



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period 1 April – 30 June 2018

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 30 June 2018 316

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength 141
(includes wholetime retained)

Appointments:

Wholetime Duty System	11
Retained Duty System	10
Support Staff	8

Leavers:

Wholetime	2
Retained	3
Support Staff	7

Appointments:

Wholetime:

Deputy Chief Fire Officer A Hopkinson with effect from 1 May 2018.

Firefighters P Watts, C Stearn, A Staples, S Holton, W Simms, M Sharples, C Morton, J Mansfield, D Farrell, K Kenyon with effect from 4 June 2018

Retained:

Firefighters I Webb, J Richardson, J Norman, K Maskell, S Kitchin, O Kirk, J Abbott, A Bowles, M Clarke, J Gale with effect from 16 April 2018.

Support:

L Sparks (Administrative Assistant, Fire Safety) with effect from 9 April 2018.

S Deacon (Property Support Officer) with effect from 10 April 2018.

K Young (Typing/Secretarial Assistant) with effect from 30 April 2018.

S Godfrey (Home Safety Advisor, South) with effect from 1 May 2018.

S Canzio (Occupational Health Advisor) with effect from 22 May 2018.

K Ilett (Human Resources Advisor) with effect from 1 June 2018.

A Watson (Administrative Assistant, Operations) with effect from 4 June 2018.

P Williams (Site Assistant) with effect from 18 June 2018.

Retirements:

Wholetime:

Firefighter A Walker (Luton) with effect from 1 June 2018 after 28 years and 2 months service.

Support Staff:

L Girt (Personal Assistant to the Principal Officers) with effect from 2 April 2018 after 38 years and 9 months Service.

A Carr (Administrative Assistant, Operations) with effect from 28 May 2018 after 21 years service.

A Cooper (Human Resources Administrator WT) with effect from 11 June 2018 after 33 years and 10 months service

Leavers:

Wholetime:

Firefighter R Cross (Dunstable) left on 7 April 2018 after 9 years' service.

Firefighter A Ford (Luton) left on 23 April 2018 after 3 months service.

Retained:

Firefighter S McKenna (Toddington) left on 1 June 2018 after 7 months service.

Firefighter W Black (Kempston) left on 24 June 2018 after 11 months service.

Firefighter R Fletcher (Potton) left on 27 June 2018 after 4 years and 7 months service.

Support Staff:

A Potter (Procurement Manager) left on 9 April 2018 after 5 years and 11 months service.

J Cleland (Human Resources Advisor) left on 13 April 2018 after 8 years' service.

J English (HR System Implementation Lead) left on 30 April 2018 after 2 years and 6 months service.

S Hodgkiss (ICT Support Manager) left on 10 May 2018 after 4 years and 7 months service.

A Russell (Human Resources Administrator) left on 14 May 2018 after 7 months service.

D Fensome (Occupational Health Practitioner) left on 28 May 2018 after 5 years and 1 month service.

T McCombe (Station Cook, Luton) left on 25 June 2018 after 1 year and 5 months service.

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

Operations

Statistics for the Period 1 April– 30 June 2018

Incident Statistics	2018/19 Q1
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	936
Total Fires Attended*	303
Primary Fires	164
Accidental Dwelling Fires	57
Non Domestic Property Fires	25
Chimney Fires	7
Fire Fatalities	1
Fire Injuries	4
Total Special Service Attended	219
Road Traffic Incidents	73
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	14
Total Fire Alarms Attended	399
Malicious False Alarm	24
False Alarm Good Intent	129
Alarm caused by Apparatus	246
OTB Mobilised To	19

*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

Person Trapped in Machinery Scapa Tapes UK Ltd, Dunstable 10 April 2018 - 2330 hours

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable and Stopsley, attended one male trapped between rollers of industrial machinery.

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

Water Rescue Assist Police Missing Person

Broom Crossroads, Southill

4 June 2018 - 0343 hours

The Rescue Boat from Bedford and pumps from Sandy and Potton attended a male fatality retrieved from the river.

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

ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

RTC Persons Trapped

New Bedford Road, Luton

10 April 2018 - 1612 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley attended incident involving two buses. Two persons extracted by fire service. Major incident declared by police and ambulance.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

Lewsey Road, Luton

21 June 2018 - 1220 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton attended a RTC involving two private cars. One male casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

Wollaston Road, Wellingborough

27 June 2018 - 1132 hours

Rescue Pump from Harrold attended over the border. RTC involving a minivan with two occupants, one of which was in a wheelchair. Vehicle left the road and was in a field. Both occupants trapped in the vehicle and released by the Fire Service.

