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Please ask for:** Information Governance
and Compliance
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E-bost/E-mail: DataProtection@southwales-fire.gov.uk
Our ref: IG000532
Dyddiad/Date: 06 October 2020

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG000532 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

Good evening, I would like to make a freedom of information request about the following data in the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service area please

- **How many water rescue incidents have South Wales Fire crews been so far to this year please – up until September 27?**
- **How many rescues have there been on or off the coast?**
- **How many rescues have there been from inland waterways like rivers and streams?**
- **How many deaths have there been from incidents on or off the coast**
- **How many deaths have there been from inland waterways like rivers and streams?**
- **How does this data compare to last year – and since 2010 please?**

Can the data be supplied in calendar years please

I appreciate you considering my request, I look forward to hearing from you.

Please see the attached response.

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 emailing Dataprotection@southwales-fire.gov.uk

We would like to thank you for your patience at this time.

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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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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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

Information Governance and Compliance

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UPDATE COVID-19: Information Requests

We are kindly asking that any data protection correspondence come to Information Governance & Compliance via email, as due to Government advice many of our support staff are working flexibly and we may not be in receipt of physical post as normal. SWFRS anticipates that it may take us longer than 20 working days to complete Freedom of Information Requests and Subject Access Requests. The Information Commissioner recognises that there might be delays as our services and resources may be being utilised in slightly different ways, under the current unprecedented circumstances. At current, we are no longer accepting physical postal cheques, however we can accept BACs payments for items that carry a fee (such as IRS Reports and Interviews, where appropriate following standard procedure and charges).

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RESPONSE FOI IG000532

Number of incidents - IRS category (Water Rescue Incidents, Level 1 Type of Action, Rescue or Evacuation from water)										
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
50	32	66	51	41	43	54	53	46	64	46
Rescues on or off coast (Special Service IRS Category-Water Rescue, level 3 category, Sea or beach , all victims)										
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2	0	0	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0
Rescues from inland waterways (Special Service IRS Category-Water Rescue, level 3 category ,Canal/riverbank vegetation, Lake/pond/reservoir, River/canal,all victims)										
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
42	29	49	36	23	40	35	41	35	35	16
Deaths on or off coast (Special Service IRS Category-Water Rescue, level 3 category, Sea or beach , all victims)										
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths from inland waterways (Special Service IRS Category-Water Rescue, level 3 category ,Canal/riverbank vegetation, Lake/pond/reservoir, River/canal,all victims)										
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
3	0	2	3	4	1	4	2	2	6	4

The incidents provided in the FOI are incidents that have been classed in the Incidents Recording system as Special Service type Level 1 – Rescue or evacuation from water. There are a few other incident types where the service boat has been used, such as flooding, Other rescue/release of persons and animal assistance incidents from water. These have not been included in the data provided above