



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Information Bulletin

Q2 July - September 2021



Personnel

Statistics Covering Period July to September 2021

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 30 June 2021 : 285
(Including 3 Gold Book)

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength : 152 (43 secondary retained)
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

Whole time Duty System : 0
Retained Duty System : 12
Support Staff : 5

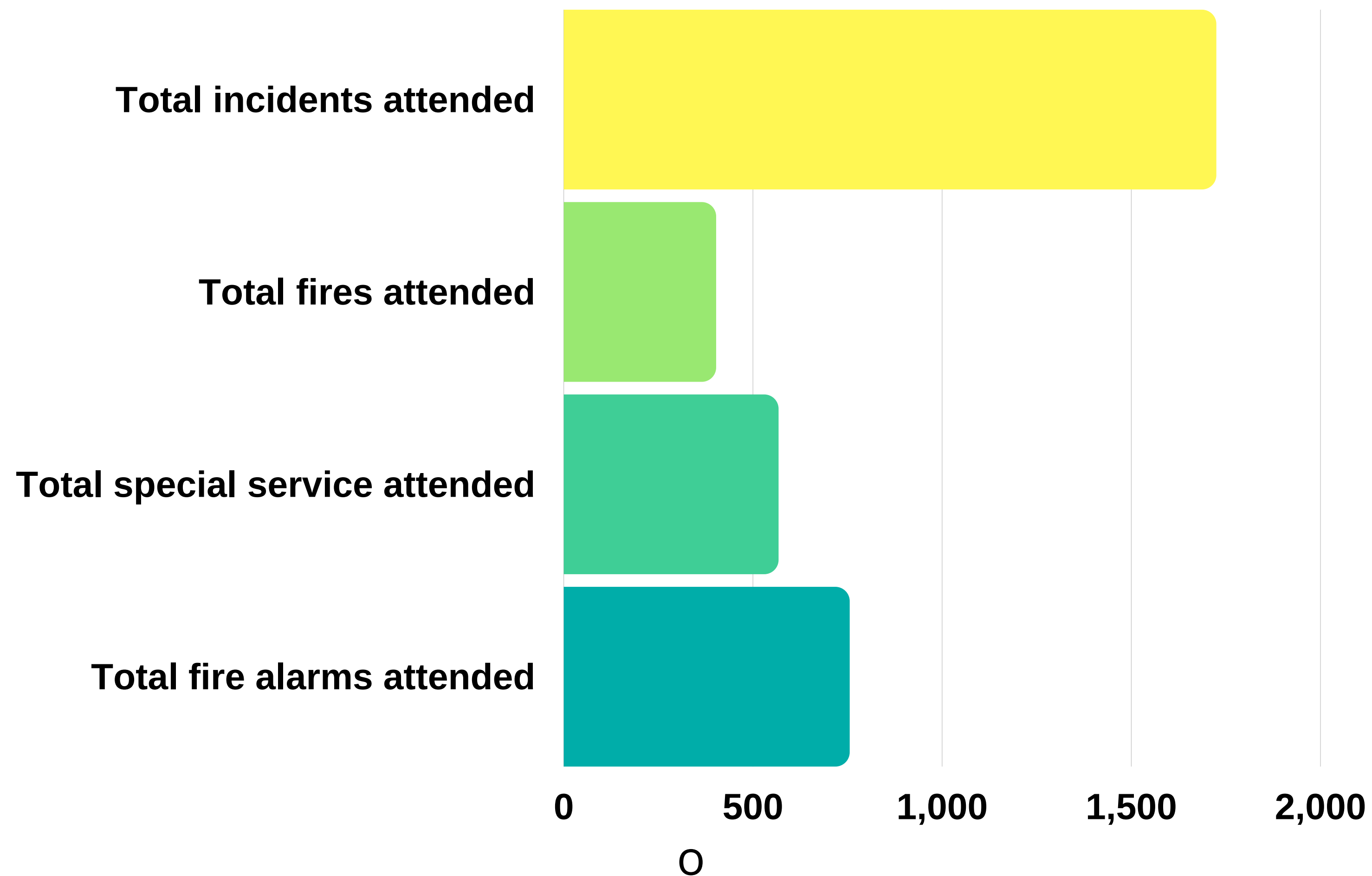
Leavers:

