



# Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

## Information Bulletin

### Personnel

#### Statistics Covering Period 1 October – 31 December 2018

#### Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 December 2018      313

#### Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength  
(Includes whole time retained)      152

#### Appointments:

Whole time Duty System	3
Retained Duty System	2
Support Staff	5

#### Leavers:

Whole time	5
Retained	2
Support Staff	5

#### Appointments:

##### *Whole time:*

Firefighter S Theodorou with effect from 8 November 2018

Trainee Control Firefighters V Bieron and L Watts with effect from 3 December 2018.

##### *Retained:*

Firefighter L Sisson with effect from 1 October 2018

Firefighter J Keane with effect from 8 November 2018.

##### *Support:*

M Statham-Clark (ICT User Support Team Leader) with effect from 1 October 2018.

Y Lawson (Software and Integration Services Engineer) with effect from 15 October 2018.

A Quinn (Station Cook - weekend) with effect from 27 October 2018.

D Robinson (ICT Service Engineer) with effect from 12 November 2018.

T Finn (ICT User Support Engineer) with effect from 19 November 2018.

## **Retirements:**

### ***Whole time:***

Workplace Development Manager P Goddard (Training Centre) with effect from 9 November 2018 after 27 years and 3 months service.

### ***Support:***

RPE Technician T Keech (HQ) with effect from 10 December 2018 after 15 years and 8 months service.

Office Services Manager J Jackson (HQ) with effect from 8 October 2018 after 25 years and 4 months service.

## **Leavers:**

### ***Wholetime:***

Firefighter R Barrow (Luton) with effect from 4 November 2018 after 5 years and 2 months service.

Firefighter S Theodorou (Leighton Buzzard) with effect from 23 November 2018.

Training Instructor A Doherty (Training Centre) with effect from 21 October 2018 after 15 years and 3 months service.

Firefighter R Daffey (Stopsley) with effect from 18 October 2018 after 9 months service.

### ***Retained:***

Firefighter J Brook (Amphill) left on 9 November 2018 after 3 years and 11 months service.

Firefighter M Hutchinson (Potton) with effect from 19 October 2018 after 7 years and 5 months service.

### ***Support Staff:***

N Marlton (ICT Support Technician) left on 7 October 2018 after 13 years and 4 months service.

W Mullett (ICT Service Desk Technician) left on 31 October 2018 after 2 years and 10 months service.

A Guerriero (ICT Support Technician) left on 31 December 2018 after 10 years and 7 months service.

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

# Operations

## Statistics for the Period 1 October – 31 December 2018

Incident Statistics	2018/19 Q3
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1335
Total Fires Attended*	368
Primary Fires	215
Accidental Dwelling Fires	89
Non Domestic Property Fires	23
Chimney Fires	6
Fire Fatalities	0
Fire Injuries	9
Total Special Service Attended	321
Road Traffic Incidents	108
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	20
Total Fire Alarms Attended	532
Malicious False Alarm	26
False Alarm Good Intent	182
Alarm caused by Apparatus	321
OTB Mobilised To	30

\*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

### **ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS**

#### **RTC Persons Trapped** **M1 Southbound Junction 14** **6 October 2018 - 1429 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Woburn and Buckinghamshire Fire Service and specialist rescue unit from Kempston attended incident involving two cars. One male casualty extracted by the Fire Service.

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

#### **RTC Persons Trapped** **A6 Wilstead Hill to Deadmans Hill** **9 October 2018 - 0850 hours**

Rescue Pumps and specialist unit from Kempston attended a RTC involving three cars. One casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

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

#### **RTC Persons Trapped** **Tennyson Road, Luton** **26 November 2018 - 1254 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley attended an incident involving two vehicles. One female casualty released using hydraulic rescue equipment by the Fire Service.

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

#### **RTC Persons Trapped** **Leagrave Railway Station, Luton** **26 December 2018 – 0237 hours**

Rescue pumps from Luton and Stopsley attended an incident involving two vehicles. One casualty extracted by the Fire Service using specialist rescue equipment.

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

### **FIRES**

#### **Fire Outside** **Manor Farm, Wilden** **10 October 2018 - 1555 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Bedford and Ampthill attended a fire involving a large number of agricultural vehicles and equipment. All destroyed by the fire.

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

### **Barn Fire**

**Dovehouse Lane, Kensworth**

**31 October 2018 – 1910 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable and Luton and specialist vehicles from Toddington and Leighton Buzzard attended a barn fire involving 15,000 bales of hay, animal feed and equipment. All destroyed by fire.

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

### **House Fire**

**Baker Street, Luton**

**1 November 2018 - 2205 hours**

Rescue pumps from Luton and Dunstable attended a fire in a private property. Significant damage to two floors and roof space. Property used for production of drugs. Fire and crime investigations completed.

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

### **Shop Fire**

**Saffron Close, Bedford**

**4 December 2018 - 1518 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Kempston attended a fire in a derelict shop over three floors.

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

### **House Fire**

**Huntsmans Way, Bedford**

**12 December 2018 – 0413 hours**

Rescue pumps from Bedford, Harrold and Kempston attended a fire in a two storey private premises. One casualty rescued by brigade personnel from ground floor.

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

## **RESCUES**

### **Calf Stuck in Mud**

**Old Warden**

**5 October 2018 – 1330 hours**

Rescue pump from Dunstable and specialist rescue unit from Kempston attended one cow requiring rescue from mud.

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

### **Rescue from Height**

**Bideford Green, Linslade**

**19 October 2018 – 1243 hours**

Rescue pumps from Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable attended incident involving one male casualty, extricated from first floor flat roof by the Fire Service.

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

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

*.....'please pass on our thanks to the fire crews (I think it was Biggleswade and Kempston) who attended a house fire at our home. It was a distressing time for us and the crews were calm, professional and informative. They dealt with the situation in a kind and matter of fact manner which stopped us panicking'.....*

**A member of the public** sent thanks for the assistance they received:

*.....'I wish to thank the crews from Luton and Dunstable that assisted the Ambulance Service last night lifting my husband into the ambulance. The FRS personnel were so amazing and wonderful with my husband, I am very grateful'...*

Thanks from **Residents of Oakway House:**

*.....'please send our heartfelt thanks to the personnel who attended the North Wing fire on Thursday night to keep us safe. We were horrified but humbled'. .....*

Thank you from a **Member of the Public:**

*.....'I would like to compliment the crews who attended the fire at my neighbour's property in Sandy, they did an absolutely amazing job, the loss adjusters cannot believe we had so little damage to our own property and that was down to the excellent work carried out by the Firefighters'.....*

Thank you from a **Member of the Public** for Dunstable Red Watch:

*.....'Within 5 minutes of calling, the crew arrived, and with the kindest and gentlest approach, helped my dad to safety. They turned a traumatic experience into an event my father doesn't remember. I cannot express how grateful I am for the work the Fire and Rescue Service do in general and in this particular case you probably saved my father's life'.....*

## **Forthcoming Events**

*7 February 2019, 10.00 am*  
FRA (Budget Meeting), Dunstable Community Fire Station

*27 February 2019, 10.00 am*  
Corporate Services Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*7 March 2019, 10.00 am*  
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*18 March 2019, 10.00 am*  
Human Resources Policy and Challenge Group, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*14 March 2019, 10.00 am*  
Audit and Standards Committee, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*26 March 2019, 10.00 am*  
FRA Briefing, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters

*28 March 2019, 10.00 am*  
FRA, Dunstable Community Fire Station

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