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Request:

1. How many assaults against firefighters were recorded in each of the last five years, 2019/2020/2021/2022/2023.
2. Could I have a geographic breakdown of where the assaults occurred.
3. Could I have a brief description of the nature of the assault.

Response:

Please see below table for questions 1 and 2. Please note that this only covers instances of attacks on firefighters at incidents.

| Borough | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| BARKING AND DAGENHAM | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| BARNET | 3 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 26 |
| BEXLEY | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| BRENT | 2 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 23 |
| BROMLEY | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| CAMDEN | 2 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 24 |
| CITY OF LONDON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| CROYDON | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 21 |
| EALING | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| ENFIELD | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 |
| GREENWICH | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| HACKNEY | 2 | 4 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 32 |
| HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| HARINGEY | 1 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 30 |

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| HARROW | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 24 |
| HAVERING | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| HILLINGDON | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| HOUNSLOW | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| ISLINGTON | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 20 |
| KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 16 |
| KINGSTON UPON THAMES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| LAMBETH | 1 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 21 |
| LEWISHAM | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 16 |
| MERTON | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| NEWHAM | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 12 |
| REDBRIDGE | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| RICHMOND UPON THAMES | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| SOUTHWARK | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 20 |
| SUTTON | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 16 |
| TOWER HAMLETS | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 18 |
| WALTHAM FOREST | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 17 |
| WANDSWORTH | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 17 |
| WESTMINSTER | 6 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 43 |
| Total | 76 | 110 | 105 | 96 | 130 | 517 |

For question 3 Please note only the below information is captured about assaults on firefighters, further detail is not captured.

| Type of Attack | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Harassment | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 18 |
| Objects thrown at firefighters/appliances | 6 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 24 |
| Other acts of aggression | 6 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 51 |

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|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Physical abuse | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 26 |
| Verbal abuse | 55 | 87 | 78 | 75 | 103 | 398 |
| Total | 76 | 110 | 105 | 96 | 130 | 517 |

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