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Request and Response:

I am interested to know how many call outs or attendances the service has had relating to natural lightning events.

These may have involved fire or the lesser effect of electrical systems failure or even the false alarms from damaged fire safety systems.

If you also have a number for lightning related deaths or injury that would also be interesting for assessment.

Thank you for your request, dated 19 February 2019 regarding natural lightning events.

In response to the questions you have raised, please see the data set out in the table below:

Calendar Year	Primary Fire	Secondary Fire	False alarm - Good intent	AFA	Special Service
2009	6		1		1
2010					
2011	2	1	2	1	2
2012	5	1	2		
2013	3		1	1	
2014	7		3		2
2015	6			1	1
2016	5	1	3	1	7
2017	3				2
2018	3		3	1	3
2019		1	1		
Grand Total	40	4	16	5	18

These incidents have resulted in one injury (2018) and zero deaths.

I hope you find this response of use. Should you have any further questions do let me know.