



Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Information Bulletin

July - September 2018

Examples of Incidents Attended

PERSONAL INJURIES

Assist Ambulance

Bedford Road, Wixams

19 July 2018 - 1749 hours

Rescue Pump Kempston and Aerial Platform Luton, extracted one male injured in JCB digger. Assisted in transportation of casualty to hospital.

ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

RTC Persons Trapped

West Street, Dunstable

7 July 2018 - 1809 hours

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable and Stopsley attended incident involving two cars. One person with trapped leg extracted by fire service.

RTC Persons Trapped

A6 Bletsoe to Clapham

18 July 2018 - 1809 hours

Rescue Pumps from Bedford and Kempston attended a RTC involving a

tractor and a car. One male casualty was extracted by the Fire Service.

RTC Persons Trapped

Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

19 July 2018 - 1535 hours

Rescue Pumps from Biggleswade and Sandy attended an incident involving two cars. One casualty medically trapped released by the Fire Service.

RTC Persons Trapped

A6 Barton Bypass

22 August 2018 – 1623 hours

Rescue pumps from Luton, Stopsley and Bedford attended an incident involving a people carrier. Two persons trapped in vehicle. Extracted by the Fire Service.

RTC Persons Trapped

A421 Westbound

16 September 2018 – 2256 hours

Rescue pumps from Bedford, Kempston and Ampthill attended an incident involving one car and one Heavy Goods vehicle. Seven casualties. Two persons trapped in vehicle. Extracted by the Fire Service.

FIRES

Shed Fire

Woodcock Lane, Hockliffe

12 July 2018 - 0714 hours

Rescue Pumps from Dunstable, Kempston and Stopsley attended a fire in farm outbuilding containing around 100 tonnes of hay. Livestock evacuated to alternative location. Safety cordon put in place to protect against asbestos roof collapse.

Standing Crop Fire

Furzenhall Road, Biggleswade

14 July 2018 – 1353 hours

Rescue Pumps from Sandy and Potton and specialist vehicles from Shefford, Kempston and Toddington attended a fire involving 14 hectares of stubble and standing crop.

Fire Outside

Keysoe Row, East Keysoe

23 July 2018 - 1353 hours

Rescue pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended an incident involving three large areas of fire involving manure and straw close to wind turbines and growing crop. One large farm trailer destroyed during incident.

Field Fire

Bedford Road, Roxton

24 July 2018 - 1354 hours

Rescue Pumps from Sandy, Potton, Bedford, Ampthill, St Neots and Biggleswade attended a standing crop fire of around 200 hectares. Two tractors and ploughs used to cut fire break.

Bales on Trailer Fire

A6 Wilstead

21 August 2018 – 1237 hours

Rescue pumps from Bedford and Kempston attend a fire involving 30 tonnes of hay on a trailer. All hay removed from trailer and damped down.

RESCUES

Water Rescue

The Embankment, Bedford

14 August 2018 – 1758 hours

Rescue pumps from Kempston and rescue boat from Bedford attended one female casualty needing rescue from river.

Cow stuck in River Reeds

Felmersham Road, Carlton

18 September 2018 – 0953 hours

Rescue pumps from Kempston and Bedford attended animal stuck in soft ground by river. Moved to a place of safety by the Fire Service.

Letters of Appreciation or Complaint

Complaint:

No complaints (past Stage I) have been received for this period.

Appreciation:

We continue to receive letters of appreciation from members of the public, schools and organisations that we visit and/or assist with charitable events.

The following is a selection:

Compliment from a Member of the Public:

.....'It's nice to be provided with additional links to other agencies involved where more in depth info is available. I often find the links very interesting and so much more open to the people of Bedfordshire who need and are fortunate enough to have an excellent Fire and Rescue Service staffed by skilled men and women who risk their lives for us in so many situations'.....

The following has been received from **Rt Hon Alistair Burt, MP for NE Bedfordshire:**

.....' During this prolonged spell of hot, dry weather, and the increasing number of rural fires in the county, I would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at the Fire Service for all their hard work in what must be very difficult conditions'
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A member of the public sent thanks to Potton Red Watch:

*.....'I write to comment the actions of the five crew members from Potton who attended the child rescue incident at Howard Park and gardens in Letchworth on Monday 6 August.
Working in temperatures of 30 degrees and in full sun, surrounded by members of the public, there was no room for error as they worked to successfully release a young boy with his leg trapped in a climbing frame at a height of over three metre from the ground.
The crew had to balance on climbing ropes as they worked to partially dismantle the frame which the boy was both perched on and wedged within. The care, skill and dedication was eventually rewarded with a round of applause from the attentive audience as the boy was released unharmed.
British firefighters at their best. Thank you'*

Thanks from a **Member of the Public:**

.....'My family would like to thank all the crews who attended the barn fire late on 27 July, especially Shefford crew who were so quick on the scene. All crews worked tirelessly all night and Saturday to contain it to the hay barn and prevent it from getting to the other sheds where cattle were housed'.

Thank you from a **Member of the Public:**

.....'Thank you to the two firefighters from Luton station who visited to replace my faulty smoke alarm, I'd like to express my thanks for their courteous and helpful behaviour. It is unusual in Luton these days to be treated this well. I will be making a donation to the Firefighters Charity in recognition of this'.....

Thank you from a **Member of the Public:**

.....'Last week, one of my smoke detectors in my home started playing up. I tried to fix it myself but the skills I used to have as a firefighter have left me. It's a medical condition called AGE. I called your Service and my home was visited by Stephanie. She was in my house for about an hour and she was first class. She did a great job and my wife and I were very impressed. Please give her my thanks'.....

Thank you from a **Member of the Public** where some of their livestock died in an accidental fire

.....'The fire team did a fantastic job by getting there as quickly as they could and my heart melts knowing we had 2 fire fighters giving oxygen to the badly burned remaining 3 in our kitchen that we are still caring for and praying they will survive'.