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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fire, one of the oldest elements on earth is a good servant when properly controlled, but on the other extreme it is a bad master. The continued development of modern technology for man's benefit has to be grateful to fire. However, if man ignores the necessary safe guards to be taken against fire, then most or all of his gains could be swiftly evaporated. This brings us to another stage, that is the process of rebuilding which could be painful emotionally and economically.

In this country's development strategy consideration should be given to fire waste. Here is where the Guyana Fire Service comes in. As was done in previous years, the Guyana Fire Service executed its role, thus reaching the desired objectives with the limited resources. This Organisation has a bunch of dedicated men who are fired up to perform at their best at any given situation. The Guyana Fire Service does not have any cure for the plague of manpower shortage, but we were able to gain nineteen personnel during the period in review.

In order to maintain and even go beyond the objectives of this Organisation, training of personnel at all levels is used as the main tool. There was inhouse training for the upgrading of the professional skills in fire fighting and fire safety. Some members were exposed to training in the areas of supervisory, managerial, clerical and preventative maintenance skills. The greater majority of the courses were conducted by Government Agencies, Private Institutions and other areas of the Disciplined Services. This Administration encourages the ranks to widen their horizons for both themselves and the Organisation.

During the period under review the Guyana Fire Service Aerodrome Department was given a tremendous boost with the addition of two new Crash Trucks (Foam Tenders). They improved the airport fire fighting capability, thus bringing us more in line with International levels. However, the old question of strengthening the structural fire fighting section is still unanswered. The Service is asking that at least one new Water Tender be acquired each year for the next ten years or so. The current fleet of Water Tenders is ailing badly. Three hundred and fifty six (356) major and five hundred and ninety six (596) minor jobs are true indicators of the aforementioned. The members of the Workshop have continued to do a good job and kept the Service's image intact. In 1996, the problems of obtaining certain spare parts never vanished.

Fire Safety education is of prime importance to minimise fire loss. The Fire Prevention Section did an analysis of fires over the past five (5) years to come with the target groups. It was able to achieve about sixty percent (60%) of its mission. In addition the normal lectures, evacuation drills, inspections, and demonstrations were conducted at Government and Private Organisations. The print and broadcast media assisted greatly in conveying fire safety hints to the public.

During 1996, one of man's basic needs—~~shelter~~—was adversely affected by fifty-one (51) buildings being completely destroyed and eighteen (18) severely damaged, thus leaving two hundred and eighty three (283) persons homeless. Fire, without warning or trial robbed this nation of eight (8) persons.

This Organisation is therefore appealing to the general public to let us ever be mindful of paying attention to good fire safety practices, and thus developing our economic thrust and keep our population growing.



T P John D S M

Chief Fire Officer

2.0 MISSION STATEMENT

The Guyana Fire Service was established for Fire-Fighting purposes, that is, the extinction of fires and the protection of life and property in case of fire.

3.0 MANPOWER

3.1 ESTABLISHMENT

The authorised establishment of the Guyana Fire Service during 1996 was three hundred and sixty-eight (368) viz:-

1 Chief Fire Officer	20 Section Leaders
1 Deputy Chief Fire Officer	53 Leading Firemen/Firewomen
3 Divisional Officers	246 Firemen/Firewomen
8 Station Officers	8 Clerical & Office Support Staff
3 Cadet Officers	6 Barrack Labourers
10 Sub Officers	

3.2 VACANCIES

At the end of the year 1996, the establishment was short one hundred and sixteen (116) persons as compared to one hundred and thirty-five (135) at the end of 1995. The shortage was due to retirements, resignations and dismissals.

The shortage is as shown hereunder.

1 Station Officer	30 Leading Firemen/Firewomen
1 Cadet Officer	63 Firemen/Firewomen
1 Sub Officer	8 Clerical & Office Support Staff
5 Section Leaders	2 Barrack Labourers

3.3 STAFF TURN OVER

During the year under review, there were eighty-three (83) enlistments, ten (10) resignations, forty-eight (48) dismissals and three (3) retirements.

3.4 LENGTH OF SERVICE

At the end of 1996, the Guyana Fire Service consisted of a majority of persons, (46.74%) with less than five (5) years service.

The table below shows the percentage of actual strength against years of Service.

YEARS OF SERVICE	NO. OF PERSONS	PERCENTAGE
5 years and under	172	46.74
6 years to 9 years	15	4.08
10 years to 14 years	18	4.89
15 years to 19 years	10	2.72
20 years and over	37	10.05
TOTAL	252	68.48
VACANCIES	116	31.52

The table over-leaf shows personnel by age grouping and percentage of the actual strength.

