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Request:

How many wildfires did your service attend last calendar year (2025)? And so far this year January-July 2026?

In total, how many firefighters were dispatched to these wildfires last calendar year (2025)? And so far this year January-July 2026?

How many active firefighters does your service currently have?

Do you provide wildfire-specific training to firefighters? And if so, how many firefighters have received this training to date?

Response:

LFBs definition of Wildfires is based on that of the National Fire Chiefs Councils (NFCC). We look at outdoor fires that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Involves a geographical area of at least one hectare (10,000 square metres).
- Requires a committed resource of at least four fire and rescue service appliances/resources.
- Requires resources to be committed for at least six hours.
- Presents a serious threat to life, environment, property and infrastructure.

	2025	2026 (up to 31 st July)
Wildfire Incidents	137	131
No. of Riders Attended	4,377	3,833

We currently have 3,793 firefighters (including leading firefighters).

Do you provide wildfire-specific training to firefighters? And if so, how many firefighters have received this training to date?

- All Firefighters across London Fire Brigade are trained in Basic Wildfire Level 1 of the National Operational Guidance framework competency. Firefighters receive acquisition and maintenance of skills training.
- National Resilience have trained forty-one station-based Firefighters to operate as Wildfire fire-fighters, (this training affords personnel tactical burn techniques, common suppression techniques and using tactical fire breaks to control a fire. A further twelve Level 2 officers have undertaken this training, most of which are Wildfire Support Officers.

- London Fire Brigade has twenty-four Wildfire support officers, trained to Level 3 of the National Operational Guidance framework. This was undertaken by Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service.
- Four of these are twenty-four are Level 4 trained National Wildfire tactical advisors.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our web-site: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>