



**Hampshire  
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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 9 November 2023. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

***You asked:***

1. I would like the total number of wildfires recorded by the fire and rescue service, broken down by month, for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (to date).
2. In a separate tab I would like details of each wildfire incident. Please include:  
Date of incident.  
Time of day incident reported.  
Incident duration (minutes).  
Location (please include longitude and latitude and local authority if available).  
Cause of wildfire (if available)  
Size of area damaged by wildfire (square meters if available). Total number of buildings affected.  
Total number of dwellings affected.  
Total number of firefighters injured, seriously injured or killed.

***Our answer:***

We can confirm that we hold some of the information requested, please find what we do hold in the attached document. For your awareness we have calculated the incident duration from

the time the call was received until the time the last appliance stopped mobilising to the incident. Also, we do not record the exact area damaged by a wildfire. As such, we have included the categories we use for the approximate size of the area effected.

We do not hold, as per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the local authority in which a wildfire occurred, the total number of buildings affected, or total number of dwellings affected. This is because this information is not required to be recorded by the Home Office system provided to us to record incidents.

In addition, as our firefighters' injuries are not recorded against specific incidents. Consequently, we cannot provide this information as it is not held per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, we can confirm that there have been no firefighter fatalities in our Service since 2017.

For the latitude and longitude, we are refusing to provide the full six-digit coordinates of a fire as this would enable the identification of premises, and so individuals, whose property has been affected by wildfire. This would be unfair, within the meaning of the UK GDPR, to do in response to your request. Consequently, we are refusing to provide this per Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

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](mailto: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 Commissioners Office. This can be done online at [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer  
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