AGE RANGE	NO. OF PERSONS	PERCENTAGE
18 years to 24 years	131	51.98
25 years to 34 years	50	19.84
35 years to 44 years	29	11.51
45 years and over	42	16.67
TOTAL	252	100.00

3.5 LEAVE

SICK LEAVE

During the reporting period one hundred and sixty (160) members of the Service obtained a total of one thousand, six hundred and eighty-four (1,684) days sick leave, an average of ten point five (10.5) days per person.

VACATION LEAVE

One hundred and eighty-eight (188) members of the Service enjoyed a total of four thousand, six hundred and fifty-five (4,655) days leave at an average of twenty four point eight (24.8) days per person.

SPECIAL LEAVE

Fifty-two (52) days were granted as leave on humanitarian grounds, also to facilitate some members to attend seminars held by the Public Service Union.

MATERNITY LEAVE

During the period under review three (3) female members of the Service proceeded on a total of two hundred and twenty seven (227) days maternity leave.

3.6 DISCIPLINE

During the year, there were ninety-seven (97) infractions which were resolved as listed hereunder:-

Reprimanded	2
Severely reprimanded	1
Fined one (1) day's pay	17
Fined two (2) days' pay	4
Fined three (3) days' pay	38
Fined two (2) hundred dollars (\$200.00)	12
Fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00)	2
Fined one (1) hundred dollars (\$100.00)	7
Fined five (5) hundred dollars (\$500.00)	12
Total	<u>97</u>

In addition to the aforementioned, four (4) members of the Service were served with 'Warning Notices' to improve their conduct.

4.0 OPERATIONS

4.1 AUXILIARY SECTION

Although this is a very important part of the Guyana Fire Service, this section

remained inactive for the entire 1996, due to lack of enthusiasm and response from members of the public.

4.2 MAINTENANCE SECTION

During the year in review the Maintenance Section in all Divisions executed a total of three hundred and fifty-six (356) major jobs, four (4) less than in 1995, and five hundred and ninety-six (596) minor jobs, three (3) more than in 1995.

4.3 APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT

4.3.1 DELIVERY HOSE

Delivery hose is one of the essential items for effective and successful fire fighting. It is needed to convey water from the source to the fire ground. However, since immediate water supplies are not always available near the incident, it is often necessary to layout delivery hose over long distances. Therefore, it is imperative to have adequate amount of this valuable commodity to deal with fire fighting effectively.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>REQUIRED NO. OF FEET</u>	<u>ACTUAL NO. OF FEET</u>
'A' Division (Georgetown)	20,000	18,225
'B' Sub Division (Pinohri)	4,000	2,250
'R' Division (New Amsterdam)	7,500	4,575
'D' Sub Division (Corriverton)	7,500	2,250
'D' Division (Leonora)	3,700	2,475
TOTAL	42,700	29,775

This indicated a shortage of 12,925 feet of delivery hose which represented 30.33% of the required amount.

4.3.2 HYDRANTS

Water from mains is made available for fire fighting through hydrants. This source of water depends entirely on the hydraulic efficiency of the system. The installation of hydrants is the responsibility of the various municipalities and water authorities. It is also their duty to maintain the hydrants at a high level of efficiency. However, the Guyana Fire Service has the task of testing each hydrant once or twice annually, and to report the defects to the relevant authorities. During the year, the Department discharged this responsibility in Georgetown and its environs, New Amsterdam and Pinohri.

It was noted that in Georgetown and its environs, a number of hydrants were either vandalised or covered with debris. These unsatisfactory conditions are not conducive for fire fighting.

4.3.3 VEHICLES AND LIGHTS WHICH ARE UNFIT FOR SERVICE

'A' Division - Georgetown

FAA 8588	500 G.P.M.	Water Tender	Unserviceable
FAA 8589	250 G.P.M.	Land Rover	Unserviceable
FBF 1702		Ambulance	Unserviceable
FBF 2147	500 G.P.M.	Water Tender	Unserviceable
FBF 2262	500 G.P.M.	Water Tender	Unserviceable
FBF 2341	500 G.P.M.	Water Tender	Unserviceable

