



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 82

Number of incidents where firefighters have been delayed responding to incidents due to not being able to access site

Query:

Please provide me with the number of incidents in 2022, 2023 & 2024 to date, in Swindon, whereby firefighters have not been able to directly access the site of an incident and have been forced to park, exit the rescue vehicle, and have had to run to the incident with hoses over their shoulders.

If possible please provide the names of the roads that have caused this issue.

Response:

DWFRS has searched our Incident Recording System (IRS) where the crews have answered the IRS question: Was there a delay in commencing firefighting actions? With the response being: Delay due to vehicle access problems

We don't record details such as if hoses were carried over shoulders. The search brought up the following statistics:

2022: 5
2023: 3
2024: 3

The names of the roads are the locations of where incidents occurred and not necessarily where the actual delay happened, as our IRS does not capture this level of detail. The roads have been listed alphabetically below:

Ashdown Way
Bridge Street
Clouts Wood
Deburgh Street
Langdown Park
Mouldon Hill Country Park
Rayfield Gove
Sandown Avenue
Scott Way
Shrivenham Road
Welton Road

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 05, August 2024