



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period 1 April – 30 June 2017

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Operations

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Incidents of Note

ASSISTING AMBULANCE/CO- RESPONDING

Assisting Ambulance/Time Critical Patient

Chelsea Gardens, Houghton Regis 2 April 2017 – 1852 hours

A time critical male adult complex patient was rescued by the Fire Service and left in the care of medical professionals – bariatric equipment and technical rescue unit were used.

(Contact Station Commander A Horner, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

**Special Service Assisting Ambulance
Yew Street, Houghton Regis
12 April 2017 - 1733**

An elderly male had fallen from the loft with his leg trapped in a ladder. He was released using a Camel Chair and removed from the property using a scoop stretcher and then conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

(Contact Station Commander A Horner, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

**Assist Ambulance/Complex Patient
Chelsea Gardens, Houghton Regis
4 May 2017 - 2027 hours**

A Rescue Pump and the Trauma Response Unit from Dunstable attended a complex male who was placed in the care of the Ambulance Service. Slide sheets and limb lifters were used.

(Contact Station Commander A Horner, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

**Co Responder
Woburn Court, Victoria Road, Linslade
27 May 2017 - 1038 hours**

The Co-Responder Vehicle from Leighton Buzzard attended a male patient in cardiac arrest. CPR and an initial assessment were completed by the Fire Service crew and then information was passed to the Ambulance Service. The casualty was believed to be a fatality.

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

**Assist Ambulance
Devon Road, Luton
28 May 2017 - 0714 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Stopsley and Dunstable, with the Specialist Rescue Unit from Stopsley, attended a male fatality. He was released from a hole using a Paratech tri-pod and rope rescue equipment.

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

**Assist Ambulance/Co Responder
Richard Road, Leighton Buzzard
31 May 2017 - 1206 hours**

A Rescue Pump from Leighton Buzzard attended a cardiac arrest of a 52 year old male, who was confirmed a fatality by the Air Ambulance Doctor. The Fire Service assisted with CPR and O2 therapy.

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

FIRES

**Fire Outside Haystack
Model Farm, Leighton Road, Hockliffe
3 April 2017 – 1802 hours**

600 bales of hay were 100% destroyed by fire, the remains of the hay, approximately 10 x 10 x 1m high, was smouldering and left in the care of the farmer.

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

**Fire Building persons Reported
Old Court House, Court Drive,
Dunstable
4 April 2017 – 1801 hours**

There was a fire in the derelict Court House, approximately 20 x 30m consisting of two floors. The fire was in the main area of the ground floor, which was 10% damaged by fire and 100% damaged by smoke.

(Contact Station Commander A Horner, Dunstable and Woburn Fire Stations, Tel 01582 661223)

**House Fire
Felmersham Road, Luton
9 April 2017 – 1123 hours**

There was a fire in the roof of a semi-detached property, approximately 10 x 10m. The roof was 100% damaged by fire, and the first floor 25% damaged. The fire had spread to the adjacent property where 25% of the roof was damaged by.

(Contact Station Commander A Robertson, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 825218)

Shop Fire**High Street, Harrold
26 April – 1343 hours**

A two-storey detached property, the ground floor, 15 x 15m, was used for hairdressing and the first floor used for flats. 25% of the ground floor was damaged by fire and heat and the remainder of the ground floor was damaged by smoke, the first floor was unaffected.

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

Fire**Dawn Cardington, Meadow Lane,
Bedford****9 May 2017 - 0603 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Bedford and Kempston, with the Aerial Platform from Bedford, attended a fire in the roof void of a building approximately 30 x 20 x 10m. The fire involved electrical wiring and pipe lagging of ammonia installation.

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

Smoke Alarm House**Redwood Grove, Bedford
20 May 2017 - 2245 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Bedford, Kempston and Sandy attended a fire in a first floor flat in a three-storey block of flats, 25 x 30m. One adult female and one child were rescued by a BA team and were treated by ambulance personnel for smoke inhalation.

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

House Fire**Spring Road, Kempston
21 May 2017 - 0059 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Bedford and Ampthill attended a two-storey block of flats, 15 x 30m. The fire was in the kitchen of the first floor flat, which was 25% damaged by fire and heat and the remainder damaged by smoke. One female adult was put in the care of the Ambulance Service.

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

Building Fire**B and W Waste Management Services
Ltd, Twinwoods Business Park,
Building 18, Thurleigh Road, Milton
Earnest****28 May 2017 - 1001 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended a fire involving approximately 600 chlorine tablets.

