



In 2022, the Consell de Formentera Fire Brigade performed a total of 174 services, 6 more than in 2021. Twenty-seven of the crew's actions involved fires; in 2021 the number was 12 and in 2020 it was 35. Eleven of the 27 interventions involved vegetation: three involved uncontrolled burns, two, wooded areas, and six, land used for agriculture. Three fires happened in homes and one in an industrial zone. Three fires involved street furniture; two, electrical panels; five, light vehicles (a total of nine vehicles were affected) and one, an industrial vehicle. One of the blazes affected a boat. All told, fires in forested areas and on farmland burned less than half a hectare this year, the same as in 2021.

Josep Marí, councillor of interior, praised the members of the Consell de Formentera Fire Brigade "for their work and efforts in prevention and other lifesaving and rescue operations."

Other actions

During the twelve-month period the crew also acted in 29 lifesaving interventions, up from 26 in 2021. There were 13 false alarms, one more than the year before. In 2022 the crew was mobilised on 51 occasions – the same as in 2021.

Seventy-six interventions were focused on prevention: 9 of these were drills, 57 involved surveillance, 5 took place at public events, and five were staged in schools. In that regard, Councillor Marí offered that "after two years of standby due to the pandemic, the return of preventive actions in schools allow us to show children and young people what to do in case of emergency and to highlight the work of firefighters."

Training and crew

The brigade also completed multidisciplinary training on how to respond in accidents, a course on investigating fire causes, a course on communication terminals, a flashover and ventilation course, and a course to expand their knowledge of providing medical care to individuals involved in traffic accidents.

The twelve-person brigade includes eleven full-time professionals and one firefighter on a

locational basis. The brigade's fleet currently consists of two rapid intervention vehicles, a heavy rural pumper, a light urban pump and a van for miscellaneous services.

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