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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority
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Bedfordshire
Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

January to March 2020

Personnel

Statistics Covering Period January to March 2020

Wholetime Uniformed Staff:

Strength as at 31 March 2020
(including 3 Gold Book) 284

Firefighters on the Retained Duty System:

Strength 154
(Includes whole time retained)

Appointments:

Whole time Duty System 5
Retained Duty System 10
Support Staff 11

Leavers:

Whole time 13
Retained 5
Support Staff 7

Operations

Statistics for the Period January to March 2020

	Incident Statistics	2019/20 Q4
1	Total Incidents attended (Fires, Special Services and Fire Alarms)	1300
2	Total Fires Attended*	332
3	Primary Fires	202
4	Accidental Dwelling Fires	68
5	Non Domestic Property Fires	46
6	Chimney Fires	11
7	Fire Fatalities	0
8	Fire Injuries	11
	Total Special Service Attended	416
9	Road Traffic Incidents	99
10	Road Traffic Accident – Number of Extrications	24
11	Total Fire Alarms Attended	549
12	Malicious False Alarm	13
13	False Alarm Good Intent	323
14	Alarm caused by Apparatus	213
16	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

Transportation RTC 3 or More Persons

Woburn Road, Battlesden

18 January 2020 – 0939 hours

2 Rescue Pump from Dunstable, Rescue Unit and Rescue Pump from Stopsley. RTC involving one car in hedge on side. One female adult released by Fire Service. Short extension ladder, RTC rescue platform and stabfast used.

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

Transportation RTC 3 or more Persons M1/Dual

M1 Southbound Junction 13 Ridgemont to Junction 12 Toddington

16 February 2020 – 0437 hours

Rescue Pump and Rescue Unit from Kempston, rescue Pump from Toddington and Rescue Pump from Broughton. RTC involving 2 cars, 1 male adult physically and medically trapped now extricated by FS using hydraulic rescue equipment now in care of AMB in time critical condition. Vehicle made safe. Scene safety implemented by Police and Highways, full road closure.

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

Transportation RTC Up To 2 Persons (No LGV)

Bedford Road, Marston Moretaine

14 March 2020 – 1431 hours

2 Rescue Pumps from Kempston. RTC involving 1 motorcycle in collision with a give way sign. 1 male casualty suffering leg and collar trauma handed over to magpas heli-meds and being airlifted to hospital, trauma care equipment used.

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

FIRES

Fire Domestic House Ground Floor

Church End, Thurleigh

14 January 2020 – 0051 hours

Rescue Pump from Bedford and Rescue Pump from Kempston. Fire in ground floor of 2 story semidetached. Fire caused by self-combustion of highly flammable floor primer due to incorrect storage. 2 male adults assessed by AMB, 1 female adult and 2 children evacuated prior to arrival. 2 BA under stage 1, 1 HR, PPV phase 1, TIC and Zellweger in use.

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

Fire Building**Holywell Road, Studham****13 February 2020 – 1345 hours**

2 Rescue Pumps from Dunstable and Rescue Pump from Stopsley. Small fire cooking spread to floor, 1 elderly resident suffering burns and smoke inhalation. 1 paramedic car in attendance.

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

Fire Building**Dunstable Road, Luton****31 March 2020 – 0901 hours**

2 Rescue Pumps from Luton and Rescue Pump from Stopsley. Fire in workshop consisting of ground floor and basement measuring 20m x 30m. Fire located in ground floor in racking, extinguished using two hoses, 6 BA under stage one, 1 covering jet and 1 safety. Building allowed to vent naturally. Scene safety implemented by Fire Service and Police.

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

RESCUES**Rescue Small Animal****Primrose Close, Luton****22 January 2020 – 0013 hours**

Rescue Pump from Luton. Kitten located roughly 50 feet up conifer tree. Unable to retrieve kitten at this point, advice given to occupier.