Whole time : 6
Retained : 3
Support Staff : 5



Operations

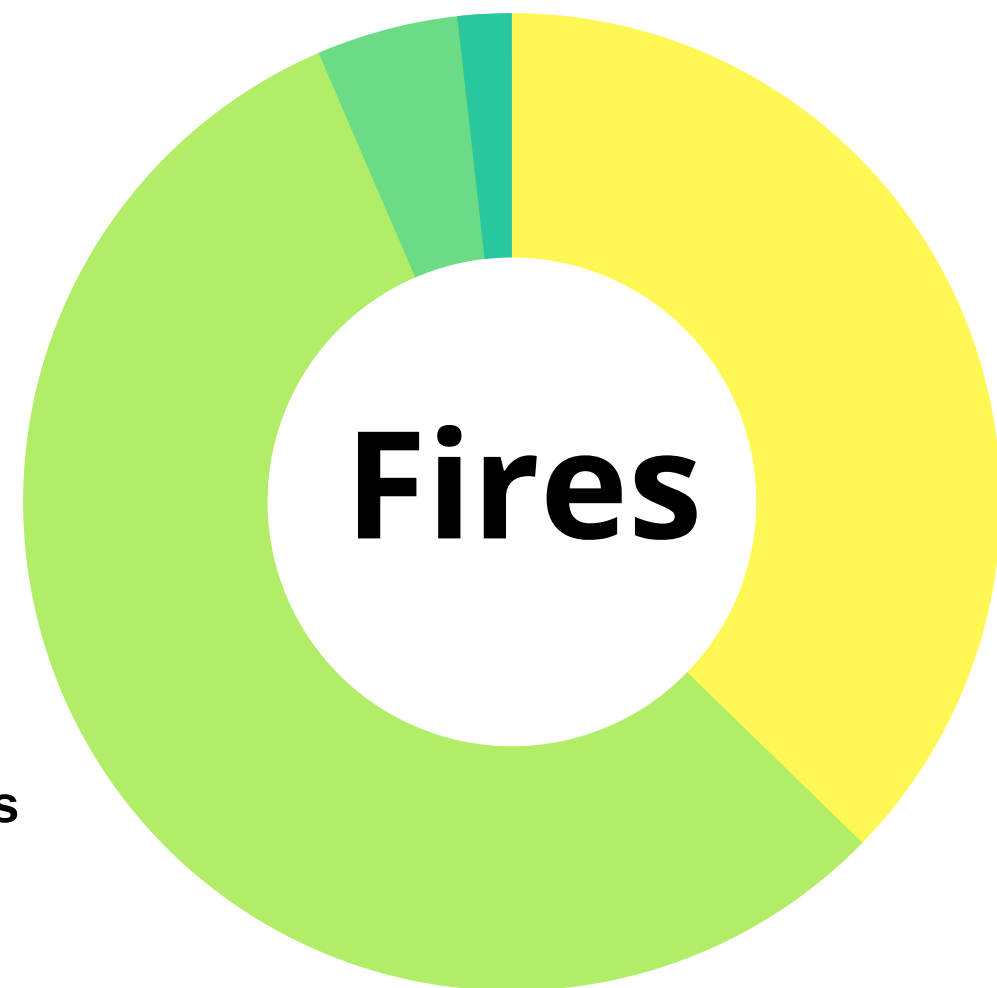
Statistics for the Period July to September 2021





Operations (breakdown)

