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TITLE / CATEGORY: Other – Fire Cadet Accidents

REQUEST

I would like to request information about the West Denton Fire Station Cadets.

Can you please supply me with any information in relation to accidents that occurred by fire cadets.

Are you able to tell me if any accidents resulting in injury have occurred?

How many accident since 2000 have been reported?

Did any of these accidents result in an out of court settlement?

RESPONSE

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service current health and safety recording system was introduced in 1st April 2016.

From 2016 to present we have identified 4 incidents that involved injuries to fire cadets at West Denton. None of these incidents resulted in a serious injury or out of court settlements.

The cost to retrieve the information prior to 1st April 2016 exceeds the limits for time and cost set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and therefore exempt from disclosure.

Section 12 of the FOIA allows us to decline to answer FOI requests when we estimate that it would cost us more than £450 (equivalent to 18 hours, calculated at £25 per hour) to identify, extract and then provide the information that you have requested.

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RESPONSE CONT.

We have based the use of this exemption upon a return of approximately 500 records during the time period requested within the recording system.

Although not all of these results will fall within the scope of the request, due to the large number of results, retrieving that information and determining which of that information falls within your request would exceed the limits for time and cost as set out above as a manual search of each of record would be required which we estimate to take 10 minutes per record.

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Calendar year	Month	Fire Classification	Reason/ Motive	Source of Ignition	Number of Injuries Caused	Fatalities	Potential Incident Type
2023	May	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Apparatus - batteries, generators	0	0	Solar
2023	July	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs	0	0	Solar
2023	October	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs	0	0	Solar
2023	October	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs	0	0	Solar
2023	October	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs	0	0	Solar
2023	November	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Apparatus - batteries, generators	4	0	EV Charging Equipment
2024	February	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Apparatus - batteries, generators	0	0	Solar
2024	February	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs	0	0	Solar
2024	February	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Wiring, cabling, plugs	0	0	Solar
2024	March	Primary	Accidental	Electricity supply - Apparatus - batteries, generators	5	0	EV Charging Equipment
2024	March	Primary	Accidental	Other appliance or equipment	0	0	EV Charging Equipment