

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27706

1. *What was the total number of incidents classified as wildfires, grassland fires, heathland fires, moorland fires or forest fires the service attended in each year between 2021 – 2026?*

Due to new recording systems, data prior to 2024 is currently inaccessible.

Year	Number of wildfires attended
2024	205
2025	360
2026 (so far)	269

2. *What is the total number of the following items the service currently has in its inventory?*

Item	Number currently in inventory
Terrain support vehicles	3
Wildfire beaters	144
Backpack blowers	0
Backpack water units	72
Specialist wildfire PPE	0
Water bowsers	2
Portable pumps suitable for use at remote water sources	36
Drones	0

3. *What is the service's target response time for fire incidents?*

4. *Please fill in the following table relating to incident response times:*

There are no nationally specified standards for Fire Service response, however in Suffolk we measure our response against the 4 standards listed below:

- First fire engine to a Dwelling Fire within 11 minutes 80% of the time
- Second fire engine to a Dwelling Fire within 16 minutes 80% of the time
- First fire engine to a Road Traffic Collision within 13 minutes 80% of the time
- First fire engine to all incident types within 20 minutes 80% of the time

5. How many times did the service request mutual aid from another fire and rescue service for a wildfire between 1st January 2024 to 1st July 2026?

We hold statistics for Mutual Aid / "Cross Border" work, however, am unable to split this specifically for Wildfire operations. This would include vegetation fires or "Fire in the Open" which are on the border and therefore mutual aid is requested due to being nearest appliance.

6. How many operational personnel currently hold in-date wildfire-specific training or competence? Please express this as a number and as a percentage.

Firefighters: 161 (67%)

Officers 79 (33%)

7. Please provide:

a) the number and percentage of operational firefighters trained to undertake wildfire operations; and

Please see below

b) the number of officers currently qualified to command, provide tactical advice at, or otherwise manage a wildfire incident.

Please see below

Please use the service's own training or competence categories and provide the names of the relevant courses or qualifications.

WILDFIRE COMPETENCIES LIST

COURSE NAME	FF	OFFICE R
Environmental Impact of wildfires	38	25
Wildfire - Inaccurate situational awareness	26	20
Wildfire - Inappropriate or uncontrolled use of the aircraft	15	16
Wildfire - Insufficient resources	31	26
Wildfire - Moving, using and entrapment of vehicles	50	32
Wildfire - Physiological Stress	42	27
Wildfire - Undetected Fire spread	30	21
Wildfires - Failure to work safely and effectively with others and their vehicle's or equipment	33	23
FSG - Wildfires	0	1
Wildfire Support Officer Initial Course	0	2
Wildfire - Fire Behaviour	57	29
Wildfire - LACES protocol and scenes of operations	25	17
Off-Road Driving at Fires in the Open	100	45
Fires in open	4	3