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South Wales
Fire and Rescue Service

FOI_IG0000661: Non Residential Building Fires

Response Date: 11/12/2020

FOI Request:

The following request for FOI Request has been received by SWFRS:

1. A breakdown per year for the last five calendar years to date of the number of fires in warehouses
2. A breakdown per year for the last five calendar years to date of the number of fires in schools that were deliberately started. For each incident, please include extent of damage.
3. A breakdown per year for the last five calendar years to date of the number of fires in empty shops/commercial buildings. For each incident, please include building usage (e.g. office, retail etc.) and cause of fire.

Our response:

Please see data below.

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QUESTION 1 - WAREHOUSE FIRES - 2016 TO 2020 CALENDAR YEAR

Year	Incidents
2016	6
2017	6
2018	5
2019	8
2020	4
Grand Total	29

QUESTION 2 - DELIBERATE SCHOOL FIRES – 2016 TO 2020 CALENDAR YEAR

Incidents	Extent of Damage (Area Sq)					Grand Total Incidents
	Up to 5m	6 – 10 m	11 – 20m	21 – 50m	1001 – 2000m	
Year						
2016	2		3		2	7
2017	1			1		2
2018	2	1				3
2019	1					1
2020	1					1
Grand Total	7	1	3	1	2	14



QUESTION 3 – EMPTY SHOPS & COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRES & CAUSES 2016-2020 CALENDAR YEAR

Incidents						
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
ACCIDENTAL	4	3	3	5	4	19
Faulty fuel supplies - Gas	4	3	3	5	4	19
Entertainment and culture	2	1		1	2	6
Food and Drink	1	1			1	3
Industrial Manufacturing			1			1
Industrial Processing	1		1			2
Retail		1	1	3		5
Warehouses and bulk storage				1	1	2
DELIBERATE	33	17	14	7	5	76
Faulty fuel supplies - Electricity	1					1
Entertainment and culture	1					1
Faulty fuel supplies - Petrol product	20	13	6	2	2	43
Entertainment and culture	3	1	2			6
Food and Drink	2	4	1	1	2	10
Industrial Manufacturing	4	3	2	1		10
Offices and call centres	3					3
Retail	6	3	1			10
Warehouses and bulk storage	2	2				4
Faulty leads to equipment or appliance	12	4	8	5	3	32
Entertainment and culture	2	1		1		4
Food and Drink	2	1	1	1		5
Industrial Manufacturing	5		5	1	1	12
Industrial Processing					1	1
Offices and call centres		1	1		1	3
Retail	2		1	1		4
Warehouses and bulk storage	1	1		1		3
Grand Total	37	20	17	12	9	95