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

FIRES

High Rise Flat Fire

Villa Road, Luton

15 April 2018 - 0338 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton, Stopsley and Dunstable attended a fire in the bedroom of a ground floor flat in a three storey premise. Evacuation of six surrounding flats was necessary.

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

Lorry Fire

**Bedfordshire Growers Ltd,
Biggleswade**

19 April 2018 – 1907 hours

Rescue Pumps from twelve Bedfordshire stations attended a major fire at a single storey packaging warehouse. Fire damage was caused to the whole structure. The building was unsafe to enter due to the partial collapse of the roof.

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

Tree Fire

Steppingley Road, Flitwick

20 May 2018 - 1846 hours

Rescue pumps from Ampthill, Woburn, Dunstable and Kempston attended an incident involving 80 metres of conifer trees. Fire spread to neighbouring gardens causing damage to fences and sheds.

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

Farm Fire

Guilden Morden Road Wrestlingworth

26 June 2018 - 1158 hours

Rescue Pumps from Potton and Biggleswade along with Water Carrier from Kempston attended. Three poultry sheds completely destroyed by fire involving four propane cylinders.

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

RESCUES

Swan in Fast Lane of A1

A1 Northbound Black Cat Roundabout

8 May 2018 - 0943 hours

Specialist rescue unit from Kempston attended and successfully relocated swan to Paxton Lakes.

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

Rescue from Height

A5 between Hockliffe and Dunstable

8 May 2018 - 2045 hours

Rescue pump from Dunstable attended two males stuck on cliff face. Rescue equipment used to lower them from cliff face to ground.

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

Letters of Appreciation or Complaint

Complaint:

No complaints (past Stage 1) 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 from **Wootton Brownie Pack:**

.....'I just wanted to say a massive thank you for letting us visit the fire station with the Brownies and also your visit to our meeting. The Girls really enjoyed spending time with the firemen and having a look around the station and learning all about your work. They loved your visit to our meeting and being able to have a look in the fire engine and learning some really valuable lessons that will stay with them for life (Stop, Drop, Roll!) and going home to check their own smoke alarms. I know how busy you are and want to thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedule to spend time with us'.

The following has been received from **Shuttleworth at Old Warden Park:**

.....'I am not sure how to pass on our thanks to the fire pumps and crews that attended The House, Shuttleworth at Old Warden Park on Wednesday evening. They were calm and informative as we located the shut off valve and isolated electrics, and as our support staff arrived they were supportive as we started the clearing and mopping up process. It was a shock for us to see all the water but the professionalism of the crew kept us focused and their calmness helped suppress our panic. Many thanks again'.

A member of the public sent thanks to Dunstable Blue Watch:

.....'I just wanted to send a message to say a huge thank you to the guys at Dunstable Station. My friend came to visit with her 2 year old son and we thought we'd walk past on our way home as he LOVES fire engines. One of the guys there was kind enough to let us come in and see the engines while you were checking the equipment. The look on my friend's son's face was priceless, he was pretty amazed and we got some lovey photos of him sitting in the engine. I think he was a bit overwhelmed by it (I think it's the first time he has ever been speechless!) but after we left all he could say was 'Happy!' It was all he could talk about, you absolutely made his day!

Thank you so much, the work you do is amazing but this was going above and beyond and it was so lovely I felt it needed to be noted.

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

.....'Thank you very much to the fire crew who attended an abandoned car set on fire in Eaton Bray this evening. It was a very quick response and dealt with efficiently and quickly. We appreciate your response, thank you very much".

Thank you from **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

....."St. Josephs would just like to pass on their thanks to the fire crew who attended our special Dads Day on Saturday. Thank you for your time it was much appreciated by all".

Forthcoming Events

- 6 July 2018, 10.00 am
Audit and Standards Committee, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- 17 July 2018, 10.00 am
FRA Briefing, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- 19 July 2018, 10.00 am
FRA, Dunstable Community Fire Station

- *6 September 2018, 7.00 pm*
Awards Evening, Auction House, Luton
- *13 September 2018, 10.00 am*
Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *19 September 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
- *25 September 2018, 10.00 am*
Audit and Standards Committee, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *10 October 2018, 10.00 am*
FRA Briefing, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters
- *11 October 2018,*
CFA Conference, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Milton Keynes
- *12 October 2018, 11.00 am (TBC)*
Fire Commission, LGA
- *18 October 2018, 10.00 am*
FRA, Dunstable Community Fire Station

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