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Request:

I am after information surrounding incidents of LFB deployments to cannabis factories/ cannabis grows since 2020. This will assist in our powers of entry to suspected properties containing cannabis grows I would request:

- The number of deployments to cannabis grows
- The number of fires at cannabis grows
- The number of cannabis grow fires per year from 2020

Response:

Please see below the data for fires where cannabis grows may have been the main source of ignition or were involved in the fire.

1. The number of pumps deployed to cannabis related fires.

Year	Number of Pumps
2020	157
2021	114
2022	135
Grand Total	406

2. The number of fires at cannabis grows between 2013 to 2022. Fires where cannabis plants and grow fires may not have been the ignition cause but were involved in the fire.

Count of Incident Number	Year										Grand Total
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Cooking appliance	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4
Electric lighting	6	4	2	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	20
Electricity supply	9	10	11	6	9	7	3	9	9	8	81

Heating equipment	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	5
Industrial equipment	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Matches and candles	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
Naked flame	0	3	1	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	11
Other domestic style appliance	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Smoking related	4	2	3	3	0	4	1	1	0	0	18
(blank)	4	10	5	5	5	4	14	9	8	10	74
Grand Total	25	31	24	24	21	20	19	21	21	19	225

3. The number of cannabis grow fires per year from 2020. Fires where cannabis plants and grow fires may not have been the ignition cause but were involved in the fire.

Count of Incident Number	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Batteries, generators	0	0	1	1
Cigarette	1	0	0	1
Electrical intake head/Main fuse	0	3	1	4
Electrical supply - Fuse board/Consumer unit	1	1	1	3
Electricity meter	1	0	0	1
Extension lead	0	1	1	2
Extractor fan	0	1	0	1
Lighted paper or card, or other naked flame	1	0	0	1
Not known	7	6	7	20
Other	2	1	2	5
Other appliance or equipment	0	1	0	1
Other cooking appliance	0	2	0	2
Other heating equipment	1	0	0	1

Other lights	0	1	1	2
Spread from secondary fire	0	0	1	1
Wiring, cabling, plugs	7	4	4	15
Grand Total	21	21	19	61

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/>