contacted and advice given.**

**(Contact Station Commander A  
Doherty,**

**Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel  
01582 875218)**



# Letters of appreciation or complaint

## Complaint:

One complaint received for this period has passed Stage 1.

## 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 received from Central Bedfordshire Council running lateral flow testing in Leighton Buzzard - "Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to you and your team of firefighters at Leighton Buzzard for your visit last Tuesday. The fire engine and crew were very impressive and we had lovely photographs on CBC Facebook"**



# Letters of appreciation or complaint

**Thank you from BCH police who attended the water safety training in Harrold. - I just wanted to write and say thank you for delivering our water training last week. It was one of the best courses we have done and the whole team thoroughly enjoyed it. It was delivered in a relaxed manner, with consideration for all levels and ability with support given to those who needed it. The hospitality was great especially the provision of full fat Coke 😊 I was really impressed with the whole course and from one training team to another we thought you were all excellent and we look forward to continued training and deployments with you in the future. Darren - thank you, for supporting us with this training and I just wanted to let you know that the Matt's and Dave's were a credit to Beds Fire and Rescue Service. Insp 1232 Iain Clark, Unit Head for Operational Support Unit /CT SeCCo. #WeveGotYourBack #EveryContactCounts**



## Letters of appreciation or complaint

**Compliment received from member of the public - Firstly may I offer my sincere thanks to the fire team who attended and were really wonderful last night. I have never been so happy to see a fire engine. I am genuinely grateful they arrived and got everything under control so quickly! Big hug and thanks to all of them.**

**Compliment received from member of the public - Hi, The fire team came out today to check as I could smell burning, they did a full check which I am extremely grateful for, nothing was found but they were extremely friendly and didn't make me feel like a total wally for calling them out. Thank you so much for your help.**