



Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

14 July 2023

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service FOI 4293/23 - Electric Vehicle Battery Fires

Request:

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, data related to the below areas. Please could you disclose the following information:

1. Number of EV battery fires that have been tackled by Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue from June 2019 - June 2023
2. Please include a break down of types of vehicle in the data (car, bus/coach, e-bike/e-scooter, etc)
3. Please include details on month, year, cause of fire, fire spread and injuries/fatalities as a result of the fire
4. If possible, can you provide any details on how many of the batteries were certified by the vehicle OEM, or if the batteries had a battery management system or state of health monitoring?

Response:

No information held. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service do not distinguish between electric cars and internal combustion vehicles.

Please also note that NFRS do not routinely record the make or model of vehicle, or type of fuel involved, nor do NFRS record if the initial fire spread to other vehicles or buildings. The extent of a fire is measured in meters squared; on occasion, there may be information about spread to nearby buildings or another vehicle, but this is not mandatory nor is it routinely recorded.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision.

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Prior to lodging a formal appeal you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that the Service have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge an appeal to have the decision reviewed.

Appeals should be made in writing within 20 days of receipt of your reply and either emailed to freedomofinformation@northants.police.uk or addressed to:

**Freedom of Information Manager
Information Unit
Northamptonshire Police Headquarters
Wootton Hall
Northampton
NN4 0JQ**

Where possible the Service will aim to respond to your appeal within 20 working days. However meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging an appeal with the Service, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk Alternatively, telephone or write to:

**Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House**

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