



**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 9119.1

**Date of response:** 25 October 2024

**Request:**

*I would like to request the following information regarding road traffic incidents/collisions involving London Fire Brigade (LFB) vehicles:*

1. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving London Fire Brigade vehicles, including those in emergency response, over the past five years (please provide annual breakdowns from 2019 to 2023).*
2. *For each of these incidents/collisions, could you please provide the following:*
  - a. *Date of the incident*
  - b. *Location of the incident (borough or postcode area)*
  - c. *A brief description of the type of incident (e.g., collision with another vehicle, pedestrian, stationary object)*
  - d. *Whether the fire appliance was responding to an emergency (lights and sirens activated)*
  - e. *The severity of the incident (e.g., minor, moderate, severe)*
  - f. *Number of injuries and fatalities, if applicable (both LFB crew and third parties)*
3. *The total number of LFB vehicles that were taken out of service due to damage caused by road traffic incidents/collisions over the same time period (2019-2023), and the average time each vehicle was out of service for repair.*
4. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving third-party claims against the London Fire Brigade, including any settlements or legal actions related to these incidents over the past five years.*

**Response:**

Please see our response to your queries in turn below:

1. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving London Fire Brigade vehicles, including those in emergency response, over the past five years (please provide annual breakdowns from 2019 to 2023).*

The table below shows the number of LFB vehicle accidents recorded for the years from 2019 to 2023:

Year	Number of vehicle incidents
2023	16
2022	12
2021	14
2020	15
2019	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>

2. *For each of these incidents/collisions, could you please provide the following:*
  - a. *Date of the incident*

The table below shows the month each of the 73 incidents took place between 2019 to 2023:

Month	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Total
January	1	0	0	2	3	6
February	0	0	0	1	1	2
March	3	0	1	1	1	6
April	1	4	3	1	0	9
May	3	1	1	1	0	6
June	2	0	0	1	0	3
July	1	0	2	1	3	7
August	2	2	0	1	1	6
September	1	1	0	3	2	7
October	2	1	3	0	2	8
November	0	0	3	2	0	5
December	0	3	1	1	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>

*b. Location of the incident (borough or postcode area)*

Borough	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Total
Barking and Dagenham	2	0	1	1	0	4
Barnet	0	1	2	1	0	4
Bexley	0	1	0	0	2	3
Brent	0	0	0	0	2	2
Bromley	0	1	0	0	0	1
Camden	0	0	0	0	1	1
City	0	1	0	0	1	2
Croydon	2	1	2	2	1	8
Ealing	1	0	0	0	0	1
Enfield	1	0	1	0	0	2
Hackney	2	1	0	0	0	3
Hammersmith and Fulham	0	0	0	0	1	1
Haringey	1	0	0	1	0	2
Harrow	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hillingdon	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hounslow	0	0	0	1	0	1
Islington	1	0	1	1	0	3
Kensington and Chelsea	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lambeth	0	2	1	1	1	5
Merton	0	0	0	1	2	3
Newham	1	1	0	1	1	4
Not recorded	1	0	0	1	1	3
Redbridge	1	2	1	0	0	4
Richmond Upon Thames	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southwark	1	0	1	0	2	4
Tower Hamlets	1	0	0	1	0	2
Waltham Forest	0	0	0	1	1	2
Wandsworth	0	1	0	0	0	1
Westminster	1	0	1	1	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>

*c. A brief description of the type of incident (e.g., collision with another vehicle, pedestrian, stationary object)*

Vehicle Accident Type	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Total
Alleged	0	1	1	0	0	2
Damage - Not RTC Related	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mechanical Failure - Not RTC Related	0	0	1	0	1	2

Not recorded	1	0	1	1	0	3
Struck Bicycle	1	2	2	1	0	6
Struck Pedestrian	4	1	2	0	3	10
Struck Stationary Object	1	0	0	0	1	2
Struck Vehicle	8	8	7	13	11	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>

d. *Whether the fire appliance was responding to an emergency (lights and sirens activated)*

Was the driver on an emergency response?	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Total
No	5	2	3	2	5	17
Yes	11	10	11	13	11	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>

e. *The severity of the incident (e.g., minor, moderate, severe)*

This information is not recorded.

f. *Number of injuries and fatalities, if applicable (both LFB crew and third parties)*

Were Any Persons (third party) Injured?	Total
No	19
Yes	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>

Were Any Brigade Staff Injured?	Total
No	38
Not recorded	2
Yes	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>

3. *The total number of LFB vehicles that were taken out of service due to damage caused by road traffic incidents/collisions over the same time period (2019-2023), and the average time each vehicle was out of service for repair.*

This information is not recorded by the LFB. Our Fleet maintenance contract is managed by an external company called Babcock. The LFB maintain fleet cover as Babcock would provide a reserve replacement vehicle to cover any taken out of service by a road traffic collision.

4. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving third-party claims against the London Fire Brigade, including any settlements or legal actions related to these incidents over the past five years*

We published a response to recent Freedom of Information request on our website which contains the information you have requested for question four. This can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/aciocr5/foi-response-foia8630-1.pdf>

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](#).