

# **Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority**



## **Health & Safety Firefighter Injuries Family Group Performance comparison tables 2013/14 and 2014/15**

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## **Introduction**

The Health and Safety department are required to report on Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) end of year accident statistical returns to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on 31 May each year for the period 1 April to 31 March the previous year.

The Health and Safety Department provide returns for injuries to firefighters in the following categories:

**HS1-** Injuries during operational incidents, split into Whole-time and On-Call categories and sub divided for accidents at fires, at road traffic collisions and at other special service calls.

**HS2-** Injuries during training and routine activities also split into Whole-time and On-Call categories and sub divided for accidents during operational training, fitness training and routine activities.

**VE1-** Vehicle accidents displayed as a comparison against our peer group.

Following the presentation of the annual health and safety report at the December 2015 Fire Authority meeting, a request was made for statistical data, in the above areas, to be compiled for the years 2013/14 and 2014/15, relating to the performance of BFRS compared with other fire services with the same number of employees in the above areas.

The findings are detailed below in Appendix 1.

# Appendix 1

## Findings:

### Total number of injuries:

For the year 2013/14 BFRS was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the peer table with 26 injuries and for the year 2014/15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 22 injuries.

### Major injuries:

For the year 2013/14 BFRS was 1<sup>st</sup> in the peer table with 0 major injuries and for the year 2014/15, the same.

### RIDDOR over 7 day injuries:

For both years 2013/14 and 2014/15 BFRS was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league table with 2 reportable injuries.

### Injuries at fires:

In 2013/14 BFRS came top of the peer table with 3 injuries. 2014/15 saw an increase of 4 totalling 7 injuries resulting in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### Special Service calls including Road Traffic Collisions:

For both years BFRS was in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the league table with 3 injuries.

### Routine activities:

In 2013/14 BFRS was in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 10 injuries and in 2014/15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4 injuries.

### Training activities:

For both years BFRS was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 10 injuries in 2013/14 and 8 injuries in 2014/15.

### Vehicle accidents:

In 2013/14 BFRS was in 7<sup>th</sup> position with 46 accidents and in 2014/15, 5<sup>th</sup> place with 30 accidents.

This data is clearly depicted in the tables below:

<b>Total Number of Persons Injured</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>Total Number of Persons Injured</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
Durham	19	Durham	12
Cleveland	19	Buckinghamshire	22
Buckinghamshire	26	Cumbria	27
Cumbria	32	Shropshire	29
Wiltshire	41	Cleveland	31
Shropshire	47	Wiltshire	34
Northamptonshire	53	Oxfordshire	40
Bedfordshire	55	Northamptonshire	49
Oxfordshire	61	North Yorkshire	55
Berkshire	73	Bedfordshire	59
North Yorkshire	83	Berkshire	68
Cambridgeshire	134	Cambridgeshire	89

<b>At fires total</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
Buckinghamshire	3	Durham	3
Cumbria	4	Cleveland	5
Cleveland	5	Shropshire	6
Durham	5	Buckinghamshire	7
Wiltshire	5	Bedfordshire	7
Shropshire	10	Wiltshire	9
Bedfordshire	13	Cumbria	9
Northamptonshire	14	Oxfordshire	11
Berkshire	15	North Yorkshire	12
North Yorkshire	15	Northamptonshire	19
Oxfordshire	27	Berkshire	23
Cambridgeshire	29	Cambridgeshire	29

<b>At SSC</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
Cleveland	0	Cleveland	1
Oxfordshire	2	Oxfordshire	1
Shropshire	2	Cumbria	2
Wiltshire	2	Northamptonshire	3
Buckinghamshire	3	Buckinghamshire	3
Durham	4	Durham	3
Bedfordshire	5	Berkshire	4
Cumbria	8	Wiltshire	6
North Yorkshire	8	Shropshire	6
Northamptonshire	8	North Yorkshire	9
Berkshire	14	Bedfordshire	13
Cambridgeshire	15	Cambridgeshire	15

<b>Routine activity</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
Durham	5	Durham	2
Cumbria	7	Shropshire	3
Oxfordshire	8	<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>4</b>
Shropshire	9	Cumbria	6
Berkshire	10	Wiltshire	8
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>10</b>	Oxfordshire	8
Wiltshire	10	Northamptonshire	11
Cleveland	11	North Yorkshire	11
North Yorkshire	11	Berkshire	12
Northamptonshire	12	Bedfordshire	14
Bedfordshire	15	Cleveland	18
Cambridgeshire	40	Cambridgeshire	21

<b>Training Activity</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
Cleveland	3	Durham	4
Durham	5	Cleveland	7
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>8</b>
Cumbria	13	Cumbria	10
Northamptonshire	19	Wiltshire	11
Bedfordshire	22	Shropshire	14
Oxfordshire	24	Northamptonshire	16
Wiltshire	24	Oxfordshire	20
Shropshire	26	North Yorkshire	23
Berkshire	34	Cambridgeshire	24
North Yorkshire	49	Bedfordshire	25
Cambridgeshire	50	Berkshire	29

<b>Major injuries</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>0</b>
Bedfordshire	0	Cumbria	0
Shropshire	0	Bedfordshire	0
Durham	0	Shropshire	0
North Yorkshire	0	Oxfordshire	0
Cleveland	0	Durham	0
Northamptonshire	0	North Yorkshire	0
Cambridgeshire	0	Berkshire	1
Cumbria	1	Wiltshire	2
Berkshire	1	Cleveland	4
Wiltshire	1	Northamptonshire	6
Oxfordshire	2	Cambridgeshire	13

<b>RIDDOR over 7 days</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
Cleveland	0	Cleveland	<b>0</b>
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>2</b>
Shropshire	4	Shropshire	<b>3</b>
Northamptonshire	7	Cumbria	<b>5</b>
Cumbria	8	Durham	<b>5</b>
Durham	8	Bedfordshire	<b>7</b>
Bedfordshire	8	Northamptonshire	<b>8</b>
Wiltshire	8	Oxfordshire	<b>8</b>
Berkshire	9	North Yorkshire	<b>8</b>
Cambridgeshire	10	Wiltshire	<b>10</b>
Oxfordshire	12	Berkshire	<b>10</b>
North Yorkshire	15	Cambridgeshire	<b>20</b>

<b>Vehicle damage</b>	<b>2013/14</b>		<b>2014/15</b>
Cleveland	19	Cumbria	<b>14</b>
Durham	21	Durham	<b>17</b>
Cumbria	29	Berkshire	<b>26</b>
Cambridgeshire	38	Bedfordshire	<b>27</b>
Bedfordshire	40	<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>30</b>
Berkshire	46	Cambridgeshire	<b>34</b>
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	<b>46</b>	Shropshire	<b>37</b>
Shropshire	47	Cleveland	<b>44</b>
Northamptonshire	54	Oxfordshire	<b>49</b>
Wiltshire	55	Wiltshire	<b>50</b>
Oxfordshire	63	Northamptonshire	<b>58</b>
North Yorkshire	86	North Yorkshire	<b>60</b>

The comparison between 2013/14 and 2014/15, highlights improved performance in three areas; total injuries, routine activities and vehicle accidents.

There has been a deterioration in one area; injuries at fires with an increase of 4.

Performance has remained consistent in four areas; training activities, special service calls, major injuries and RIDDOR over 7 day injuries.

Work is continuing to reduce the number of injuries still further through improved proactive monitoring – increased numbers of hazard and ‘near-miss’ reports and establishing the current health and safety behavioural culture through a survey due to be conducted this summer.