

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8843.1

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Request:

Broadmead Road bridge closure, Woodford, Redbridge.

How would this closure impact your response time say if there was serious call out to Broadmeadows flats or Tescos at Charlie browns roundabout?

How much has bridge closure impacted your team say in the rush hour am and pm.

Has the bridge closure caused your team worrying issues in your dangerous job.

Response:

How would this closure impact your response time say if there was serious call out to Broadmeadows flats or Tescos at Charlie browns roundabout?

We do not hold this information as we do not have recorded response times to incidents that have not yet taken place.

However, please see my response to your second question in relation to incidents that have previously been attended in Woodford.

How much has bridge closure impacted your team say in the rush hour am and pm.

We do record if a fire engine is delayed on the way to an incident that has already taken place. This information is recorded on our Incident Management System and the data is published online via the [London Datastore](#)

The information can be found in the LFB mobilisation records which can be accessed using the following link:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-mobilisation-records>

If you download the '[LFB Mobilisation data from 2021 – 2024](#)' spreadsheet you can filter to any incidents that were attended by Woodford fire station using column Q: "DeployedFromStation_Name". If the fire engine was delayed then the delay code description is recorded in column W "DelayCode_Description."

Please note that we do not have a specific delay code that refers to bridge/road closures but we do have a code for 'Traffic, roadworks, etc'.

Has the bridge closure caused your team worrying issues in your dangerous job.

The LFB are aware of the Broadmead Road bridge closure and it is my understanding that local crews would use alternative routes to attend incidents.

LFB 'Policy number 813 - Driving Brigade vehicles' provides advice to fire engines and crews operating on a road as follows:

Pre-planning

7.4 Pre-planning is an essential part of the preparation for an operational incident on roadways.

7.5 Information should be gathered and recorded in accordance with Policy number 800 - Management of operational risk information, where appropriate.

7.6 Familiarisation with the major risks on the stations ground and adjacent areas is essential. The focus for familiarisation and training should be on high risk roadways where the majority of attendances are made and risk factors such as traffic speed and road design will be most prevalent.

7.7 Pre-planning should include an awareness of all available access and exit points to dual carriageways, potential rendezvous points (RVPs), water supplies, drainage and water courses is important to reduce the risk of delay. This information will support safe and effective operations at an incident and the potential for our actions to affect the environment

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](#).