Non domestic property fires
4.7%

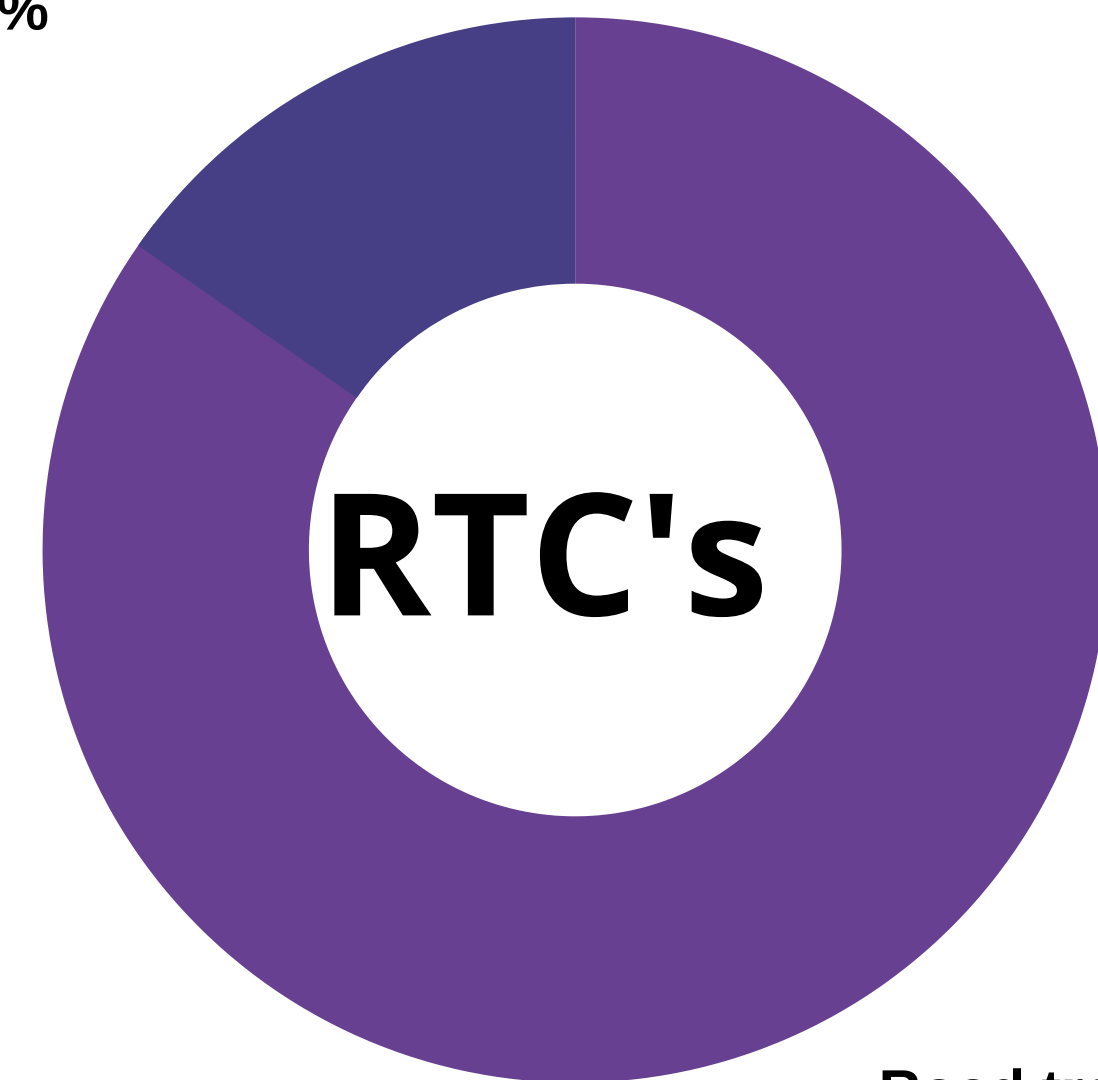


Accidental dwelling fires
56.3%

Fires

Primary fires
37.3%

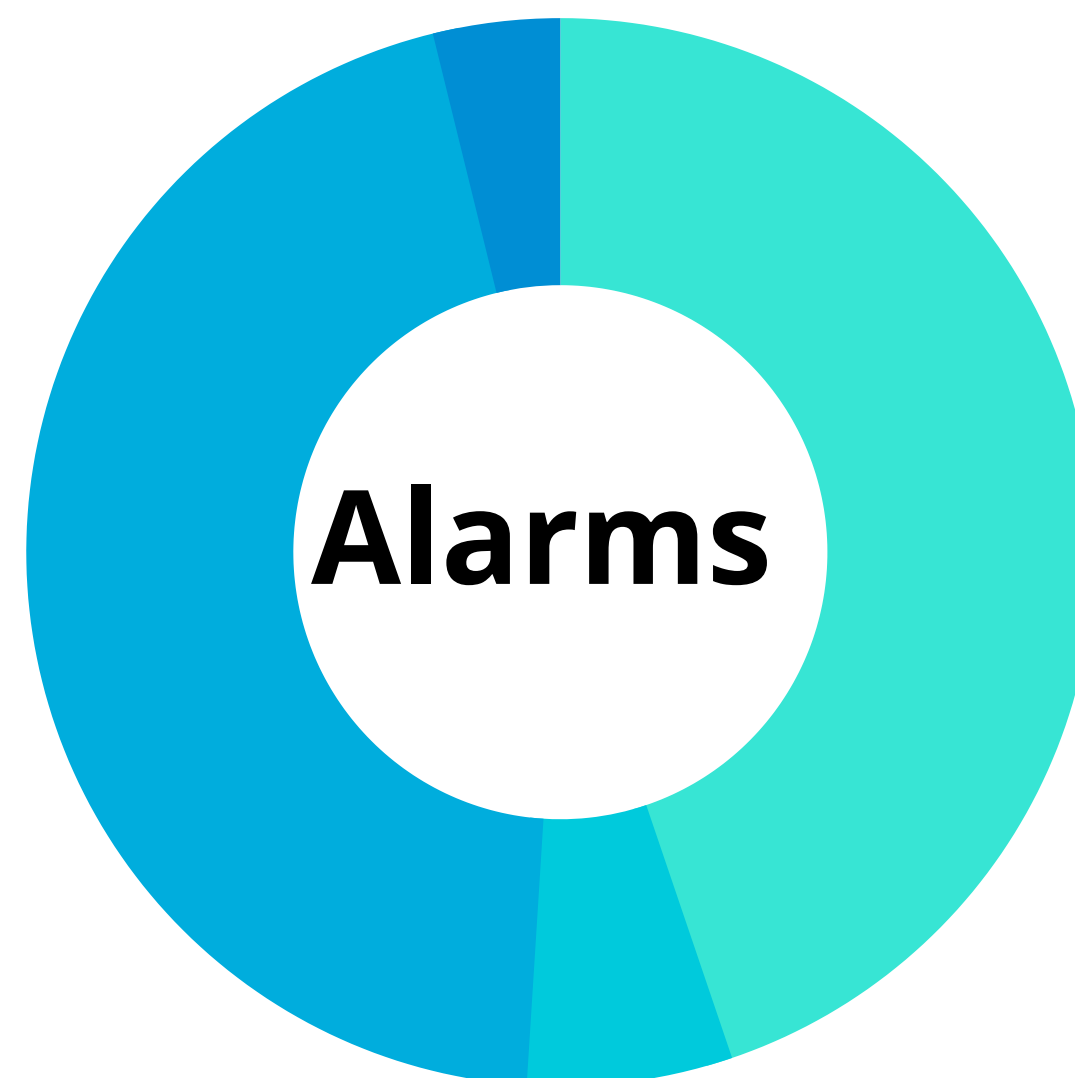
Road traffic collisions
15.3%



RTC's

Road traffic incidents
84.7%

Malicious false alarm
3.8%



Alarms

Alarms caused by apparatus
44.8%

False alarm good intent
45.2%

OTB mobilised to
6.2%



Examples of incidents attended

**Transportation Fire Lorry M1/Dual
A1 Northbound Black Cat Roundabout
07 July 2021 - 1339 hours
Rescue Pump from Sandy and Rescue
Pump from Cambridgeshire. Fire
involving wheels and brakes of
articulated lorry trailer. 2 HRs, 4 BA
under stage 1 and TIC in use. Scene
safety zone implemented by Police and
Fire Service.**

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

RTC

**Transportation RTC 3 or more persons
Tithe Road, Kempston
20 August 2021 - 1320 hours
2 Rescue Pump from Kempston and
Specialist Rescue Support Unit from
Kempston. 1 RTC involving 1 private
car, car on 4 wheels in field, no
persons trapped. 2 persons self
extricated from the vehicle prior to
the arrival of Fire Service, now in
care of Ambulance Service, vehicle
being made safe, scene safety zone
implemented by police.**

**(Contact: Station Commander M
Blanchard, 01234 845006
Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations)**

