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Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

April to June 2019

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period 1 April – 3 June 2019

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 30 June 2019 298

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength 144
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

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

Leavers:

Whole time 7
Retained 3
Support Staff 5

Operations

Statistics for the Period 1 April – 30 June 2019

Incident Statistics	2019/20 Q1
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1531
Total Fires Attended*	545
Primary Fires	241
Accidental Dwelling Fires	83
Non Domestic Property Fires	26
Chimney Fires	9
Fire Fatalities	1
Fire Injuries	5
Total Special Service Attended	384
Road Traffic Incidents	105
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	22
Total Fire Alarms Attended	541
Malicious False Alarm	34
False Alarm Good Intent	191
Alarm caused by Apparatus	314
OTB Mobilised To	41

*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

Kingsway, Luton

10 April 2019 - 0234 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley attended incident involving two vehicles. 3 people released from vehicles by Fire Service.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

Barkers Lane, Bedford

14 May 2019 – 22.30 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended a RTC involving a car that had collided with a lamppost and tree. Two casualties extracted by the Fire Service.

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

RTC Person trapped

A1 Northbound, Biggleswade

12 June 2019 – 1808 hours

Rescue pumps from Sandy, Potton, Bedford and Kempston attended an RTC involving three vehicles. One female casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

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

FIRES

Barn Fire

Barton Road, Luton

13 April 2019 - 1145 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley, Water Carrier from Toddington and Hazmat Unit from Stopsley attended a barn fire. Caravan housed inside completely destroyed. Gas cylinder cooled and made safe by Fire Service..

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

Building Fire/ Make Pumps 4

Icknield Way, Luton

24 April 2019 – 1842 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton, Stopsley and Dunstable attended a building fire involving 22 LPG cylinders. Items cooled and removed by Fire Service.

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

Building Fire/ Make Pumps 4

Lurke Street, Bedford

2 May 2019 - 1127 hours

Rescue pumps from Kempston, Bedford, Harrold and Ampthill attended a fire in a disused public property. Damage caused to the building by fire and smoke.

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

RESCUES

Dog Trapped

Beech Road, Dunstable

24 May 2019 – 2004 hours

Rescue pump from Dunstable and support unit from Stopsley attended an incident with a dog trapped in metal floor pan of vehicle. Animal released using small tools and air bags.

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

Bird Trapped in Kite Line

Katherine Drive, Dunstable

2 June 2019 – 1857 hours

Aerial platform from Luton attended bird trapped in kite line tangled in tree. Bird kept secure by Fire Service until RSPCA arrival.

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

Child Locked in Car

Steppingley Road, Flitwick

7 June 2019 – 1108 hours

Rescue pump from Ampthill attended an incident of a child locked inside a car. Access gained through rear window to free child.

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

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:**

.....'I would like to thank a very helpful crew who had just been to a fire in Tithe Barn road yesterday. I flagged them down on their way back as I found an elderly lady who had fallen off a steep step and had hit her head and hurt her shoulder. She was 72 and a diabetic. We had phoned for an ambulance but they could not come even though this was a category three. Your crew came with me to her house and made sure she was okay. They advised taking her to hospital, which we did and discovered that she had broken her shoulder in three places. Please can you thank the crew on behalf of myself and the resident they came to the rescue of'.....