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Our ref: 118_1920

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RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: 118_1920 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

If it is possible to break down the statistics for each of the below items for every year for the past five years, I would be grateful. If not, please indicate for which years you are providing the statistics.

How many fires in South Wales were caused by

1. Power lines,
2. Utility Lines,
3. Transmission Lines,
4. Or as a result of Network Rail Lines?

Also, can you advise how many fires there were in South Wales in

1. Woodlands,
2. Rural areas?

Definitions for the causes of fires and fire locations

Power Lines are defined as cables or other structures used in electric power transmission and distribution to transmit electrical energy across large distances. It consists of one or more conductors suspended by towers or poles. The numbers quoted are all accidental fires attended by South Wales Fire & Rescue Service (SWFRS) where the primary source of the fire is a Power Line.

Transmission Lines are defined as cables or other structures used for purposes such as connecting radio transmitters and receivers with their antennas distributing cable television signals, trunk-lines routing calls between telephone switching centres, computer network connections and high speed computer data buses. The numbers quoted are all accidental fires attended by SWFRS where the primary source of the fire is a Transmission Line.

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English - we will respond equally to both and will reply in your language of choice without delay.

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Utility Lines are defined as lines for telecommunication, electricity distribution lines external to a residential or non-residential property, natural gas pipes, traffic lights, street lights, storm drains, water mains, and wastewater pipes. The numbers quoted are all accidental fires attended by SWFRS where the primary source of the fire is a Utility Line.

Network Rail Lines are defined as tracks, signal boxes, overhead line equipment and rail passenger and goods transport vehicles. The numbers quoted are all accidental fires attended by SWFRS where the primary source of the fire is on a Network Rail Line.

Woodlands are defined as areas of woodland of 0.5 hectares and over as defined by the National Forest Inventory (NFI) woodland map of June 2017. The numbers quoted are all fires attended by SWFRS where the location of the attending appliance(s) is placed in a NFI woodland area.

Rural areas are defined as wards categorised 'Rural town and fringe', 'Rural village and dispersed', 'Rural town and fringe in a sparse setting' or 'Rural village and dispersed in a sparse setting' in the Office of National Statistics 2011 Census Rural Urban Classification. The numbers quoted are all fires attended by SWFRS where the location of the incident is classified using the aforementioned 'rural' definition.

Data

Financial Year	Fires from Utility Lines (primary source)	Fires from Power Lines (primary source)	Fires from Transmission Lines (primary source)	Fires from Network Rail Lines (primary source)	Fires in Woodland Areas	Fires in Rural Areas
2014/2015	15	9	0	1	226	1,029
2015/2016	10	3	1	0	319	1,145
2016/2017	12	1	0	2	248	1,015
2017/2018	5	6	0	1	258	987
2018/2019	8	4	1	4	425	1,181

If you have any queries regarding your Freedom of Information request, please contact us at 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
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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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