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Our ref: IG000620

Dyddiad/Date: 25 November 2020

RE: Request for Information held by SWFRS

Your request ref: IG000620 has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

I would like to have the number of fires caused/started by lights on a Christmas tree in each of the past five years, so from 2015 to 2019.

Please, make sure that the information is in a machine readable format i.e. excel or csv.

Please provide me with figures broken down by year - i.e. separate statistics for 2015, 2016, and by local authority, in the area covered by your Fire Brigade.

In addition, where there has been a fire caused/started by lights on a Christmas tree, I would like information on the damage caused, the cost of damage and any injuries or fatalities as a result of the fire.

Our response:

Please see appendix 1

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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RAISING AWARENESS - REDUCING RISK



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,
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CF10 2HH.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours Faithfully

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Appendix 1

YEAR	UNITARY_AUTHORITY	Main source of ignition	Description	Item first ignited	Total area fire damage	Injury	MESSAGE
2015	Newport	Electric Lighting	Fairy lights	Structural/Fixtures/Fittings - Internal	up to 5m 2	No	FIRE INVOLVING EXTERNAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION WITH SPREAD INTO CAVITY WALL
2018	Vale of Glamorgan	Electric Lighting	Fairy lights	Foam, rubber, plastic	none	No	SMALL ELECTRICAL FIRE ON CHRISTMAS TREE OUTSIDE OF BUILDING OOA.
2019	Merthyr Tydfil	Other	NA	Decoration/celebration	up to 5m 2	No	FAULTY ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION IN THE KITCHEN AREA