



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 154

Co-responding and water rescue operations, wildfire incidents and UAV/UVP deployments

Query and response:

In the public interest, could you please provide me with the following information in order to aid my research project.

All information requested for the periods;

January 1 2022 to January 1 2023

January 1 2023 to January 1 2024

January 1 2024 to January 1 2025

January 1 2025 to January 1 2026

Information required as follows;

1. Co-Responding Operations

- *Number of Incidents attended as a Co Responder First Response*

Please see attached. The purpose of the co-responder scheme is to provide an early emergency response alongside the Ambulance Service. An ambulance resource will also be mobilised to the incident; however, co-responders are often deployed because they are able to reach the scene more quickly and provide immediate assistance while awaiting the arrival of ambulance crews. The co-responder resource is therefore intended to supplement, rather than replace, the ambulance response. We do not record whether a co-responder resource was the first resource to arrive at the scene.

- *Number of Incidents attended as a Co Responder as Ambulance Assist*

As above

- *Duration on Scene per incident*

Please see attached. The duration on scene has been calculated using the difference between the first resource arriving on scene and the stop message being put in.

- *Number of personnel engaged per incident*

Please see attached. Please note that the information recorded in relation to the number of personnel attending co-responder incidents is not always be complete. Co-responder resources are mobilised by the Ambulance Service and the mobilisation details are subsequently entered manually into our systems. As a result, there are occasions where the number of personnel is



recorded as "0" because this information was not provided or was not available at the time of recording.

Where personnel numbers are recorded, these have been provided. Where a value of "0" is shown, this should not be interpreted as meaning that no personnel attended. Co-responder resources would typically mobilise with a crew of one or two personnel, depending on resource availability at the time of the incident.

- *Level of Training of personnel engaged in these operations and incidents*

As a minimum, DWFRS Co-Responders must be trained and maintain competence in Casualty Care as delivered by DWFRS.

Co-Responder will also cover the additional following areas:

- Personal and scene safety
- Infection prevention and control
- Providing a patient handover
- Completion of patient handover forms
- Conflict resolution training
- Responder code of conduct.

Co-Responders will have the option of an operational observational shift with SWAST within six months starting to co-respond.

Co-Responders must:

- successfully complete and maintain competence in the
- DWFRS Protecting Information Governance module within GROW
- DWFRS Safeguarding module within GROW
- complete an annual Basic Life Support Assessment carried out and signed off by SWAST
- attend any training sessions as required by SWAST or DWFRS
- participate in any Internal/External Quality assurance process delivered by DWFRS or SWAST.

All Co-Responders who respond under Blue Light conditions MUST successfully complete the DWFRS Emergency car driving competence.

- *Number of incidents where co responder operations has resulted in a Fire Appliance being taken offline*

This information is not recorded.

2. Water Rescue Operations

- *Number of Incidents Responded to*



Please see attached.

- *Resources Utilised within your service per incident*

Please see attached.

- *Resources Utilised from other sources per incident, please state if Voluntary Service, Government Agency or Private Enterprise*

For resources marked as "Other agency resource", this refers to resources provided by other Fire and Rescue Services. We do not record the attendance details of non-fire service agencies and therefore cannot confirm whether any other organisations attended.

- *Incident outcomes – Successful or Negative*

This information is not recorded.

- *Duration of incident before handover or close*

Please see attached. The duration on scene has been calculated using the difference between the first resource arriving on scene and the stop message being put in.

3. Wildfire Incidents

- *How many Wildfire Incidents attended within your operational area*

Please see attached.

- *Resources deployed to each incident*

Please see attached.

- *What specialist resources deployed to each incident*

Please see attached.

- *Duration of Incident*

Please see attached. The duration on scene has been calculated using the difference between the first resource arriving on scene and the stop message being put in.

- *NFCC Resources/Mutual Aid resources deployed to each incident*

This information is not recorded.



- *Number of times deployed to wildfire incidents as Mutual Aid*

This information is not recorded.

4. *UAV/UVP (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle/Unmanned Vehicle Platform)*

- *Number of Incidents where UAV/UVP were deployed*

This information is not recorded.

- *Types of incidents where UAV/UVP were deployed*

This information is not recorded.

- *Number of incidents where UAV/UVP were deployed by your agency as own assets*

This information is not recorded.

- *Number of incidents where UAV/UVP were deployed by outside agencies/companies/volunteers in support of your agencies operations, please state if the source is other agency, company (Private Enterprise) or volunteer service.*

This information is not recorded.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 22, September 2026