

# Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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## Freedom of Information Request Data, Intelligence and Safety

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## 2. Request

Details of Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many firefighters have died as a result of lithium-ion battery fires between April 2022 - April 2023?
2. How many times have your firefighters come into contact with a vapour cloud?
3. How many fires specifically in recycling centres or scrapyards they you encountered between April 2022 - April 2023 (excluding other waste fires)?

## Response

The following information is taken from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) Incident Recording System (IRS) and is the number of primary fires attended by TWFRS.

An IRS incident record is completed by the Officer in Charge for every incident attended.

The 'parameters' of TWFRS cover the five local authority areas of Newcastle, Sunderland, Gateshead, North and South Tyneside.

## 3. Totals

Over the report time period TWFRS had **0** firefighters have died as a result of any fire incidents involving lithium-ion batteries.

Over the report period TWFRS attended **2** fire incidents specifically in recycling centres/ scrapyards.