

Freedom of Information request reference number: 9119.1

Date of response: Questions 1 and 2 were updated on 28 January 2025. Questions 3 and 4 remain accurate (for the years 2019-2023) as per response originally published on 25 October 2024.

Request:

I would like to request the following information regarding road traffic incidents/collisions involving London Fire Brigade (LFB) vehicles:

1. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving London Fire Brigade vehicles, including those in emergency response, over the past five years (please provide annual breakdowns from 2019 to 2023).*
2. *For each of these incidents/collisions, could you please provide the following:*
 - a. *Date of the incident*
 - b. *Location of the incident (borough or postcode area)*
 - c. *A brief description of the type of incident (e.g., collision with another vehicle, pedestrian, stationary object)*
 - d. *Whether the fire appliance was responding to an emergency (lights and sirens activated)*
 - e. *The severity of the incident (e.g., minor, moderate, severe)*
 - f. *Number of injuries and fatalities, if applicable (both LFB crew and third parties)*
3. *The total number of LFB vehicles that were taken out of service due to damage caused by road traffic incidents/collisions over the same time period (2019-2023), and the average time each vehicle was out of service for repair.*
4. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving third-party claims against the London Fire Brigade, including any settlements or legal actions related to these incidents over the past five years.*

Response:

Please see our response to your queries in turn below:

1. *The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving London Fire Brigade vehicles, including those in emergency response, over the past five years (please provide annual breakdowns from 2019 to 2023).*

Although the original request asked for information for 2019 to 2023, our Health & Safety department provided figures to the end of 2024 so I have included these for completeness.

The table below shows the number of LFB vehicle events recorded for the years from 2019 to 2024. To provide some further context we have included the type of activity the vehicle was undertaking when the vehicle event took place:

Year	Type of Activity Undertaken				Total
	General	Not recorded	Operations	Training	
2019	112	0	264	5	381
2020	79	2	229	10	320
2021	68	3	268	5	344
2022	90	4	338	4	436
2023	116	3	269	2	390

2024	112	1	293	5	411
Total	577	13	1,661	31	2,282

2. For each of these incidents/collisions, could you please provide the following:

a. Date of the incident

The table below shows the month each of the 2,282 vehicle events took place between 2019 to 2024:

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	28	30	21	16	36	37	168
February	28	22	27	30	31	33	171
March	33	29	19	41	38	31	191
April	29	18	38	45	22	33	185
May	36	21	30	33	43	42	205
June	30	34	41	32	47	32	216
July	36	35	27	54	27	29	208
August	26	29	16	46	39	30	186
September	38	34	38	32	30	47	219
October	31	23	22	33	38	39	186
November	37	27	37	31	22	26	180
December	29	18	28	43	17	32	167
Total	381	320	344	436	390	411	2,282

b. Location of the incident (borough or postcode area)

The table below shows the postcode area recorded for each of the 2,282 vehicle events took place between 2019 to 2024. Please note, the post code entries are a "free-typed" entry field on the vehicle event system so it may include some unintentional typos:

Offsite address line - Postcode	Year						Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
AL2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
BR1	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
BR2	1	2	1	1	1	2	8
BR3	0	1	1	2	0	0	4
BR4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
BR5	1	3	2	7	3	1	17
BR6	2	1	2	2	4	0	11
BR60	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
BR7	0	2	1	1	0	1	5
CM13	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CR0	11	5	8	8	4	7	43
CR2	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
CR4	2	2	1	4	4	2	15
CR5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CR6	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
CR7	1	0	3	0	2	1	7
CR8	1	1	1	2	0	1	6
CRO	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
CRU	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CT2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
DA1	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
DA12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
DA14	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
DA15	0	1	0	1	2	0	4

DA16	2	0	2	0	1	0	5
DA17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
DA18	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
DA2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
DA5	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
DA6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
DA7	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
DA8	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
DE12	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
DH1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
DW7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
E1	8	9	5	6	4	6	38
E10	2	1	2	2	1	0	8
E11	3	2	2	2	4	2	15
E12	1	2	0	1	2	1	7
E13	0	0	1	3	2	3	9
E14	8	2	3	6	8	4	31
E15	1	3	3	4	2	3	16
E16	1	1	1	1	1	2	7
E17	6	0	8	3	4	2	23
E18	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
E1W	1	1	2	0	1	0	5
E2	3	3	8	7	4	7	32
E20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
E3	2	2	1	5	1	4	15
E4	2	4	3	0	1	1	11
E5	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
E6	4	3	2	4	2	2	17
E7	0	2	1	1	0	4	8
E8	2	0	2	0	4	1	9
E9	0	3	3	3	2	1	12
EC1A	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
EC1N	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
EC1V	2	2	3	3	1	2	13
EC1Y	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
EC2A	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
EC2M	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EC2R	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
EC3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
EC3N	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
EC4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EC4M	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EC4N	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
EC4R	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
EC4Y	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
EN1	2	1	0	2	1	0	6
EN2	2	2	2	2	0	1	9
EN3	1	3	1	4	1	1	11
EN4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EN5	1	0	0	2	3	1	7
EN9	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
GL56	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HA0	4	0	1	3	3	0	11
HA1	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
HA2	2	0	0	1	0	1	4