PBB 4569	250 G P H	Land Rover	Unserviceable
PBB 2691	1000 G P H	Water Carrier	Unserviceable
PBB 5682		Ambulance	Unserviceable
PBB 6910		Ambulance	Unserviceable
PBB 9303		Ambulance	Unserviceable
PBB 2146	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
QCC 2351	250 G P H	Water Carrier	Unserviceable
QCC 2930		Pick Up	Unserviceable
PDD 735	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PDD 736	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PDD 5419		Staff Car	Serviceable
PDD 5737	500 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 1991	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 1992		Turntable Ladder	Unserviceable
PEE 1989	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 1993		Turntable Ladder	Serviceable
PEE 2607	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 2605		Hose Layer Lorry	Serviceable
PEE 3120	400 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PEE 3121	400 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PEE 3551	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 5165	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 5166		Ambulance	Serviceable
PEE 5859	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 5625		Mini Bus	Unserviceable
PEE 7434		Breathing Apparatus Vehicle	Serviceable
PFF 1193		Four Wheel Pick Up	Serviceable
PFF 2882		Mini Bus	Serviceable
Light Pump 21	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Unserviceable
Light Pump 22	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Unserviceable
Light Pump 23	250 G P H	Godiva	Unserviceable
Light Pump 24	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Unserviceable
Light Pump 25	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Unserviceable
Light Pump 26	250 G P H	Godiva	Unserviceable
Light Pump 27	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Unserviceable
Light Pump 29	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Serviceable
Light Pump 30	250 G P H	Coventry Clinax	Serviceable
Light Pump 31	250 G P H	Godiva	Unserviceable
Light Pump 34	250 G P H	Angus	Unserviceable
Light Pump 36	250 G P H	Hathaway	Unserviceable

'A' SUB DIVISION - TINTERS

PBB 2261	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PBB 3196	250 G P H	Rapid Intervention Vehicle	Unserviceable
PBB 2263	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PBB 2264	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PBB 3051	500 G P H	Foam Tender	Unserviceable
PBB 6446		Barkas Ambulance	Unserviceable
PCC 1691	750 G P H	Foam Tender	Unserviceable
PCC 1692	750 G P H	Foam Tender	Unserviceable
PBB 6709	250 G P H	Foam Tender	Unserviceable
PEE 5857	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PFF 2464		Foam Tender	Serviceable
PFF 2465		Foam Tender	Serviceable

'B' Division - New Amsterdam

PDD 737	500 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 4946	500 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
PEE 4947	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PEE 5618	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
Light Pump 28	250 G P H	Coventry Climax	Serviceable
Light Pump 35	250 G P H	Coventry Climax	Unserviceable
PCG 6934		Pick Up	Serviceable

'B' Sub Division - Corriverton

PEE 5619	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
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'D' Division - Loonora

PDD 1412	500 G P H	Water Tender	Unserviceable
PEE 1900	400 G P H	Water Tender	Serviceable
Light Pump 33	250 G P H	Godiva	Serviceable

4.4. Ambulance Service

During the year under review, the Service responded to ninety-three (93) Emergency calls with Fire Appliances.

4.5 Ambulance Calls

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Emergency	93	85
Private	—	—
Total	<u>93</u>	<u>85</u>

4.6 Special Service

At the end of the year, 1996, the Service responded to a total of five hundred and seven (507) Special Services as stated hereunder.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Emergency	35	55
Ordinary	<u>472</u>	<u>167</u>
Total	<u>507</u>	<u>222</u>

4.7 Training

In order to improve our efficiency, personnel in the Service underwent training in various fields. This was achieved by inhouse and training at other institutions. Listed below is a breakdown of some of the training carried out during 1996.

<u>Name of Officer</u>	<u>Name of Course</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cadet Officer W McGregor	Occupational Health and Safety	1996-01-16 to 1996-01-18	Hotel Dover

Name of Officer	Name of Course	Duration	Location
Firewoman M Giddings	Records Management	1996-01-23 to 1996-01-25	Police Management Training Centre, Cgle
Leading Firewoman A Anderson	-do-	1996-02-06 to 1996-02-08	-do-
Station Officer G Donaldson	Kronenburg Foam Tender Operation and Mechanical	1996-02-13 to 1996-02-22	Tinehri Fire Station
Cadet Officer M Gentle	-do-	-do-	-do-
Sub Officer J Beete	-do-	-do-	-do-
Sub Officer C Waldron	-do-	-do-	-do-
Sub Officer H DeSouza	-do-	-do-	-do-
Cadet Officer W McGregor	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader V Nurse	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader P Wilson	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader W Boodhran	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader O Milliman	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader E Welch	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader S Rodney	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader V Jackson	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader L Yarde	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Fireman B Bertimer	-do-	-do-	-do-
Fireman B Junor	-do-	-do-	-do-
Fireman H Campbell	-do-	-do-	-do-
Fireman D LeeHong	-do-	-do-	-do-
Fireman O Prowell	-do-	-do-	-do-
Fireman A Jerrick	-do-	-do-	-do-

