**Freedom of Information - Humberside Fire and Rescue Service**

**2022/066 – Wildfires**

**The request is:**

I am requesting if you could please provide answers to the following questions.

1. Provide Statistics on wildfires attended over last 5 years.

2. Do you have a formal operational policy and procedures for dealing with wildfires (please provide a copy).

3. Do you provide specific operational equipment and PPE for dealing with wildfires.

4. What was the capital expenditure on wildfire resources (not including personnel) between 2017-2022.

5. Does your service have a set definition of a wildfire.

6. What specialist training is given for dealing with wildfires

7. Are there specialist teams for dealing with wildfires

8. What measures is your service taking to prepare for more frequent wildfires

**The response is:**

1. Details are contained in the attached spreadsheet. Please note that we don’t record the category “wildfire” and have therefore provided details of all incidents recorded as “grassland, woodlands and crops”. We have also included the amount of damage in square meters (when this was recorded) and also the “on scene” and “return time” to indicate how large the fire was. Please note that the last full month of incident data currently available is October 2022.

Information can also be found on the Open Data Portal on our website [here](https://data-humbersidefrs.opendata.arcgis.com/).

[](https://humbersidefire.gov.uk/bscp/assets/edit/1496671-FOI-Wildfires)

1. HFRS operate in accordance with National Operational Guidance (NOG) according to the respective wildfire risks we have within our service area: <https://www.ukfrs.com/index.php/guidance/wildfires?bundle=section&id=14246>. Further information on wildfire risks can be found on page 25 of our Community Risk Management Plan on our website [here](https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/server-asset-backups/humberside-fire-craft-3-assets/uploads/files/HFRS-Community-Risk-Management-Plan-2021-2024.pdf).
2. No, we have several items of equipment which are used at wildfires; however, this equipment is also used at other incidents. We have a dynamic approach to the level/type of PPE which is worn depending on the type of incident and level of risk.
3. We do not classify equipment used at wildfires any differently to other operational equipment, therefore it is not possible to provide this information.
4. The definition of a wildfire is provided by NOG, which HFRS aligns to, therefore this is the definition we use: <https://www.ukfrs.com/index.php/guidance/wildfires?bundle=section&id=14246>.
5. Practical lesson plans on Wildfire Water Relay take place, which cover the training specifications within NOG, and e-Learning materials cover theoretical information as follows:

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| * LACES Safety Protocol
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| * Tactical Plans and Fire Behaviour
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| * Agricultural Wildfire
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| * Wildfire Resources
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| * Situational Awareness
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| * People & Environment
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| * Uncontrolled Use of Aircraft
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1. We do not have any specialist teams within HFRS, however, through National Resilience, we have the ability to call on National Assistance from a declared register.
2. We continually look to improve our capabilities, linked to the risks within our area. We are actively looking at equipment which can be deployed at incidents which constitute a wildfire. Further information on wildfire risks can be found on page 25 of our Community Risk Management Plan on our website [here](https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/server-asset-backups/humberside-fire-craft-3-assets/uploads/files/HFRS-Community-Risk-Management-Plan-2021-2024.pdf).

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