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Request:

Question 1

- a. *How many fires have been caused by e-scooter batteries in the county?*
- b. *If it is within the time/cost limit set by the FOI Act, please provide dates for each incident.*

For each question, I would like data for each of the following time periods:

- *April 2021 – April 2022*
- *April 2020 – March 2021*
- *April 2019 – March 2020*

Response:

Our Data team have provided the figures in the table below. This includes the number of fires attended where the cause was believed to be an electronic scooter (e-scooter) lithium battery.

Please note, the data in the table includes incidents that were recorded under a new ignition source for 'e-bike' and 'e-scooter' as well as a free text search (for historical data) on e-bikes, e-scooters, e-cigarettes and other lithium battery devices. As a result of using the free text search, the historical data may not be 100% accurate.

		Number of incidents attended where the cause of fire was believed to be:				
Year	Month	e-bike	e-cigarette	e-scooter	other lithium battery	Grand Total
2019	Apr	1			2	3
	May				2	2
	Jun	1			2	3
	Jul	1		1	2	4
	Aug	3				3
	Sep	1	1		1	3
	Nov			1		1
	Dec	1	1		4	6
2020	Jan				1	1
	Feb		1		1	2
	Mar		1		2	3
	Apr		1		2	3
	May	3			5	8
	Jun	2		2	2	6
	Jul	1		1	1	3
	Aug				3	3
	Sep	1		2	4	7
	Oct	2		6	4	12
	Nov	3		2	2	7
	Dec			3		3
2021	Jan	3	1	2	2	8
	Feb	1		2	4	7
	Mar			3	3	6
	Apr	5		1	5	11
	May	6		4	2	12
	Jun	4	1	1	5	11

	Jul	4		2	3	9
	Aug	8	1	3	2	14
	Sep	3		1	5	9
	Oct	3	1	8	1	13
	Nov	4		3	2	9
	Dec	3			1	4
2022	Jan	7	1	2	3	13
	Feb	4		1	3	8
	Mar	8		1	3	12
Grand Total		83	10	52	84	229

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