Name of Officer	Name of Course	Duration	Location
Firewoman D Bishop	Programme for Secretaries	1996-04-02 to 1996-04-04	Police Management Training Centre, Ogle
Section Leader L Corbin	Effective Supervision	1996-04-09 to 1996-04-12	-do-
Section Leader D DosSantos	Basic English	1996-04-05 to 1996-04-26	-do-
Section Leader R Abrams	Secretaries Week Programme	1996-04-18 to 1996-04-19	Lillendal Convention Centre
Leading Firewoman A Tucker	Customer Care, telephone courtesy and office etiquette	1996-05-08 to 1996-05-09	Ministry of Home Affairs
Firewoman C Thomas	-do-	-do-	-do-
Fireman Y Newton	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman Y Newton	Better English for effective communication	1996-05-15 to 1996-08-16	-do-
Firewoman C Thomas	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman A Tucker	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader D Dos Santos	Records Management	1996-05-10 to 1996-05-16	Police Management Training Centre, Ogle
Section Leader L Williams	Technique in Training	1996-06-04 to 1996-06-06	-do-
Leading Fireman B D'Avilar	Junior Supervisory Course	1996-05-28 to 1996-06-01	Prisons Head Office
Section Leader D Dos Santos	Basic Intermediate English	1996-06-17 to 1996-06-28	Police Management Training Centre, Ogle
Leading Firewoman M Forde	Personal Assistants and Secretaries	1996-07-16 to 1996-07-18	-do-
Leading Fireman F Karimbaksh	Supervision Course	1996-11-04 to 1996-11-08	-do-
Sub Officer D Dos Santos	Customer Care, telephone courtesy and office etiquette	1996-11-20 to 1996-11-21	Fire Service Headquarters
Section Leader B Adams	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader R Abrams	-do-	-do-	-do-
Section Leader B Welch	-do-	-do-	-do-

Name of Officer	Name of Course	Duration	Location
Section Leader D Stephenson	Customer Care, telephone courtesy and office etiquette	1996-11-20 to 1996-11-21	Fire Service Headquarters
Leading Firewoman A Anderson	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman M Belle	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman M Forde	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman A Tucker	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman K Albert	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman A Smartt	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman H Watts	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman E Bynoe	-do-	-do-	-do-
Leading Firewoman H Giddings	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman H Elias	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman P Watson	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman R Troyer	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman Y Newton	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman A Locke	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman D Bishop	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman D McPherson	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman F Daly	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman D Fraser	-do-	-do-	-do-

Name of Officer	Name of Course	Duration	Location
Firewoman T Leander	Customer Care, tele- phone courtesy and office etiquette	1996-11-20 to 1996-11-21	Fire Service Head- quarters
Firewoman D Edwards	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman U Lucius	-do-	-do-	-do-
Firewoman S Hollingsworth	-do-	-do-	-do-
Recruit Firewoman R Warde	-do-	-do-	-do-
Recruit Firewoman D Chapman	-do-	-do-	-do-
Recruit Firewoman D Fraser	-do-	-do-	-do-
Recruit Firewoman S Smartt	-do-	-do-	-do-

4.8 FIRE STATISTICS

Fire Calls

The following is a breakdown of calls received by this Department during 1996 as compared with those in 1995.

Year	Georgetown 'A' Division	Tinehri 'B' Sub Division	New Amsterdam 'B' Division	Leonora 'D' Division	Corriverton 'C' Sub Division	Total
1996	823	32	75	22	14	966
1995	799	61	117	45	15	1037

There was a decrease of seventy-one (71) fire calls which represented approximately six point eight five percent (6.85%) as compared with 1995.

The following shows the types of fire calls between 1996 and 1995 for each Division.

Georgetown 'A' Division	1996	1995
Actual fires	697	675
Late Fire Calls	41	53
False Alarm Malicious	10	14
False Alarm Good Intent	75	57
	<u>823</u>	<u>799</u>

Windsor 'B' Sub Division	1996	1995
Actual Fires	25	52
Late Fire Calls	-	02
False Alarm Good Intent	01	01
False Alarm Malicious	06	06
	<u>32</u>	<u>61</u>

New Amstonham 'B' Division	1996	1995
Actual Fires	52	86
Late Fire Calls	11	14
False Alarm Good Intent	03	02
False Alarm Malicious	09	15
	<u>75</u>	<u>117</u>

Corriverton 'B' Sub Division	1996	1995
Actual Fires	09	09
Late Fire Calls	-	-
False Alarm Good Intent	-	-
False Alarm Malicious	05	06
	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>

Loonora 'B' Division	1996	1995
Actual Fires	18	34
Late Fire Calls	-	-
False Alarm Good Intent	-	-
False Alarm Malicious	04	10
	<u>22</u>	<u>44</u>

Georgetown showed an increase of twenty-four (24) calls representing three percent (3%).

