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**Our ref:** 082\_1920

**Dyddiad/Date:** 25/06/2019

## RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: 082\_1920 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

- How many forest/woodland fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

[Please see below chart.](#)

- Causes for forest/woodland fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

- Number of forest/woodland fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 caused by disposable BBQs

[The system we use to record fires does not specify disposable BBQs as a cause of fire, it may be one of several items in the category of 'careless handling', 'other intentional burning going out of control' or 'heat source and combustibles brought together deliberately'.](#)

[However, I have checked sources of ignition and item first ignited as well as the incident logs for these incidents and have not found any forest / woodland fires identified as being caused by a disposable BBQ.](#)

- How much money spent tackling forest/woodland fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

[This information is not held. SWFRS do not calculate the cost of individual incidents.](#)

- How much time in minutes spent tackling forest/woodland fires in the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015.

[Please see below chart.](#)



### Forest / Woodland Fires

YEAR	Accidental	Deliberate	Total	Incident Duration in Minutes*
2015	1	40	41	3747
2016	4	17	21	768
2017	4	17	21	795
2018	10	90	100	37912
1st Jan - 31st May 2019	2	21	23	4198
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>47420</b>

\*Incident duration is calculated from the time the first appliance arrived on scene to the time the fire was brought under control (Stop Message Time). It does not take account of multiple vehicles being deployed or any time spent at the incident once the fire is considered to be under control for example return visits to re-inspect the site.

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at [Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk](mailto:Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk) quoting the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are dissatisfied with the way that your information request has been handled, you can request an internal review by writing to:

Information Governance and Compliance Manager  
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service  
Forest View Business Park  
Llantrisant  
CF72 8LX

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office-Wales,  
2nd Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 2HH.

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Yours Faithfully

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