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Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

July to September 2019

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period 1 July to 30 Sept 2019

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 30 September 2019 296

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength 154
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

Whole time Duty System 21
Retained Duty System 15
Support Staff 14

Leavers:

Whole time 1
Retained 5
Support Staff 4

Operations

Statistics for the Period 1 July – 30 Sept 2019

Incident Statistics	2019/20 Q2
Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1678
Total Fires Attended*	641
Primary Fires	265
Accidental Dwelling Fires	96
Non Domestic Property Fires	31
Chimney Fires	1
Fire Fatalities	0
Fire Injuries	5
Total Special Service Attended	392
Road Traffic Incidents	108
Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	19
Total Fire Alarms Attended	639
Malicious False Alarm	15
False Alarm Good Intent	214
Alarm caused by Apparatus	410
OTB Mobilised To	31

*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

Sheep Lane, Woburn

27 July 2019 – 0748 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Specialist Rescue Unit from Kempston. Car off road in field. One person trapped and released by Fire Service.

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

RTC Persons Trapped

Flitwick Road Westoning

19 August 2019 – 1203 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Ampthill, Dunstable, Rescue Unit from Kempston. RTC involving one car and one LGV, two persons trapped. One male adult rapidly removed from vehicle due to injuries, one female adult removed from vehicle using full roof removal.

(Contact Station Commander A Lewington, Biggleswade, Potton, Sandy and Shefford Fire Stations, Tel 07717 275302)

RTC Person Trapped

M1 Southbound Junction 11A Dunstable to Junction 11

27 August 2019 – 0837 hours

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable, Stopsley, Luton, Emergency Response Unit from Stopsley. Two lorries and one car. One male trapped by injuries, released by Fire Service.

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

FIRES

Fire Building

Rothesay Road, Luton

5 July 2019 – 2236 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton, Stopsley and the Aerial Platform from Luton attended. Fire in three storey building with basement in ground floor stairwell, fire spread to 2nd floor flat 100% damaged by fire. Aerial platform in use for inspection of roof space damping down.

(Contact Station Commander S Brereton, Luton and Toddington Fire Stations, Tel 01582 875217)

Fire Domestic House Roof, Make Pumps 4

Arnold Way, Shortstown

26 July 2019 – 0705 hours

Rescue Pumps from Bedford, Kempston, Sandy, Water Carrier from Toddington, Special Operations Team Support Unit from Potton, Aerial Platform from Bedford, Incident Command Unit from Leighton Buzzard. Fire in roof space following lightning strike.

(Contact Station Commander J Clarke, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245507)

Fire Farm Machinery, Make Pumps 3

Sunderland Hill, Ravensden

12 September 2019 – 0528 hours

Rescue Pump from Bedford, Kempston, Water Carrier from Kempston, Special Operations Team Support Unit from Bedford. One diesel powered compost screening machine involved in fire.

(Contact Station Commander J Clarke, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245507)

RESCUES

Special Service Minor Release

Kirby Road, Dunstable

16 August 2019 – 1300 hours

Rescue Pump from Dunstable. 9 year old boy with leg trapped in slide, released by Fire Service using recipricatoring saw.

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

Rescue Animal Large

Great Ouse Way, Bromham

28 August 2019 – 1238 hours

Rescue Pumps from Kempston, Bedford, Rescue Unit from Kempston, Boat from Bedford. One Bullock assisted from river by Fire Service. Lines and Strops used.

(Contact Station Commander J Clarke, Bedford and Harrold Fire Stations, Tel 01234 245507)

Special Service Minor Release

Meadow Farm Road, Box End, Kempston

12 September 2019 – 1812 hours

Rescue Pump from Kempston, Specialist Rescue Unit from Kempston. One adult male released from pressure farm machinery. Low pressure airbags, Lukas spreader, ladder platform and farm tele-handler in use.

(Contact Station Commander S Williams, Kempston and Ampthill Fire Stations, Tel 01234 845023)

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 **Members of the Public:**

"Last Tuesday the fire brigade helped get the small dog I was walking out of a hole in a tank where he was stuck. This was at Souldrop, Bedford. They couldn't have been kinder or more professional..."

"I am writing to thank you very much indeed for the marvellous way that you have coped with the fire at Sandy at my farm on Thursday night. Although I was not present, I have heard how quickly you arrived in numbers and right away dealt with the dangers impressively, saving our crop and barns. Since then, I know you have attended regularly and been first class in communicating with those on the ground. Altogether, your professionalism has been outstanding and I am deeply grateful for all you have done. If you are able to pass this message on to the crews and managers who were involved I shall be grateful for that too."