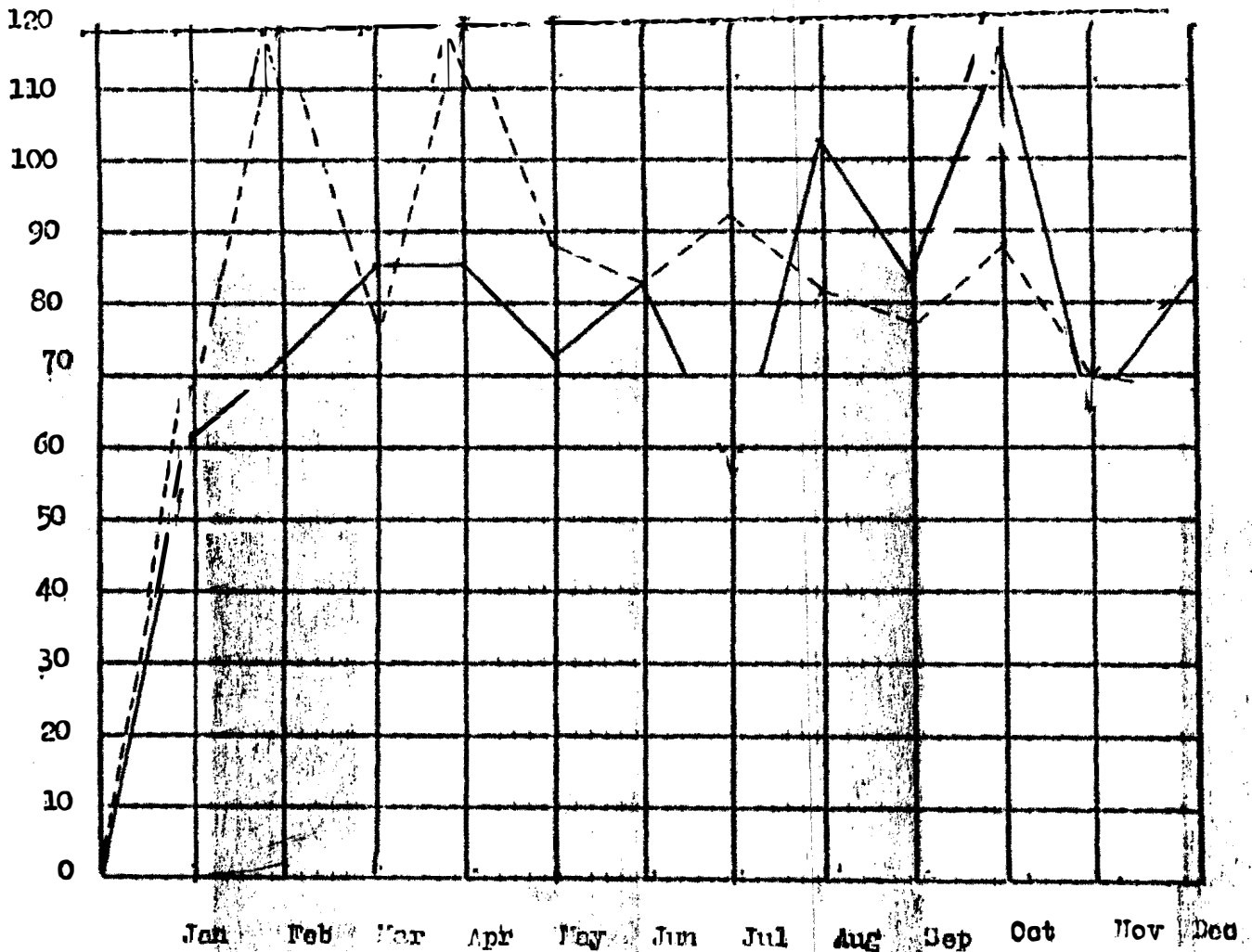
Windsor showed a decrease of twenty-nine (29) calls representing forty seven point five four percent (47.54%).

New Amstonham showed a decrease of forty-two (42) calls representing thirty-five point nine percent (35.9%).

Corriverton showed a decrease of one (1) call representing six point two five percent (6.25%).

Loonora showed a decrease of twenty three (23) calls representing fifty-one point one one percent (51.11%).

The graph overleaf shows the monthly recording of Fire Calls in 1996 and 1995.



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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1996	61	71	85	85	72	83	52	103	83	115	66	83	966
1995	62	120	78	120	82	83	92	81	78	88	70	62	1037

The table below shows hours during which calls were received by the Department during 1996.

