



FOI Request: Number of Attacks on Operational Crews

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1 FOI Request

- 1.1 **Nature of Request:** I would like to know how many assaults on firefighters whilst on duty, have been recorded over the last six calendar years. Please break down the figures into categories e.g. verbal abuse, physical abuse, and objects thrown at firefighters/appliances by calendar years 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012.
- 1.2 How many firefighters suffered injuries as a result of the assaults and of those injured, how many firefighters received first aid treatment, hospital treatment and/or had to take time off work.

2 Response

Attacks on individual Operational Crew members are not recorded in our main incident database the Incident Recording System (IRS), attacks are recorded per incident. This report shows the number of incidents where attacks on Operational crews have been recorded between 1st January 2012 and 22nd March 2017.

2.1 Number of attacks on operational crews broken down by year

Calendar Year	Total
2012	32
2013	30
2014	25
2015	25
2016	50
2017*	13
Grand Total	175

*1 January 2017 to 22 March 2017 only

2.2 Number of attacks on operational crews broken down by type of attack and year

Type of Attack	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Harassment	1	1	2	1	0	0
Objects thrown at firefighters/appliances	16	15	9	11	29	4
Other acts of aggression	2	0	2	2	4	0
Physical abuse	2	0	0	1	0	1
Verbal abuse	11	14	12	10	17	8
Grand Total	32	30	25	25	50	13

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2.3 Attacks on operational crews resulting in injury

Attacks on operational crews resulted in one slight injury which required no first aid treatment, attendance at hospital or time off work.