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Request:

Could you please tell me how many calls to outdoor fires were attended each year, for the past five years (between 01/04/2017 and 01/04/2022), for the sites listed below in your area. I would be interested in fires of any size, both primary and secondary, deliberate and accidental. Please also include false alarms.

I have found the following sites in your area- Kew gardens (Royal Botanical Gardens)- Hyde Park - Kensington Gardens - Richmond Park - Bushy Park - St James's Park - The Green Park - The Regent's Park and Primrose Hill · Greenwich Park- Epping Forest- Hampstead Heath - South London Downs- Ruislip woods

Can I also ask for the total number of hours spent at fires (incident time) and the total number of hours spent by appliances at fires (appliance time) for each year of the past five years too please?

I would be looking for the total number of hours and minutes spent by all appliances, specials and officers cars at an incident, even if they were cancelled en route. Could you take each incident included in the data, e.g., Incident 1 in Forest X in 2017.

Then could you gather what vehicles were alerted of Incident 1 in Forest X in 2017. E.g., 3 vehicles in total.

Then find the hours and minutes each vehicle "spent on the incident" worked out from the time that the call the 999 call came into the control room (and if relevant each different vehicle was alerted) to the time it became available again. E.g., - Vehicle 1 Alerted: 9:00 Became available: 11:50 Total time: 2 hours and 50 minutes Vehicle 2 Alerted: 9:30 Became available: 9:33 (it was cancelled before making it to the scene) Total time: 3 minutes Vehicle 3 Alerted: 10:00 Became available: 10:20 Total time: 20 minutes

Then could the total vehicle times be added together to give the total time that was spent by all vehicles on that incident. In the example above this would be: 2 hrs and 50 min (Vehicle 1) + 3 min (Vehicle 2) + 20 min (Vehicle 3) = 3 hours and 13 minutes.

Once that has been worked out for each incident in a year, please could you add all the total times added together to give the yearly total in hours and minutes.

I am aware that sometimes incidents are reported vaguely such as "the woods off of London Road" without the full address. Please could you do your best to capture these incidents too. Could you also include any other sites owned by Natural England that you cover that I may have missed please.

Response:

The information you have requested is published online on the [London Datastore](#). It can be found using a combination of the [London Fire Brigade Incident Records](#) and the [London Fire Brigade Mobilisation Records](#).

If you download the incident data spreadsheet(s) from the [London Fire Brigade Incident Records](#) webpage, you should be able to identify the incidents numbers you require by filtering by incident type (column FG), and property type (for example, 'park') from column J.

The Easting and Northing coordinates can also be found in columns (V-Y).

The exact location details recorded for each incident are also included (columns M-O). For non-residential premises, the incident data we publish on the London Datastore does contain a Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) for each incident. This is a unique numeric identifier for every spatial address in Great Britain. A web search for "UPRN" will provide you with various tools which can be used to identify the full postal address linked to the UPRN. For residential premises, the data published on the London Datastore contains a Unique Street Reference Number (USRN) for each incident. This is a unique numeric identifier for every street in Great Britain. A web search for "USRN" will provide you with various tools which can be used to identify the street address linked to the USRN.

The following, further information is also recorded on the Incident Records data (including the time spent at incident by pumps, rounded up to nearest hour):

Column	Sample record	Description
IncidentNumber	000008-01012018	LFB Incident Number
DateOfCall	01-Jan-18	Date of 999 call
CalYear	2018	Year of 999 call
TimeOfCall	00:04:25	Time of 999 call
HourOfCall	0	Hour of 999 call
IncidentGroup	False Alarm	High level incident category
StopCodeDescription	AFA	Detailed incident category
SpecialServiceType		Further detail for special services incident categories
PropertyCategory	Non Residential	High level property descriptor
PropertyType	Mosque	Detailed property descriptor
AddressQualifier	Within same building	Qualifies location of actual incident relevant to category above
Postcode_full	N2 8AY	Postcode
Postcode_district	N2	Postcode Districts
UPRN	200220110	Unique Property Reference Number
USRN	20013420	Unique Street Reference Number
IncGeo_BoroughCode	E09000003	Borough Code
IncGeo_BoroughName	BARNET	Borough Name
ProperCase	Barnet	Borough Name
IncGeo_WardCode	E05000049	Ward Code
IncGeo_WardName	EAST FINCHLEY	Ward Name
IncGeo_WardNameNew	EAST FINCHLEY	New Ward Name
Easting_m	527184	Easting
Northing_m	189488	Northing

Easting_rounded	527150	Easting rounded up to nearest 50
Northing_rounded	189450	Northing rounded up to nearest 50
Latitude	51.58990022	Latitude
Longitude	-0.165452578	Longitude
FRS	London	Fire Service ground
IncidentStationGround	Finchley	LFB Station ground
FirstPumpArriving_Attendance Time	348	First Pump attendance time in seconds
FirstPumpArriving_DeployedFromStation	Finchley	First Pump deployed from station
SecondPumpArriving_AttendanceTime		Second Pump attendance time in seconds
SecondPumpArriving_DeployedFromStation		Second Pump deployed from station
NumStationsWithPumpsAttending	1	Number of stations with pumps in attendance
NumPumpsAttending	1	Number of pumps in attendance
PumpCount	1	
PumpHoursRoundUp	1	Time spent at incident by pumps, rounded up to nearest hour
Notional Cost (£)	328	Time spent multiplied by notional annual cost of a pump

Once you have identified the incident numbers you require, the [London Fire Brigade Mobilisation Records](#) provides detailed information about every fire engine (pumping appliance) sent to an incident.

The data includes the appliance mobilised, where it was deployed from and the times recorded for arriving/departing the incident:

Column	Sample record	Description
IncidentNumber	000008-01012018	LFB Incident Number
CalYear	2018	Year of 999 call
HourOfCall	3	Hour of 999 call
ResourceMobilisationId	5055153	LFB Resource Mobilisation ID
Resource_Code	A392	LFB Resource Code
PerformanceReporting	1	First Pump arrived at incident
DateAndTimeMobilised	01/01/2018 00:04:25	Date and time of mobilised (GMT)
DateAndTimeMobile	01/01/2018 00:05:38	Date and time of mobile (GMT)
DateAndTimeArrived	01/01/2018 00:10:13	Date and time arrived (GMT)
TurnoutTimeSeconds	73	Turnout time in seconds
TravelTimeSeconds	275	Travel time in seconds
AttendanceTimeSeconds	348	Attendance time in seconds
DateAndTimeLeft	01/01/2018 00:16:38	Date and time left the incident (GMT)
DateAndTimeReturned	01/01/2018 00:22:45	Date and time returned to station (GMT)
DeployedFromStation_Code	A39	Deployed from station code
DeployedFromStation_Name	Finchley	Deployed from station name
DeployedFromLocation	Home Station	Deployed from location
PumpOrder	1	Pump order
PlusCode_Code	Initial	Code of Plus Code

PlusCode_Description	Initial Mobilisation	Description of Plus Code
DelayCodeId	9	Delay code ID
DelayCode_Description	Traffic, roadworks, etc	Delay code description

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>