Period	George- town	Winohri	Now Amsterdam	Corriverton	Leonora	Total
00:00 hr - 06:00 hrs	82	05	14	03	04	108
06:00 hrs - 12:00 hrs	182	06	29	04	04	225
12:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs	282	16	16	06	06	326
18:00 hrs - 24:00 hrs	277	05	16	01	08	307
	823	32	75	14	22	966

The means used for summoning the Fire Service were as follows:-

Means used	George- town	Tinchri	New Amsterdam	Corriverton	Leonora	Total
Emergency tele. 212	760	07	30	07	04	808
Emergency Admin. tele.	35	15	39	04	11	104
V. H. F. Radio	07	06	-	-	-	13
Running Calls	20	04	06	03	07	40
Radio	01	-	-	-	-	01
	823	32	75	14	22	966

Types of property involved in fires

	1996	1995
Dwelling houses	126	106
Hotels and Bars	01	02
Medical Institutions	05	05
Office Buildings	12	06
Restaurants/Parlours/Mess Halls	02	03
Groceries and Dry Goods Stores	04	04
Warehouses/Bonds/Wharves/Stellings	06	07
Institutions of Learning	03	05
Factories	09	09
Ships and vessels	07	08
Sawmills and Lumber Storage	02	03
Parapets of roadways	37	67
Rubbish heaps and bins	35	60
Open lands	66	40
Overhead electric wires and transformers	429	467
Municipal Markets/Arcades/Bazaars	03	02
Fenced compounds	49	78
Mercantile buildings/Complex	07	04
Motor vehicles/Trailers	26	31
Electricity Generating Station/Plant	01	01
Sawdust	09	09
Detention/Correction Centre	01	01
Workshops	01	02
Petroleum Outlets	01	01
Place of worship	02	-
Cinemas/Places of Public Entertainment	03	02
Shipping Container	01	-
Paediatric Homes	05	-
Petroleum Bulk Storage	-	02
Construction Site	-	01
	853	926

<u>Causes of Fires</u>	<u>1926</u>	<u>1925</u>
Electrical faults	429	440
Overheating of electrical appliances	02	390
Faulty electrical appliances	15	19
Careless disposal of lighted cigarette/matches	62	80
Children playing with matches/cigarette lighters/lamp	15	09
Ignition of flammable liquids/gases	23	25
Deliberate setting of fires	177	220
Malicious setting of fires	13	14
Mosquito coils, lamps, candles/incense	14	08
Radiated heat	10	21
Unknown	41	24
Flying embers/brands	02	03
Unattended/faulty/careless use of cooking appliances	23	17
Welding/cutting operations	01	01
Suspected arson	02	16
Boilover	01	—
Spontaneous ignition	07	03
Incendiary devices	01	—
	<u>853</u>	<u>930</u>

<u>Method of extinction by members of the public</u>	<u>1926</u>	<u>1925</u>
Buckets of water	75	130
Wet bags/sand	08	20
Fire extinguishers	09	18
Switching off cooking appliances	03	13
Switching off power supply	08	—
Beaters/spades	02	—
G E C workmen	429	296
One jet from Estate Industrial Appliances	02	01
Leave to burn out	02	10
	<u>538</u>	<u>488</u>

<u>Method of extinction by Fire Service</u>	<u>1926</u>	<u>1925</u>
Beaters/spades	06	60
Buckets of water	46	13
Turning off cooking appliances	04	02
Switching off power supply	04	07
Fire extinguishers	05	—
Wet bags/sand	02	—
Hose reel jets	07	42
One Jet	207	240
Two jets	20	30
Three jets	05	03
Four jets	03	03
Five jets	02	—
Six jets	01	—
Leave to burn out	03	08
	<u>315</u>	<u>409</u>

Properties completely destroyed by fire

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Ownership</u>
01	1996-01-17	A wooden & concrete building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 42ft by 24ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 41 Second Avenue, Bantica.	Hobevidon Hobevad
X 02	1996-01-17	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 12ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Parade Street & Railway Line, Kington.	Ribi Saddenka
03	1996-01-22	A one (1) flat wooden building which measured approximately 21ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 8A1/2 Idliendaal Railway Line, East Coast Demerara.	Julian Henry
04	1996-01-26	A one (1) flat wooden building which measured approximately 50ft by 25ft with corrugated metal roofing, supported on 12ft concrete columns.	Lot 10 East Inner, Parotsville, West Bank Demerara.	Rosalyn Archer
05	1996-01-30	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 40ft by 24ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 2569 Malkan Street, North Ruinveldt, Georgetown.	Aaron Cambridge
06	1996-02-04	A wooden and concrete building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 80ft by 24ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 10 Strathpey, East Coast Demerara.	Scorvine Jain Ugal
07	1996-02-08	A wooden and concrete building of three (3) floors which measured approximately 160ft by 96ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Port Street, Kington.	Government of Guyana, Min. of Public Works
08	1996-02-11	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 16ft by 9ft, with kitchen attached which measured approximately 6ft by 4ft with corrugated metal roofing supported on	River View Dam, Mahaica, East Coast Demerara.	Wenmouth Densend

