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Request:

- 1. How many times has your force been called out to deal with arson to a VEHICLE in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.*
- 2. How many times has your force been called out to deal with arson to a HOUSE in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.*
- 3. How many times has your force been called out to deal with arson to a BUSINESS in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.*
- 4. How many people have died from cases of arson in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.*

Response:

In response, the LFB would not decide if a fire was arson (this would be for the relevant police force to take forward and prosecute). However, we do hold data about fires where the motive has been recorded as 'deliberate' by attending crews or Fire Investigation team.

The data provided below is, therefore, in relation to fires where the supposed motive has been recorded as 'deliberate'.

- 1. How many times has your force been called out to deal with arson to a VEHICLE in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.*

The table below shows the number of road vehicle fires, where the supposed motive was recorded as being 'deliberate', between 01 January 2014 to 31 September 2024. The figures are broken down by calendar years and months.

Deliberate road vehicle fires	Calendar Years											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	58	72	49	82	83	65	57	36	27	37	32	598
February	67	49	67	67	56	56	38	22	29	30	36	517
March	66	77	77	81	63	59	62	30	42	25	22	604
April	77	87	88	102	60	66	44	34	39	41	27	665
May	64	67	106	95	80	62	44	38	33	21	34	644
June	62	79	88	74	58	48	36	32	32	32	41	582
July	108	83	105	71	57	58	44	38	30	43	29	666
August	71	75	108	82	63	78	53	51	37	23	26	667
September	72	63	102	85	77	77	47	34	35	40	33	665
October	68	74	114	114	71	62	38	59	50	28	-	678
November	74	80	91	74	80	58	45	44	34	38	-	618
December	76	72	121	69	63	60	29	40	27	29	-	586
Total	863	878	1116	996	811	749	537	458	415	387	280	7,490

2. How many times has your force been called out to deal with arson to a HOUSE in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.

The table below shows the number of dwelling fires, where the supposed motive was recorded as being 'deliberate', between 01 January 2014 to 31 September 2024. The figures are broken down by calendar years and months.

Deliberate dwelling fires	Calendar Years											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	17	8	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	7	0	39
February	1	2	8	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	17
March	4	0	1	0	0	3	16	0	0	4	2	30
April	2	3	3	7	1	3	3	2	9	2	3	38
May	5	4	4	2	10	4	0	8	6	0	0	43
June	7	4	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	3	1	24
July	5	2	2	9	4	0	3	1	0	0	1	27
August	1	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	16

September	4	8	1	1	0	6	2	0	0	2	0	24
October	1	0	7	3	3	1	2	4	1	1	-	23
November	5	5	2	8	6	0	0	5	0	2	-	33
December	5	3	3	3	10	0	7	0	4	0	-	35
Total	57	44	37	34	38	17	40	25	27	21	9	349

3. How many times has your force been called out to deal with arson to a BUSINESS in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.

The table below shows the number of non-residential fires, where the supposed motive was recorded as being 'deliberate', between 01 January 2014 to 31 September 2024. The figures are broken down by calendar years and months.

Deliberate non-residential fires	Calendar Years											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	25	26	24	17	16	7	20	6	15	9	18	183
February	24	20	27	21	24	25	23	13	15	17	22	231
March	32	33	32	29	22	22	24	15	26	16	24	275
April	32	46	33	41	16	22	19	27	25	35	31	327
May	41	36	35	32	17	24	19	10	37	19	20	290
June	30	36	30	49	21	24	12	19	18	24	34	297
July	29	55	44	23	28	31	16	10	26	30	24	316
August	28	25	28	23	19	20	17	16	27	34	35	272
September	34	29	36	20	9	26	15	25	16	30	23	263
October	22	36	29	24	28	21	17	15	24	25	-	241
November	27	33	33	34	17	18	13	15	15	18	-	223
December	18	35	27	15	15	22	9	13	12	22	-	188
Total	342	410	378	328	232	262	204	184	256	279	231	3,106

4. How many people have died from cases of arson in 2024 (up until the 31st September), and every year since 2014. Please can yearly figures be broken down by month.

The table below shows the number of fatalities from fires, where the supposed motive was recorded as being 'deliberate', between 01 January 2014 to 31 September 2024. The figures are broken down by calendar years and months.

Deliberate fire fatalities	Calendar Years											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
February	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	7
March	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	1	11
April	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	3	13
May	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
June	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	7
July	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	6
August	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
September	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	5
October	0	3	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	-	10
November	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	-	2
December	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	4
Total	6	11	6	6	11	13	5	7	10	2	8	85

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](#).