HA3	2	0	0	1	0	1	4
HA4	1	3	4	4	0	1	13
HA5	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
HA6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
HA7	1	0	1	3	2	1	8
HA8	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
HA9	6	2	0	2	2	1	13
IG1	1	1	0	2	8	2	14
IG10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IG11	1	1	3	2	4	5	16
IG2	2	2	1	1	1	0	7
IG3	1	2	0	0	1	2	6
IG4	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
IG5	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
IG6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
IG7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
IG8	0	0	1	2	3	1	7
KT1	1	1	1	1	0	2	6
KT2	2	0	2	4	1	0	9
KT20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
KT3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
KT4	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
KT6	2	3	1	1	0	1	8
KT9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
ME3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
N1	0	5	10	5	7	9	36
N10	2	0	2	0	0	1	5
N11	1	0	0	2	2	0	5
N12	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
N13	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
N14	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
N15	1	0	1	2	1	7	12
N16	1	3	7	0	6	2	19
N17	0	2	6	4	3	2	17
N18	4	0	2	1	0	4	11
N19	0	0	1	2	0	1	4
N2	1	2	0	2	0	2	7
N20	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
N21	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
N22	0	2	0	4	1	1	8
N3	1	2	1	1	0	3	8
N4	2	2	1	2	2	3	12
N5	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
N6	1	2	0	1	2	1	7
N7	1	6	5	2	2	1	17
N8	0	1	1	2	1	3	8
N9	2	5	1	3	2	1	14
NOT RECORDED	70	57	45	53	54	53	332
NU11	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
NW1	5	2	6	8	8	10	39
NW10	3	2	2	3	6	7	23
NW11	0	0	1	2	1	3	7
NW2	0	1	0	0	4	3	8
NW3	4	2	2	1	1	4	14
NW4	1	1	0	2	3	0	7

NW5	1	1	1	2	0	1	6
NW6	0	4	1	5	5	3	18
NW7	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
NW8	2	1	3	0	4	0	10
NW9	2	1	2	0	1	3	9
OX28	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RM1	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
RM10	0	0	1	4	4	0	9
RM11	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
RM12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
RM13	3	0	2	2	0	1	8
RM14	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
RM2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
RM3	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
RM4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
RM6	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
RM7	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
RM8	2	2	0	1	0	2	7
RM9	0	0	1	0	4	1	6
SE1	7	3	5	5	5	8	33
SE10	1	2	1	6	4	7	21
SE11	3	2	0	1	0	0	6
SE12	0	0	2	2	1	2	7
SE13	1	3	1	3	0	3	11
SE14	1	1	1	3	1	4	11
SE15	2	1	1	2	1	1	8
SE16	2	1	2	5	0	3	13
SE17	1	1	3	1	1	0	7
SE18	7	3	4	5	3	5	27
SE19	2	0	2	2	1	2	9
SE2	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
SE20	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
SE21	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
SE23	1	2	1	0	3	3	10
SE24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
SE25	2	1	1	1	1	1	7
SE26	1	0	3	0	3	1	8
SE27	2	1	2	2	3	4	14
SE28	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
SE3	0	1	0	0	2	2	5
SE4	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
SE5	1	1	1	3	2	0	8
SE6	1	1	1	2	4	1	10
SE7	1	0	1	3	5	1	11
SE8	1	1	1	3	1	1	8
SE9	1	2	1	2	3	2	11
SM1	1	2	2	1	0	4	10
SM2	1	2	1	3	2	0	9
SM3	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
SM4	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
SM5	3	1	0	0	0	1	5
SM6	2	2	1	3	0	1	9
SW	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
SW1	0	0	2	1	1	2	6
SW10	1	2	1	1	0	1	6

