



## Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please ask for: Service Information Team Leader

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Our Ref:

Your Ref: N/A

Date: 25 June 2019

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### **Re: Request for information (our ref: NFRS2019-28-28)**

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received 28 May 2019. Our response is provided below:

*Q1 For each of the years 2010 to 2019 please provide the following information from your Pre-Determined Attendance (PDA) plan in place at the time. In the absence of your own definition, please take a high rise block to mean any building of a height above 18m as set out in Building Regulations.*

- *The number of pumps overall required to attend a high rise fire*
- *The number of aerial ladders required to attend a high rise fire*
- *The number of Fire and Rescue units required to attend a high rise fire*

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service's (NFRS) current PDA is outlined in the NFRS Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) EM3.2 – Fires in high rise buildings which is as follows:

- 5 x pumping appliances
- 1 x Aerial Rescue Pump (ARP)
- 1 x Cobra Intervention Vehicle (CIV)
- 1 x Joint Command Unit (JCU) and command support pumping appliance
- 1 x Group Commander (ICS level 3) as Incident Commander (IC)
- 1 x Officer ICS level 2 or 3 as Safety Sector Commander (SC)
- 1 x Officer ICS level 2 or 3 as Command Support SC

*Q2 For each of the years 2010 to 2019 please provide*

- *The average number of pumps available within the Service*
- *The average number of aerial ladders available within the Service*
- *The average number of Fire and Rescue units available within the Service*

We do not hold this information; we are currently unable to report on the availability of our resources retrospectively and therefore cannot provide information prior to the present day. We are looking at development in this area to be able to provide reports of appliance availability over previous months/years.

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Q3 *If your PDA has changed during this period please explain the reasons for any change either by way of a new statement or by disclosing existing documents.*

During the period requested there have been two previous versions of SOP EM3.2 and the PDA for each version is outlined below:

June 2012

The PDA to high rise premises is a minimum of 4 pumping appliances plus an aerial appliance and a First Attendance Officer (FAO). If persons are reported then an additional FAO will be mobilised. The PDA will be increased to 5 if a fire is confirmed. When resources are in attendance Fire Control will ask the IC if the Incident Command Unit (ICU) is required. Other resources are available on request.

December 2009

The PDA to high rise premises is a minimum of 3 appliances, 4 appliances if persons reported. an aerial appliance and a FAO. Other resources are available on request.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting reference NFRS2019-28-28.

Yours sincerely

Service Information Team Leader

If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Service to review it. To do this, please email [enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@northantsfire.gov.uk) or alternatively write to the address below:

Service Information Manager  
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