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**Request:**

*Could you please supply me with the number of fires that have been attended relating to solar / photovoltaic panels from 2010 to date. I'd be grateful if you could break this down by year. If you don't have a specific recording category for these, a free text search would be much appreciated.*

**Response:**

Please see the below table showing the number of fires involving solar panels. From 2010 – 2023 (11/07/2023).

The solar panels may not have been the direct main cause of the fire but were still involved.

| Count of Incident Number     | Calendar years |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |             |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
|                              |                | 2013     | 2014     | 2015     | 2016     | 2017     | 2018     | 2019     | 2020     | 2021     | 2022     | 2023      | Grand Total |
| Fires involving solar panels |                |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |             |
| Photovoltaic panels          | 0              | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2         |             |
| Solar panels                 | 1              | 2        | 6        | 1        | 5        | 3        | 4        | 6        | 3        | 4        | 2        | 37        |             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>           | <b>1</b>       | <b>2</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>39</b> |             |

I hope you find the information we have been able to provide of use.

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