SW11	6	6	2	1	4	5	24
SW117	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SW119	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SW12	0	1	0	2	2	1	6
SW13	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
SW14	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
SW15	4	3	1	2	1	0	11
SW16	3	2	3	5	4	4	21
SW17	0	2	4	0	3	1	10
SW18	0	1	2	5	1	0	9
SW19	1	1	3	2	7	3	17
SW1A	0	0	2	1	0	1	4
SW1P	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
SW1V	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
SW1W	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SW1X	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SW1Y	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
SW2	2	2	2	1	1	1	9
SW20	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
SW3	0	2	1	5	2	4	14
SW4	2	3	1	1	2	0	9
SW5	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
SW6	0	3	2	6	2	3	16
SW7	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
SW8	0	0	2	1	0	4	7
SW9	1	2	2	3	1	2	11
TN14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TN16	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
TW1	2	1	1	0	1	0	5
TW10	0	0	1	1	2	1	5
TW11	0	2	0	1	1	0	4
TW12	0	0	0	3	0	3	6
TW13	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
TW14	0	1	2	2	1	0	6
TW16	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TW2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
TW3	0	3	2	3	1	2	11
TW4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TW5	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
TW6	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
TW7	1	1	0	2	0	1	5
TW8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TW9	1	2	2	2	1	1	9
UB1	2	1	2	2	3	1	11
UB10	0	2	1	2	0	0	5
UB2	3	0	0	1	0	3	7
UB3	1	1	0	2	1	2	7
UB4	2	0	0	1	2	1	6
UB5	2	1	3	0	5	3	14
UB6	4	1	3	1	3	1	13
UB7	3	1	2	0	1	5	12
UB8	2	1	0	3	1	1	8
UB9	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
UNKNOWN	0	6	3	2	2	6	19
W1	1	0	0	0	2	1	4

W10	4	0	1	0	4	2	11
W11	3	2	1	4	0	1	11
W12	1	0	0	1	1	1	4
W13	0	1	0	2	2	4	9
W14	1	1	2	1	2	2	9
W1D	2	1	2	2	2	0	9
W1F	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
W1G	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
W1H	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
W1J	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
W1K	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
W1S	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
W1T	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
W1U	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
W2	4	2	3	2	4	3	18
W3	7	1	4	5	3	1	21
W4	2	2	3	2	1	2	12
W5	2	1	1	0	0	2	6
W6	4	2	0	4	2	3	15
W7	1	0	1	3	0	2	7
W8	3	0	0	1	1	2	7
W9	0	2	1	1	3	2	9
WC1A	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WC1B	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WC1H	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
WC1N	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WC1R	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
WC1V	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
WC1X	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WC2	0	1	0	1	1	1	4
WC2B	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WC2H	1	0	1	1	1	2	6
WC2N	0	1	0	0	4	1	6
WC2R	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WD23	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WD3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	381	320	344	436	390	411	2,282

c. *A brief description of the type of incident (e.g., collision with another vehicle, pedestrian, stationary object)*

Vehicle Accident Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Alleged	13	17	23	15	14	14	96
Damage - Not RTC Related	20	13	16	16	13	12	90
Mechanical Failure - Not RTC Related	3	1	1	2	2	2	11
NOT RECORDED	5	20	21	9	15	47	117
Struck Bicycle	3	1	3	3	0	2	12
Struck Building Non LFB	3	3	4	4	0	4	18
Struck LFB Premise	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Struck Pedestrian	3	0	2	3	6	0	14
Struck Stationary Object	84	64	74	102	94	92	510
Struck Vehicle	247	201	199	282	246	238	1,413
Total	381	320	344	436	390	411	2,282

d. Whether the fire appliance was responding to an emergency (lights and sirens activated)

Was the driver on an emergency response?	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
No	179	140	142	194	194	200	1,049
NOT RECORDED	1	0	2	2	2	1	8
Yes	201	180	200	240	194	210	1,225
Total	381	320	344	436	390	411	2,282

e. The severity of the incident (e.g., minor, moderate, severe)

This information is not recorded.

f. Number of injuries and fatalities, if applicable (both LFB crew and third parties)

Were Any Persons (third party) Injured?	Total
No	2,217
NOT RECORDED	7
Yes	58
Total	2,282

Were Any Brigade Staff Injured?	Total
No	2,138
NOT RECORDED	105
Yes	39
Total	2,282

3. The total number of LFB vehicles that were taken out of service due to damage caused by road traffic incidents/collisions over the same time period (2019-2023), and the average time each vehicle was out of service for repair.

This information is not recorded by the LFB. Our Fleet maintenance contract is managed by an external company called Babcock. The LFB maintain fleet cover as Babcock would provide a reserve replacement vehicle to cover any taken out of service by a road traffic collision.

4. The total number of road traffic incidents/collisions involving third-party claims against the London Fire Brigade, including any settlements or legal actions related to these incidents over the past five years

We published a response to recent Freedom of Information request on our website which contains the information you have requested for question four. This can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/aciocr5/foi-response-foia8630-1.pdf>

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).