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Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 2 May 2023. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

1. *How many wildfires did your fire brigade deal with from 2017 to 2022? Please break down your response by year, size of fire, date, cause and if possible, location.*

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested, please find it in the attached spreadsheet.

You asked:

2. *Please let me know any new equipment your service has purchased or plans to purchase in the last 5 years to combat wildfires.*

Our answer:

Vehicles: A range of off road 4x4 vehicles These vehicles are equipped with water tanks, pumps, hoses, and other firefighting tools to deliver water or fire fighters to the incident ground, with plans to have a fogging unit in the Service soon.

Firefighting Crew Carriers: Vehicles designed to transport firefighters to and from the fire and provide logistical support on-site.

Equipment used to create firebreaks by clearing vegetation and creating barriers to halt the spread of fires. Hand Tools: Shovels, axes, Pulaski tools, and leaf blowers are commonly used by ground crews to create firebreaks, remove vegetation, and control the fire's perimeter.

Communication Equipment: Radios, and other communication devices for coordination and real-time information sharing among firefighting teams.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Fire-resistant clothing, helmets, gloves, and boots.

As a fire service we continuously evaluate and update our equipment based on advancements in technology, research, and lessons learned from previous fire seasons. We use this to update our accurate and current information on equipment purchases and plans to purchase equipment to combat fires in the open.

You asked:

3. *If possible, please let me know the annual cost of dealing with wildfires to your brigade 2017 to 2022. Please break the figure down by each year.*

Our answer:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service does not routinely calculate the costs of dealing with any incident we attend. Consequently, we do not have an annual figure for the cost of dealing with wildfires for any given year. As such this information is not held per Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service