Properties completely destroyed by fire

No.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
		4ft wooden columns.		
09	1996-02-21	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 30ft by 25ft with corrugated metal roofing, supported on 7ft wooden columns.	El Dorado Village, West Coast Berbice.	Margaret Wilson
10	1996-02-24	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 50ft by 30ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 308 Hancock Avenue, Meadow Brook Drive.	Leno Ferreira
11.	1996-03-06	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 17 Supply, East Bank Demerara.	Coila Sampson
12.	1996-03-10	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 30ft by 25ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 7ft wooden columns.	Tapoo Village, Albion, Corentyne, Berbice.	Ranjass Pichu
13	1996-03-14	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 40ft by 35ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 24 Fourth Street, Success, East Coast Demerara.	Bridgemohan Gyardom
14	1996-03-14	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 55ft by 30ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 29 Anira Street, Queens-town, Georgetown.	Shresh Nassir
15	1996-04-02	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Long Creek, Soesdyke/ Linden Highway	A McFarrell
16	1996-04-07	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 12ft by 8ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on	Shaw Housing Scheme, Cane Grove, East Coast Demerara.	T. Unad

No.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
		4ft wooden columns.		
17	1996-04-09	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 12ft with trolley roof.	Mauraruni Creek, Demerara River.	Samuel Farley
18	1996-04-09	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 15ft with trolley roof.	-do-	Christopher Williams
19	1996-04-16	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 15ft by 12ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Anelia's Ward, Linden.	George Thomas
20	1996-05-01	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 12ft by 10ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 85 Hand-on- Veldt, Mahaica, East Coast Demerara.	Ramratti Rupnarine
21	1996-05-11	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 15ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 7 Railway lane, Graham's Hall, East Coast Demerara.	Rudolph Jai- Singh
22	1996-05-24	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 80ft by 60ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	Bel Monte, Mahaica, East Coast Demerara.	Mabodin Sanichar (deceased)
23	1996-07-17	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 12ft by 10ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Railway Embankment, Albert and Louisa Streets, Alberttown.	Hizen Juman
24	1996-07-27	A Blue Box motor car Reg. No. FCC 552.	Sheriff Street, Buckinville, Georgetown.	Bridgett Hodd
25	1996-08-06	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 38ft by 26ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 402 One Mile Wagon, Linden.	Nerone Semplo
26.	1996-08-07	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 50ft by 25ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Kuru Kuru, Kocodyko/Linden Highway.	Government of Guyana, Guyana National Service

No.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
27	1996-09-14	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 24ft by 18ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 1660 Congress Drive, South Vainveldt Park, Georgetown.	Reginald Martin
28	1996-09-16	A wooden and concrete building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 25ft by 20ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	Lot 23 Cotton Field, Essequibo Coast.	Risnania
29	1996-09-24	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 30ft by 24ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	Third Street, Rose Hall, Corentyne, Berbice.	Queen Eunroe
30	1996-09-24	A one (1) flat wooden building which measured approximately 15ft by 10ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	Genpat Street, Rose Hall, Corentyne, Berbice.	Queen Eunroe
31	1996-09-29	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 35ft by 22ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	Lot 184 Waterloo Street, South Cummingsburg, Georgetown.	Sherry Henry
32	1996-09-29	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 32ft by 15ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	Lot 184 Waterloo Street, South Cummingsburg, Georgetown.	Mohabir Iall
33	1996-10-05	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 24ft by 20ft with corrugated metal roofing, supported on 8ft wooden columns.	Lot 123 Whim Village, Corentyne, Berbice.	Berbice Islamic Sunital Jurna
34	1996-10-08	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured 24ft by 20ft with corrugated galvanised roofing.	W1/2 Parcel lot 868 Sisters Village, West Bank Demerara.	Bhagwan Singh (deceased)
35	1996-10-08	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 16ft by 16ft with corrugated galvanised roofing, supported on 4ft wooden columns.	W1/2 Parcel lot 868 Sisters Village, West Bank Demerara.	Bhagwan Singh (deceased)

