



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 33

Number of car fires between January 1995 and December 2023

Query:

I am conducting research into the number of car fires that Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service attended between the years 01 January 1995 – 31 December 2023 (inclusive). I have particular interest in those fires occurring within multi-storey car parks. I would be grateful if the information could show:

- The type of fuel in the vehicle of origin (e.g., petrol, diesel, Hybrid or electric)
- The number of cars affected by such fire in each year
- The number of fires that resulted in, and the degree of, injury in each year
- Any reports following investigation into those fires.

Response:

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) categorise a multi-storey car park as a building, and as a result these types of incidents get logged as a building fire and not a vehicle fire. As a result of this classification, we do not have a way of recording car fires within multi-storey car parks. During our search, we have looked at fires in multi-storey car parks and manually looked to see if it looks like a vehicle was involved. We have found one record back in 2016 reported as a fire involving Bobcat vehicle, no injuries.

In addition, we do not record the fuel of vehicles; therefore we do not hold this information.

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