

Appendix 4

**KDC Structure Fires OIA Report 2016.06.23 and No Fatalities Letter
(Information from NZFS)**



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REPORT ON STRUCTURE FIRES OCCURING WITHIN KAIPARA DISTRICT

Subject	Summary of Structure Fires occurring in the Kaipara District over the period 01 June 2011 – 31 May 2016		
Date	23 June 2016	Ref	P&P/2016/06/23

Purpose

1. The following statistics have been compiled in reply to an Official Information Act request by Kaipara District Council.

Background

2. The New Zealand Fire Service (NZFS) operates designated Fire Areas throughout New Zealand. Each Fire Area is divided up into First Response Areas – i.e. an area of First Response allocated to each Fire Station, where that station will be called on first to respond to a fire or emergency situation.

3. First Response Areas (FRA) are the most appropriate way to compare responses across a wide area such as Kaipara, as they provide a consistent method to compare locations or 'communities' which are served by their 'local' station, without delineating between urban or non-urban areas.

4. However, within First Response Areas, Urban Fire Districts (UFD), a NZFS definition of an urban "built environment", can and do exist, and where possible this distinction has been included in the analysis for reference.

Report

5. The analysis period is 01 June 2011 to 31 May 2016, split by year.

- a. Only incidents which NZFS classifies as a "Structure Fire" were included.
- b. Only Structure Fires which occurred within the Kaipara District Council Territorial Land Authority (TLA) area were included.
- c. The First Response Area includes reference to whether its primary responders are NZFS Brigades, or Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF).
- d. Where incidents fell within the Kaipara District Council Territorial Land Authority (TLA) area, but not within the requested First Response Areas, these were classed as "Rest of Kaipara", as per the original request. "Rest of Kaipara" incidents occurred within the Dargaville DOC VRFF FRA, and an area of Waipu FRA which overlaps into Kaipara District Council Territorial Land Authority (TLA) boundary.

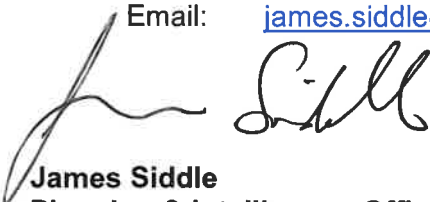
6. In total, 124 structure fires occurred within the locality concerned, matching the parameters stated. A breakdown of the Structure Fires, per First Response Area, per year, and by rural or urban (if existing) setting, is listed in the following table:

First Response Area	Setting	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	5 Year Total
Dargaville (NZFS)	Rural	0	2	4	1	0	7
	UFD	5	7	5	10	4	31
	Total	5	9	9	11	4	38
Kaiwaka (NZFS)	Rural	2	1	3	1	0	7
	UFD	1	0	0	0	2	3
	Total	3	1	3	1	2	10
Mangawhai Heads (NZFS)	Rural	3	6	4	3	0	16
	UFD						
	Total	3	6	4	3	0	16
Maungaturoto (includes Whakapirau) (NZFS)	Rural	1	0	1	1	3	6
	UFD	3	0	2	0	3	8
	Total	4	0	3	1	6	14
Paparoa (includes Pahi) (VRFF)	Rural/TLA	2	2	2	2	1	9
	UFD						
	Total	2	2	2	2	1	9
Ruawai (NZFS)	Rural	1	1	1	3	1	7
	UFD	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Total	2	2	1	3	1	9
Te Kopuru (NZFS)	Rural	0	0	2	3	5	10
	UFD						
	Total	0	0	2	3	5	10
Tinopai (VRFF)	Rural	0	0	0	0	2	2
	UFD						
	Total	0	0	0	0	2	2
Rest of Kaipara (Dargaville DOC VRFF, Waipu NZFS)	Rural	3	1	5	4	3	16
	UFD						
	Total	3	1	5	4	3	16
Grand Total		22	21	29	28	24	124

Supplementary Information

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Dear Madam

Official Information Request - Number of Structural Fires in Kaipara

I refer to your official information request which was received on 24 June 2016. In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

A review of our fire fatalities in the Kaipara District Council area within the period in question, inform that there were nil fatalities recorded.

Yours sincerely

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(Acting)