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Request:

1. *How many wildfires did your fire brigade deal with from 2017 to 2022? Please break down your response by year, size of fire, date, cause and if possible, location.*
2. *Please let me know any new equipment your service has purchased or plans to purchase in the last 5 years to combat wildfires.*
3. *If possible, please let me know the annual cost of dealing with wildfires to your brigade 2017 to 2022. Please break the figure down by each year.*

Response:

Please see the answers to each question in turn below:

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The London Fire Brigade (LFB) publish incident data online via the London DataStore. This can be accessed via this link: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records>

This dataset is updated monthly and contains details of:

- The type of incident (i.e. fire, false alarm, special service);
- The date/time the incident occurred;
- The property type where incident took place (such as dwelling, commercial, car);
- The location of the incident (borough, fire station ground, postcode, USRN, latitude/longitude);
- How long it took first and second fire engine (pump) to arrive at incident;
- Where the fire engine(s) were deployed from;
- The number of fire engines that attended the incident;
- The length of time the fire engines stayed at the incident;
- The notional cost of the LFB attending the incident.

Wildfires are not a standalone category but the incident report data can be filtered to Fires/Outdoor/(Property Type) - Grassland, tree scrub, hedges etc.

2. *Please let me know any new equipment your service has purchased or plans to purchase in the last 5 years to combat wildfires.*

In response to last year's wildfires, LFB purchased additional hydration packs, implemented additional training for station staff and are in the process of Procuring additional hot weather

headwear. There are longer term plans to look at the overall PPE provision to consider more lightweight garments.

3. If possible, please let me know the annual cost of dealing with wildfires to your brigade 2017 to 2022. Please break the figure down by each year.

Please see the dataset link in response to question 1. There is a column listing the notional cost for every incident attended by the LFB.

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

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](#)