

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01245

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Request:

Dear London Fire Brigade,
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

- i) - The number of calls made to your fire service relating to incidents on Bonfire Night (5th November) for each of the last five years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025).
- ii) - The number of incidents your fire service actually attended after being called out on Bonfire Night (5th November) for each of the last three years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025).
- iii) - The total cost to your fire service of attending firework-related incidents for each of the last three financial years (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25).

Response:

I refer to your request received by the London Fire Brigade under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding incidents on Bonfire night.

- i) - The number of calls made to your fire service relating to incidents on Bonfire Night (5th November) for each of the last five years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025).

These are the total number of calls to incidents on bonfire night (between 5pm on the 5th November to 5am on the 6th November):

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Number of Calls	285	365	315	343	330	387	2,025

- ii) - The number of incidents your fire service actually attended after being called out on Bonfire Night (5th November) for each of the last three years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025).

These are the number of actual incidents attended on bonfire night (between 5pm on the 5th November to 5am on the 6th November), broken down by the incident group:

Incidents	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Fire	61	93	53	59	68	85	419
Special Service	51	84	82	83	56	67	423
False Alarm	129	112	106	107	107	112	673
Grand Total	241	289	241	249	231	264	1,515

iii) - The total cost to your fire service of attending firework-related incidents for each of the last three financial years (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25).

These are all fires, not exclusive to bonfire night, which had the ignition source 'fireworks', and their associated notional costs:

Values	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Grand Total
Incidents	54	55	49	49	56	263
Sum of Notional Cost (£)	40,165	42,463	50,109	98,330	61,563	292,630

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Further information about making requests for information is available on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>