RTC



Examples of incidents attended

**Transportation RTC up to 2 persons
(no HGV)**

**Duncombe Drive Car Park, Duncombe
Drive, Leighton Buzzard**

27 September 2021 - 1650 hours

**2 Rescue Pumps from Leighton
Buzzard and Rescue Support Unit from**

**Stopsley. RTC involving 1 car and 1
van. One 85 year old casualty
extricated by member of the public.**

**Fire Service treated superficial
wounds and gave high flow oxygen.**

Scene handed over to Police.

**(Contact: Station Commander D Evans,
07557 661169**

**Stopsley and Leighton Buzzard Fire
Stations)**

RTC

**Fire Domestic House Roof/Persons Reported
Castle Road, Bedford**

25 July 2021 - 1854 hours

Rescue Pump from Bedford, Rescue Pump from

**Kempston, Rescue Pump from Sandy, Aerial
Platform from Bedford and Water Carrier from**

**Toddington. Fire in loft space of 2 storey semi
detached house measuring 10m x 15m, house**

**divided into 2 flats, fire attacked internally
with 2 BA under stage 1 with 1 HR, fire**

**attacked externally with 64mm jet, firefighting
superceded with AP and BA withdrawn. Roof**

**space 100% destroyed by fire, 1st and 2nd floor
100% damaged by water. Police, Ambulance**

**and HART in attendance. Preliminary fire
investigation discovered small scale cannabis**

factory in loft space, crime scene declared.

