



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period 1 January – 31 March 2019

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 March 2019 305

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength 148
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

Whole time Duty System	1
Retained Duty System	1
Support Staff	3

Leavers:

Whole time	10
Retained	7
Support Staff	3

Appointments:

Whole time:

Training Instructor A Doherty with effect from 11 March 2019

Retained:

Firefighter T Powell with effect from 18 March 2019

Support:

R Brackenbury (Business Application Manager) with effect from 3 January 2019

D Styles (Procurement Officer) with effect from 21 January 2019.

R Abunasar (Finance Officer) with effect from 18 March 2019.

Retirements:

Whole time:

Crew Commander A Reeve (Dunstable) with effect from 2 January 2019 after 26 years and 5 months service.

Crew Commander P Roberts (Kempston) with effect from 8 January 2019 after 25 years and 10 months service.

Watch Manager Technical A Ellams with effect from 3 February 2019 after 30 years service.

Firefighter D Phillips (Kempston) with effect from 4 February 2019 after 30 years service.

Station Commander D Hobbs (Kempston/Ampthill) with effect from 4 February 2019 after 30 years service.

Homes Roads & Leisure Safety Manager S Allen with effect from 4 February 2019 after 21 years and 6 months service.

Watch Commander P Johnson (Stopsley) with effect from 28 February 2019 after 30 years and 1 months service.

Support:

Payroll Project Manager A Wootton (HQ) with effect from 28 February 2019 after 1 year and 5 months service.

Leavers:

Wholetime:

Fire Safety Inspecting Officer (South) J Field with effect from 1 January 2019 after 14 years and 9 months service.

Crew Commander K Harris (Dunstable) with effect from 3 March 2019 after 3 years and 4 months service.

Retained:

Firefighter S Cox (Ampthill) with effect from 18 January 2019 after 1 year and 8 months service.

Firefighter C Sexton (Ampthill) with effect from 15 February 2019 after 4 years and 8 months service.

Firefighter J Morris (Potton) with effect from 15 February 2019 after 1 year and 7 months service.

Firefighter D Joyce (Leighton Buzzard) with effect from 14 March 2019 after 4 months service.

Crew Commander J Wilmans (Bedford) with effect from 15 March 2019 after 3 years and 2 months service.

Crew Commander I Bilcock (Biggleswade) with effect from 29 March 2019 after 26 years service.

Firefighter S Kendall (Biggleswade) with effect from 31 March 2019 after 2 years and 7 months service.

Support Staff:

K Young (Typing/Secretarial Assistant) with effect from 31 January 2019 after 9 months service.

A Quinn (Station Cook Luton) with effect from 17 March 2019 after 4 months service.

Gold Book:

Assistant Chief Officer (HR & OD) Z Evans with effect from 31 January 2019 after 20 years service.

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

Operations

Statistics for the Period 1 January – 31 March 2019

Incident Statistics	2018/19 Q4
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1314
Total Fires Attended*	418
Primary Fires	246
Accidental Dwelling Fires	112
Non Domestic Property Fires	23
Chimney Fires	17
Fire Fatalities	3
Fire Injuries	11
Total Special Service Attended	343
Road Traffic Incidents	109
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	13
Total Fire Alarms Attended	513
Malicious False Alarm	28
False Alarm Good Intent	190
Alarm caused by Apparatus	293
OTB Mobilised To	21

*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 Person Trapped

Clapham Road, Bedford

2 January 2019 - 1245 hours

Rescue Pumps from Bedford and Kempston attended incident involving an overturned people carrier vehicle. One female casualty extracted by the Fire Service.

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

RTC Person Trapped

Flitton Road, Greenfield

10 January 2019 - 1655 hours

Rescue Pumps from Toddington, Luton and Stopsley attended a RTC involving a car. One male casualty with neck injuries was extracted by the Fire Service.

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

RTC Person trapped

M1 Southbound, Junction 11a

5 February 2019 – 2311 hours

Rescue pumps from Dunstable, Stopsley and Toddington attended an RTC involving one vehicle on the motorway. One male casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

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

FIRES

Fire Derelict Building/Make Pumps 10 Kimbolton Road, Bedford

3 January 2019 - 1807 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Bedford, Sandy, Woburn, Shefford, Biggleswade and Ampthill and specialist vehicles from Toddington. Leighton Buzzard and Potton attended a fire in an unoccupied and shuttered building.

(Contact Station Commander S Williams, Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations, Tel 01234 845024)

Barn Fire

Wood End Lane, Kempston

8 January 2019 – 0020 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Biggleswade and Shefford attended a dutch barn fire involving 1,000 cubic metres of straw.

(Contact Station Commander S Williams, Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations, Tel 01234 845024)

**Thatched Cottage Fire
Green End Road, Kempston
8 January 2019 - 0204 hours**

Rescue pumps from Bedford, Kempston, Potton, Ampthill, Toddington, Woburn and Leighton Buzzard attended a fire in a private property. Significant damage to roof, bedroom and building extension.

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

**Fire Outside
The Great Ouse Way, Bromham
8 January 2019 - 0347 hours**

Rescue Pumps from Sandy, Dunstable and Biggleswade attended a fire in a range of outbuildings. Approximately 50 vintage vehicles involved in the blaze.

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

**Building Fire/ Make Pumps 8
Manchester Street, Luton
11 January 2019 – 1255 hours**

Rescue pumps from Stopsley, Dunstable and Biggleswade and specialist vehicle from Leighton Buzzard attended a fire in a ground floor shop that spread to the rest of the building.

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

**Building Fire
Verey Road, Dunstable
16 February 2019 – 0351 hours**

Rescue pumps and specialist vehicles from Dunstable, Luton, Toddington and Leighton Buzzard attended a fire at a commercial premises.

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

**Chimney Fire in Thatched Cottage
Robins Folly, Thurleigh
17 March 2019 – 2024 hours**

Rescue pumps from Bedford and Kempston attended a chimney fire in a two storey thatched cottage. Safety zone implemented by Fire Service.

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

RESCUES

**Female on Hill with Broken Ankle
Dunstable Downs, Dunstable
20 January 2019 – 1426 hours**

Rescue pumps from Dunstable and Luton attended one female with lower leg fracture requiring rescue steep muddy bank.

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

**Bird Tangled in Fishing Line
St Paul's Square, Bedford
23 January 2019 – 1202 hours**

Rescue boat attended and released one small bird. Full water rescue scene management implemented.

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

**Chemical Exposure Incident
Cambridge Road, Bedford
10 March 2019 – 2026 hours**

Rescue pumps from Bedford, Kempston and Stopsley attended an incident involving casualties exposed to a hydrogen sulphide gas leak.

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

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:**

.....'to the wonderful Firefighters who removed the steel rod from our dog Milly's leg. Thank you so much you were awesome. Milly is recovering well'.....

1st Kempston Girls Brigade sent thanks for their visit to Kempston Community Fire station:

.....'we would like to say a huge thank you for letting us join you last Wednesday evening. The girls and officers had a wonderful time and learnt so much! Also, many thanks to Paul Rowley for leading the First Aid session. We look forward to seeing you all again in the summer'...

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

.....'You supplied and installed two fire alarms at our house. When they noticed I was struggling to hear them despite wearing an aid, they also installed a bed alarm for me, for which I am extremely grateful. The officers had a very friendly attitude and extremely cheerful demeanour. My wife and I wish to thank you for the kind and courteous manner with which we were treated'.

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

.....'to say a very big thank you to all the firemen who came to help with attending my father and for comforting me and helping the paramedics to get him to the ambulance'.....