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Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

October to December 2019

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period October to December 2019

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 December 2019 291

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength 149
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

Whole time Duty System 18
Retained Duty System 18
Support Staff 32

Leavers:

Whole time 23
Retained 21
Support Staff 16

Operations

Statistics for the Period October to December 2019

| | Incident Statistics | 2019/20 Q3 |
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| 1 | Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms) | 1388 |
| 2 | Total Fires Attended* | 331 |
| 3 | Primary Fires | 212 |
| 4 | Accidental Dwelling Fires | 95 |
| 5 | Non Domestic Property Fires | 34 |
| 6 | Chimney Fires | 15 |
| 7 | Fire Fatalities | 0 |
| 8 | Fire Injuries | 11 |
| | Total Special Service Attended | 448 |
| 9 | Road Traffic Incidents | 134 |
| 10 | Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications | 24 |
| 11 | Total Fire Alarms Attended | 596 |
| 12 | Malicious False Alarm | 25 |
| 13 | False Alarm Good Intent | 211 |
| 14 | Alarm caused by Apparatus | 360 |
| 16 | OTB Mobilised To | 4 |

*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

Transportation RTC Up To 2 Persons (no LGV)

Shakespeare Road, Bedford

23 October 2019 – 1819 hours

Rescue Pumps from Bedford, Kempston and Specialist Rescue Unit. RTC involving 3 cars, 1 male casualty extricated by Fire Service using cutting equipment and small gear.

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

Transportation RTC 3 or more Persons

Thorncote Road Northill

16 November 2019 – 1458 hours

Rescue Pumps from Biggleswade, Shefford, Kempston, Rescue Unit from Kempston. 1 80 year old female trapped in car overturned in ditch. 1 child self-released before arrival of FS. Triple Extension Ladder Rescue Path Rhino Windscreen Cutter 30M line and Holmatro cutting equipment and life jackets used.

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

Transportation RTC 3 or More Persons

Hatters Way, Luton

21 December 2019 – 0001 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton, Stopsley and Rescue Unit from Stopsley. RTC involving one private vehicle and 50 seater coach with eleven passengers and one driver on board. One female casualty extricated from car with traumatic injuries in care of Air Ambulance. Eleven casualties and driver from coach assessed and confirmed with minor injuries by Ambulance Service. Holmatro small gear, peli lighting, hosemaster, sil support and Lukas ram, TIC in use. Scene safety maintained by police for both road and carriages of busway.

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

FIRES

Fire Domestic House Upper Floor

London Road, Bedford

9 October 2019 – 1927 hours

Rescue Pump from Bedford. Fire in first floor bedroom of semi-detached house. 4 BA, 2 hoses reels TIC in use. Tactical ventilations stage two. 1 dog removed from property suffering smoke inhalation and first aid rendered by Fire Service. Dog conveyed to vet by owner. Roof void and loft space investigated using TIC.

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

Fire Building persons reported

Havelock Road, Luton

13 November 2019 – 0039 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton and Stopsley. Building fire in domestic property consisting of 2 floors, 80% damaged by fire. 3 adult casualties and 1 child casualty, 6 breathing apparatus under stage 1, positive pressure ventilation phase 1, 2 hose reel jets and 1 52ml jet in use.

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

Fire Building Derelict

Upper George Street, Luton

10 December 2019- 1144 hours

Rescue Pumps from Luton, Stopsley, Dunstable, Toddington, Aerial Platforms from Luton, Bedford, ICU from Leighton Buzzard, OSU and Drone from Potton. Fire involving derelict nightclub consisting of basement and two floors, 50m x 30m. First floor 100% destroyed by fire, roof 50% destroyed by fire. 12 BA under stage two, 3 jets, 2 HR's and one AP used. Incident sectorised with sectors 1 and 3 active. Fire Service handed incident to Police for overnight scene guard, fire investigation to proceed in daylight.

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

RESCUES

Special Service Lock In

Interchange Retail Park, Race Meadows Way, Kempston

10 September 2019 – 1147 hours

Rescue Pump from Kempston. 1 x 21 month old child locked in car and released by fire service using big easy tool and packexxe glass management.

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

Rescue Water

Mill Lane, Kempston

22 November 2019 – 1548 hours

2 Rescue Pumps from Kempston and RBT from Bedford. 2 persons rescued from river prior to arrival of Fire Service. 1 adult male and 1 male child in care of Ambulance Service.

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

Rescue Animal Small

Fountains Road, Luton

23 December 2019 – 0509 hours

Rescue Pump from Luton. Small muntjack deer released from gate using holmatro equipment special service now complete.

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

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 **Member of the Public:**

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you to the fire crew that attended a fire in Shortstown yesterday at the local park. Not just for putting the fire out but my son and his friend were having their birthday party in the village hall. The fire crew let the boys sit in the fire engine which they absolutely loved! Honestly cannot thank them enough, a small gesture like that made for 2 very happy little boys!!"

Thank you from **Paramedic**

"I wanted to pass on my thanks and gratitude for I believe White watch at Studley and the rescue van from Stopsley who attend and assisted myself and colleagues on Sunday 13th October. We were on scene dealing with a cardiac arrest when an incident evolved directly outside involving a major trauma patient, meaning we had to split up and treat both patients. Extrication for the cardiac arrest was going to be difficult due to several factors so we requested assistance from BFRS. Your crew were fantastic, offering help wherever possible, professional throughout and although the outcome was not what we wanted and extrication no longer required they remained on scene and assisted us with carrying out the families wishes on where they wanted their loved one to be. We all fully appreciate their help on a job which was both clinically and emotionally challenging throughout. Please can you pass this to the relevant at Stopsley for the 2 guys that came out also."