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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear,

Please be advised when you write to us asking for information the Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption. NIFRS has considered your request in line with these obligations, and your response is outlined below.

Request

For each year of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 please provide

Q1- How many fires suspected of being caused by faulty e-bike or scooter batteries have there been which have been responded to by your fire service

Q2- How many of these caused injuries?

Q3- How many of these cause death

Response

E-bikes and Scooter Battery incidents

Data from 01 January 2020 to 28 February 2023.

From 01 January 2020 to 28 February 2023 there were 6 incidents that involved fires caused by e-bike and e-scooter batteries. See Table 1 for breakdown by calendar year.

These incidents resulted in 9 casualties. There were no fatalities as a result of these incidents.

Table 1

Year	E-Scooter	E-Bike	Hoverboard	Fatalities	Casualties
2021	1	1	1	0	4
2022	1	0	1	0	0
2023	0	1	0	0	5

Please note that one incident involving e-scooter in a previous requester's response (FOI 139-22-23) is believed to be a hoverboard upon further investigation. Therefore a Hoverboard category has been added to further breakdown causes.

Additional incidents may have occurred however limited detail within the recorded data would render these incidents unable to be extracted.

Review Process

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to Stuart Crawford the Governance, Information & Business Support Services Manager, 1 Seymour Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SX within two calendar months of the date of this letter.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review.

The Information Commissioner contact details are – 3rd Floor 14 Cromac Place Belfast BT7 2JB.

Please visit www.nifrs.org for more information about NIFRS.

Yours sincerely

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