

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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Request:

How many flood incidents did your fire and rescue service attend in December 2015?

Response:

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) attended 22 flood incidents in December 2015 out of which 12 were weather related flooding.

Request:

How many fatal casualties were attributed to flood incidents in December 2015?

Response:

There were no fatal casualties

Request:

How many non – fatal casualties were attributed to flood incidents December 2015?

Response:

There were none non - fatal casualties.

Request:

How many people were rescued by your fire and rescue service at flood incidents in December 2015? We understand that these figures are held by the fire service as part of the electronic incident recording system (IRS), which are then reported to government. We would appreciate a table detailing the data in the following format: 2015 Incidents Fatal casualties Non – fatal casualties rescues December

Response:

Two rescues (both rescue incidents were weather related flooding)

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Request:

How many firefighters in your fire and rescue service are trained as:
Number of firefighters' trained Swift water rescue technicians (Type B teams)
Swift water rescue teams (Type C teams)
Water first responders
Water Incident Managers

Response:

TWFRS has 43 Swift Water Rescue technicians who could be deployed as part of type B and type C teams
Water first responders: 102 – this is made up from 59 personnel from Swalwell Fire Station and 43 from Byker Community Fire Station
Water Incident Managers: 9.

Request:

How many and what proportion of your total firefighters have water rescue personal protective equipment (PPE) to wear during flood and water incidents?

Response:

All on duty personnel have access to basic Wet Weather Clothing. There are three stations that have access to full dry suits, namely station Byker Community Fire Station which has 43 personnel with all being issued personal dry suits. Hebburn Community Fire Station and Swalwell Community Fire Station have dry suits for on duty personnel only, which is eight per station. All nine Water Incident Managers are provided with their own dry suits.

Request:

How many boats does your fire and rescue service have that are suitable for flood rescue work?

Response:

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service has two Emergency Rescue Boats (ERB) that are suitable for flood rescue work. These boats can be transported wherever they are required.

Request:

How many boats teams does your fire and rescue service have?

Response:

Only one station is qualified to inflate the ERB and the Rigid Hulled Fire Boat. From the eight personnel on duty at any one time in the station, TWFRS could mobilise two boats. However, when the Service operates under re-call duty we could mobilise multiple boats as the Service has 43 fully trained fire boat personnel.

Request:

Did your fire and rescue service deploy fire fighters and equipment for cross – border flood work during December 2015? If so, which other fire and rescue services were assisted?

Response:

Yes. TWFRS deployed to North Yorkshire and Northumberland.

Request:

How many times and for how long was your control room operating at spate conditions due to flooding in December 2015? What was the estimate peak volume of flood – related calls?

Response:

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service did not operate at spate conditions due to flooding in December 2015. Therefore there is no information available.

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