



Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 132

Awards for heroism and bravery

Query:

1. How many firefighters have been cautioned for rushing into burning buildings in an attempt to save lives?
2. How many firefighters have been sacked or disciplined for rushing into burning buildings in an attempt to save lives?
3. How many firefighters have been given awards for heroism after saving lives during fires?
4. Please provide case/ incident notes for those who were disciplined or sacked after rushing into burning buildings.
5. Please provide information about the event for each firefighter who has been given an award for bravery.

Please provide figures for the last three years (2016, 2017 and 2018 to date) in a yearly breakdown.

Response:

Please note, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) combined to form Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) on 1 April 2016 so this response covers both Dorset and Wiltshire.

During 2016, 2017 and 2018;

- **No firefighters were disciplined for “rushing into burning buildings in an attempt to save lives”. This would ordinarily be considered as an action taken in the course of their duties so it would not likely be appropriate to take disciplinary action.**
- **Our records show that there were no commendations awarded to firefighters for showing heroism by saving lives during fires.**