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

Special Service Lock In**Park Avenue, Bedford****9 February 2020 - 2109**

Rescue Pump from Bedford. 1 elderly female unable exit flat due to faulty lock. Access gained to property using small tools.

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

Special Service Persons in Lift**Castle Lane, Bedford****18 March 2020 – 1635 hours**

Rescue Pump from Bedford. 1 female released from lift. Electricity isolated and left with residents to inform Management Company.

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

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:**

"My wife and I, who live on the 13th floor of five springs flats, would like to thank all the firemen and women who attended the fire this evening, they acted in a truly professional manner, and looked very well organised, especially the guys in the breathing apparatus, hats off to you, you're the guys who put their own lives at risk to save others, fantastic to know you're in good hands, thank you. Chris & lyn"

Thank you from **Major Crime Unit, Herts Police HQ**

"I would like to formally thank you both for the assistance you individually provided along with the support of your colleagues during the recent recovery of skeletal remains in Luton. You will undoubtedly recall the difficulties that were encountered onsite, access was incredibly challenging and to recover the skeletal remains from such a tight, inaccessible space and to do so forensically was both very unusual and incredibly demanding. Adding to the challenges at the scene the weather played a part and it was atrocious at times. As the senior investigating officer we didn't know the circumstances of that death but I took great reassurance from the professional, considered and thought out methodology of the body recovery which meant that we retrieved as much forensic evidence as possible. Your assistance was invaluable, thank you."

Thank-you message from **Helen Nellis HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire:**

"The BFRS has always had a special place in my heart for all that you have done for our county over the years. However, your immense contribution to helping us deal with the impact of Covid 19 compassionately, efficiently and in a way that encourages all to pull together our various resources, is simply outstanding. I am so proud of you all and send you, and your families my most sincere thanks and best wishes that you keep well. When we are able to be close together again, I look forward to thanking you in person."

Thank you from **Dorothy Hosein, Chief Executive of EEAST Ambulance Service:**

"I have just seen the wonderful memorial you and colleagues donated to the Luton station. It is truly Wow. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

These have been such difficult and fearful times for our staff and your kindness will go a long way. I am also very grateful for the contribution Fire colleagues have made to our delivery of patient services.

Please convey my heartfelt thanks to all your colleagues. I look forward to thanking you in person when this dreadful nightmare is passed."

Thank-you message from **Shelly and the leaders and cubs at Loughton Cub Pack:**

"Thank you so much to White Watch for their YouTube virtual school visit. I run a Cub Scout pack in nearby Milton Keynes and we used it as the basis of our fire safety badge tonight and the young people enjoyed it. Thank you so much and keep safe."

Thank you message from **a member of the public** via the Bedford Station Facebook page after attending a small animal rescue where a cat had been hit by a vehicle and then hid in a parked car nearby. The crews managed to take parts of the car apart and rescue the injured cat and return her to the owners who took her off to the vets.

"Lilibet House would like to say a big thank you to those who came today to help save our precious cat dizzy whom has been a part of our residents' lives for 13 years. We all appreciate it and would like to say a big thank you. She is still currently in hospital and we are hoping she will make a recovery."

Thank-you message from **St John's Hospice:**

To Darren and all the Firefighters at Kempston Fire Station, Thank you so much for your kind donation of drinks to keep everyone going at St John's Hospice. We are all immensely grateful for your thoughtful support at this difficult time. We would like to send our good wishes to the team - you're doing a fantastic job! Warm wishes from all of us at St John's.



BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

Response statistics (April - June 2020)

33%

68 ↓



Road traffic collisions

10%

151 ↓



Building fires

300 ↑
10%



Outdoor fires/bonfires

% taken from April - June 2019



30+ Safety messages delivered

31 Staff trained as ambulance drivers



500+ Food parcels delivered



15 Public safety/information videos



350

Scrubs delivered to Bedford hospital



150+ PPE deliveries



40

Times our 'Falls team' have been mobilised



1800+

Ambulance service patient interactions



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