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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/03475

I write in connection with your request for information received on 29th May. I note you seek access to the following information:

Could you please tell me how many noise complaints you have dealt with each November since 2015 with regards to fireworks or bonfire night celebrations?

Could you furthermore tell me how many injuries or incidents you have recorded with regards to fireworks or bonfire night each November since 2015?

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police please see our response in the table below: -

Recorded Storm Incidents: Firework/Bonfire night 01.11.2015 - 30.11.2018					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
Incident Description	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	
FIREWORK RELATED	42	18	52	50	162
FIREWORKS BEING THROWN				1	1
FIREWORKS BEING THROWN AT AMBULANCE				1	1
Grand Total	42	18	52	52	164

Bedfordshire Police did not receive any noise complaints with regards to fireworks or bonfire night celebrations for the time period and no information held for firework related injuries.

Bedfordshire Police made a significant investment in a new ICT system, Athena, in May 2018, when fully implemented, will help keep Bedfordshire safe, bring more offenders to justice and improve outcomes for victims. Updating our ICT was absolutely necessary to ensure Bedfordshire Police remains as effective and efficient as possible. The public should be reassured crime continues to be reported and investigated as normal but whilst colleagues become more comfortable and familiar with how Athena works Bedfordshire Police has some concerns around data quality for which reason some of the data provided concerning events recorded after 23 May 2018, may include some inaccuracies. We apologise for the situation and are working to resolve it as soon as possible.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.