

SOUTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

(2018/2019 to 2019/2020 Quarter 1 – Quarter 3 Comparison)

Vale of Glamorgan

- There were 231 fires attended in 2019/20 compared to 264 in 2018/19. This is a decrease of 13%.
- There were 5 serious or slight injuries attended in 2019/20 compared to 2 in 2018/19.
- There were no fatalities attended in 2019/20 compared to 1 in 2018/19.
- There were 69 road traffic collisions attended in 2019/20 compared to 70 in 2018/19.
- There were 456 false alarms attended in 2019/20 compared to 413 in 2018/19. This is an increase of 10%. False alarms due to apparatus accounted for 287 (63%) of these calls.
- There were 104 accidental fires attended in 2019/20, with the highest numbers occurring in April (18) and July (17). There were 115 in 2018/19. This is a decrease of 10%.
- There were 44 accidental dwelling fires attended in 2019/20 compared with 31 in 2018/19. This is an increase of 42%.
- There were 127 deliberate fires attended in 2019/20 compared with 149 in 2018/19. This is a decrease of 15%. This figure is the lowest in Wales with the exception of Monmouthshire.
- There were 16 deliberate vehicle fires attended in 2019/20 compared with 9 in 2018/19. This is an increase of 78%.
- There were 64 deliberate refuse fires attended in 2019/20 compared with 78 in 2018/19. This is a decrease of 18%.
- There were 25 deliberate grass fires attended in 2019/20 compared with 46 in 2018/19. This is a decrease of 46%.
- There has been 1 attack on crews in 2019/20 compared to zero attacks in 20018/19.
- Casteland (18) and Buttrills (13) have had the most deliberate fires in the first 3 quarters of 2019/20.

Our prevention and education strategy has led to the reduction of incidents of fires, and contributes towards environmental awareness and sustainability.

Our education strategy has a number of initiatives that work towards reducing both accidental and deliberate fires, as well as preventing the number of road traffic collisions and water related incidents.

We have been engaging and delivering this strategy for over 15 years; with a successful drop in calls in our service area (South Wales) from 24,000 to 6,500 per annum.

This drop in calls equates to a significant reduction in carbon and other pollutants, from the fires themselves and the number of times our fire appliances are on the road to attend such incidents.

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