



Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 94

Call outs and costs of false automatic fire alarms

Query:

I would like to know:

- The number of call outs due to false automatic fire alarms and the cost of attending in West Dorset in 2017
- The number of call outs due to false automatic fire alarms and the cost of attending in West Dorset in 2016
- The number of call outs due to false automatic fire alarms and the cost of attending in West Dorset in 2015

Response:

The number of false automatic fire alarms in the West Dorset area for the calendar years 2015, 2016 and 2017 is shown in the table below:

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|
| AFA's West Dorset | 240 | 344 | 340 |

We do not hold information relating to the cost of each incident. We can only advise that on average a crew of 5 attending an incident for one hour, 10 mile round trip would be approximately £125. This is the average cost associated with either a wholetime crew or a retained crew attending an incident, including salary costs.