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

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**RTC Persons Trapped****Shakespeare Road Bedford****14 April 2017 – 1446 hours**

The Fire Service attended a RTC involving one car in collision with a tree. One adult male was extricated by the Fire Service and conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

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

**RTC Make Safe Only
Putnoe Lane, Bedford
18 April 2017 – 1313 hours**

A RTC involving two cars – one car had gone into a wall, with three casualties. One nine year old female and one male adult were treated at the scene and one ten year old female was removed to hospital by ambulance. The vehicle and scene were made safe by the Fire Service.

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

**RTC Persons
A1 South Bound Sandy Roundabout to
Biggleswade Roundabout**

1 May 2017 - 0453 hours
Rescue Pumps from Sandy, Biggleswade, Potton and Kempston, with the Specialist Rescue Unit from Kempston, attended a RTC involving one private car. One male casualty was rescued by the Fire Service. Scene safety was implemented by the Fire Service and Police.

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

**RTC Persons Trapped
A6 Deadmans Hill to Silsoe
8 May 2017 - 1749 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Ampthill and Kempston, with the Specialist Rescue Unit from Kempston, attended a RTC involving two cars. One female was released by the Fire Service and then conveyed to hospital by ambulance.

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

RESCUES

**Rescue From Height
Sunderland Hall Farm, Dunton Lane,
Biggleswade
31 June 2017 - 1127 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Shefford and Dunstable, with the Aerial Platform from Bedford and the Trauma Rescue Unit from Dunstable, attended a male adult rescued by the Fire Service from the second floor of a two-storey scaffold structure. They were then placed in the care of medical professionals.

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

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 of correspondence received since the last Information Bulletin.

Service Operational Commander Ball has received two letters of appreciation following an incident that Bedfordshire firefighters attended in Great Gransden, Cambridgeshire on the evening of 9 May 2017.

Firefighters from Potton and Kempston attended the ten pump incident at a thatched property in Great Gransden to work closely with colleagues from Cambridgeshire to extinguish the fire. Group Commander Andrew Draper and Strategic Operational Commander Christopher Ball also attended to work jointly with their peers from Cambridgeshire.

The Officer in charge of the incident, **Group Commander Chris Parker, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS)** said:

.....'This was a challenging incident with a high volume of work completed throughout the night. You and your crews approached this with professionalism and a great work ethic and it was a pleasure to observe the positive attitude of all personnel on the fireground and in Fire Control. Although we could not save the property, the owners wanted me to pass on their thanks and were appreciative of the approach we took to engage and keep them informed of progress.'.....

Strategic Operational Commander Maurice Moore (Head of Operations, CFRS) commented that:

.....'The fact that we were able to share operational command principles and operational procedures demonstrates that we are taking an active role across both Services. In my view this is a great example of how two Fire and Rescue Services can share Strategic Officers to safely resolve operational incidents.'.....

A member of the public emailed the Service to thank the crews from Dunstable, Luton and Toddington who attended a house fire:

.....'Please can you extend my thanks to all the crews who attended my daughter's house fire in Dunstable on Saturday morning.

Whilst a horrifying experience, they were all so kind and lovely to my daughter and her children and they did an amazing job.

Thank you so much.'.....

Vinod Tailor, The High Sheriff of Bedfordshire sent a letter of thanks to CFO Fuller following a visit to Headquarters:

.....'Jaimani and I would like to thank you and your team for organising a memorable morning. An experience which we will cherish and be able to tell our grandchildren. In addition the lunch was very delicious. So please accept our big thank you.'.....

Forthcoming Events

- 19 July 2017, following FRA meeting
Station visit to Dunstable Station
- 19 July 2017, 7.00 pm
Station visit to Harrold Station
- 6 September 2017, 7.00 pm
Awards Presentation Evening, The Auction House, Crescent Road, Luton LU2 0AH
- 7 September 2017, 7.00 pm
Station visit to Biggleswade Station
- 13 September 2017, 10.00 am
Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- 14 September 2017, 10.00 am
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- 20 September 2017, 10.00 am
Human Resources Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- 28 September 2017, 10.00 am
Audit and Standards Committee (Annual Governance Statement), Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

- *10 October 2017, 10.00 am*
Fire and Rescue Authority Briefing,
Fire and Rescue Service
Headquarters
- *20 October 2017, 10.00 am*
Fire and Rescue Authority meeting,
Dunstable Community Fire Station

(Contact Mrs K Daniels, Service
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Tel 01234 845013)