**(Contact: Station Commander J Clarke, 01234
245501**

Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations)

Fire



Examples of incidents attended

Fire Outside Bonfire

St Pauls Road, Bedford

28 August 2021 - 1623 hours

Rescue Pump from Bedford and Rescue Pump from Kempston. 2 Garden sheds 100% destroyed by fire and 1 roof of outbuilding and fence 10% damaged by fire. 3 hosereel, TIC, short extension ladder and small tools used. PPV phase 1 used. Scene safety zone implemented by Fire Service.

(Contact: Station Commander J

Clarke, 01234 245501

Bedford and Harrold Fire

Stations)

Fire

Fire Domestic Garage

Park Road Westoning

15 September 2021 - 0027 hours

Rescue Pump from Toddington and Rescue Pump from Woburn. Fire in domestic garage attached to 2 storey detached house 15M x 12M. Fire extinguished by occupier before arrival of FS. 30% damaged by fire. Small tools and 1 HR in use. Ambulance requested for 1 male suffering burns to feet and smoke inhalation and 1 17 year old male suffering from smoke inhalation.

(Contact: Station Commander M

Blanchard, 01234 845006

Kempston and Ampthill Firw Stations)

Fire



Examples of incidents attended

Special Service Assist Ambulance

Sandleford Drive, Elstow

26 July 2021 – 0605 hours

Rescue Pump from Kempston. Call from Ambulance requesting our attendance to an elderly gentleman fallen with a wheel chair on top of him. On arrival he had managed to remove the wheel chair. Fire Service carried out casualty survey with no apparent injuries and was assisted up into bed await arrival of the Ambulance.

(Contact: Station Commander M

Blanchard, 01234 845006

Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations)

Rescue

Special Service Inspection

Radnor Road, Luton

20 August 2021 – 1605 hours

Rescue Pump from Dunstable. 1 domestic telephone cable, partially detached from house, lying across roadway, liaison made with open reach, 48 hour attendance. Temporary fix performed by Fire Service to reopen roadway triple extension ladder and small tools in use.

Contact: Station Commander A Doherty,

01582 875218

Luton and Toddington Fire Stations)

Rescue



Examples of incidents attended

Special Service Flooding Inside Chiltern Rise, Luton

28 September 2021 – 2032 hours

Rescue Pump from Luton. Flooding through mains wired smoke detector in first floor bedroom. Leak controlled and electrics to circuit isolated by Fire Service. Safe and well carried out. Advice given to occupant to contact landlord and electrician.

**(Contact: Station Commander A
Doherty, 01582 875218**

Luton and Toddington Fire Stations)



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 to Bedford from Wixams Academy
- "I just wanted to send you both a massive thank you for the work you did here at Wixams last Friday. I was unfortunately having to work from home due to being close contact to positive PCR so I missed it. I'm told it was superb and you guys were awesome. Thank you so much and if there are any initiatives or issues that would be beneficial to our students in the future, we would always be keen to collaborate and work together.**



Letters of appreciation or complaint

Thanks to Harrold Station from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service - "Please can I send personnel thanks to yourself and the attending crews from Harrold community fire station who attended the field fire in Olney on Sunday. I always admire the dedication and the commitment in the way on-call stations support their local communities. The crew from Harrold and Watch Commander (James Bayliss) worked extremley hard to bring a successful conclusion to this incident. Their swift response and actions were instrumental in the way the fire was bought under control. I have spoken with the mayor of Olney (Phillip Geach), who would also like to express his thanks on behalf of the community of Olney. Thank you again and i look forward to any cross-border incidents in the future.



Letters of appreciation or complaint

Leighton Buzzard received a thank you card from a local resident thanking them for their support in delivering food parcels at the start of the pandemic - "To the Firemen, my thanks is long overdue but I want to thank you for your kindness during the first lockdown of this pandemic when you delivered a food parcel. My wife contacted coronavirus in March 2020 while in L&D hospital, when she was discharged she needed a hour a day care until she passed away on 30th December 2020. She was buried in Edgington on 3rd February. In the most difficult of times for us your act of kindness which was much appreciated. Best wishes to you all keep well and stay safe.

Compliment received from the web from Member of the public - Hello, yesterday afternoon on Stanford Road a other car smashed into me at the junction. What I believe to be one of your trucks due to location, was heading to Biggleswade I believe they said and a couple of minutes after the accident there were there before anyone had a chance to call 999 and were securing my car, the road and checking i was okay. Staying with me until the ambulance arrived, talking to me etc. I didnt catch any of their names but they were just so amazing at how rapidly they dealt with the situation especially when they probably were not expecting to come across it. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to them all as i was in so much shock i couldn't even think what to do. I am glad/lucky they happened to be passing by. They're all amazing.