No.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
36	1996-10-08	A building of one (1) floor constructed of trolley, which measured approximately 22ft by 17ft, with corrugated metal roofing.	Verloren, Mahica, East Coast Demerara.	Henry Singh
37	1996-10-12	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 51ft by 20ft with corrugated galvanised roofing, supported on 7ft concrete columns.	Lot 102 David Rose Street, Ragotsville, West Bank Demerara.	Leah Wilson
38	1996-10-12	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 38ft by 20ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 10ft concrete columns.	Lot 102 David Rose Street, Ragotsville, West Bank Demerara.	Ilona Osborne
39	1996-10-19	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 36ft by 24ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 8ft concrete columns.	Church Street, Lancaster Village, Corentyne, Berbice.	Fredrick Leitch
40	1996-10-22	A building of one (1) floor constructed of corrugated metal, which measured approximately 8ft by 6ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Ogle Front, East Coast Demerara.	R. Doodo
41	1996-10-29	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 16ft by 12ft, and supported on 7ft wooden columns with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 24 James Street, Albouystown, Georgetown.	Wayan Khan
42	1996-11-04	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 6ft with corrugated metal roofing, supported on 6ft wooden columns.	Lot 103 Leopold Street, Work-on-Rust, Georgetown.	Pauline Barsingh
43	1996-11-09	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 15ft by 8ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Covent Gardens Sea Dam, East Bank Demerara.	Mokhan Handson

Slp.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
44	1996-11-10	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 10ft by 10ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Cemetery Road, Timohri, East Bank Demerara.	Ivor L'au
45	1996-11-14	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 20ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 8ft wooden columns.	Lot 162 Bloomfield Village, Corentyne, Berbice.	Dallana Goobardhan
46	1996-11-16	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 12ft by 8ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 1ft concrete columns.	Bennett Dam, D'Edwards Village, West Coast Berbice.	Suresh Damarine
47	1996-11-27	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 10ft by 8ft, with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 3ft wooden columns.	Belvedere Squatting Area, Corentyne, Berbice.	Chetram Ramnarace
48	1996-12-15	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 24ft by 18ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 8ft wooden columns.	Lot 41 Richards Housing Scheme, Lusignan, East Coast Demerara.	Jagdeo Singh
49	1996-12-22	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 20ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 137 Eccles Public Road, East Bank Demerara.	Rancharran
50	1996-12-24	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 10ft by 40ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 2ft wooden and concrete columns.	Guyana Red Cross Society, Barrack Street, Eve Leary Georgetown.	Government of Guyana
51	1996-12-24	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 30ft by 20ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Amelia's Ward, Demerara River.	Suopaul Jainarine

Np.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
52	1996-12-25	A wooden building of two (2) floors which measured approximately 45ft by 28ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Lot 6 Crown Street, Industry, East Coast Demerara.	Mohamed Bahsh
53	1996-12-29	A wooden building of one (1) floor which measured approximately 17ft by 17ft with corrugated metal roofing, and supported on 1ft concrete columns.	Lot 626 South Amelia's Ward, Linden.	Joyce Smith James

Properties Severely damaged by fire

Np.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
01	1996-01-13	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 70ft by 30ft with corrugated metal roofing.	28 Public Road Bagotstown, East Bank Demerara.	Socilla Somararu
02	1996-02-11	A wooden building of one (1) floor measuring approximately 40ft by 34ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 8ft concrete columns.	96 Sempie Street, Hopetown Village, West Coast, Barbice.	Samuel Sears
03	1996-02-06	The M V Gyro, a steel hull vessel measuring 96ft in length, 8ft beam and 10ft draught with steel super structure.	Eoso Wharf, Adventure, Francis Essequibo Coast.	Shurland Jr
04	1996-02-29	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 40ft by 30ft with corrugated metal roofing.	148 Regent Road, Bourda, Georgetown.	Sheil Isaacs
05	1996-03-14	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floor measuring approximately 30ft by 20ft with corrugated metal roofing.	29 Anira Street, Queenstown, Georgetown.	Keith Carter
06	1996-03-14	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 60ft by 40ft with corrugated metal roofing and supported on 3ft wooden columns.	27 Anira Street Queenstown, Georgetown.	Ayube Bacchus

No.	Date	Description	Address	Ownership
07	1996-03-16	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 50ft by 40ft with corrugated metal roofing.	9 Stone Avenue, Bloubaire, Georgetown.	Saeed Ali
08	1996-04-28	A wooden building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 35ft by 22ft with corrugated metal roofing.	109 Anterillo, Fort Mourant, Corentyne, Berbice.	Kathleen Fungaldeon
09	1996-05-26	A steel hull and super structure vessel, H V Viking Bank measuring approximately 81.70 m in length, 14 m beam and 5.36 m draught.	G N I C Wharf, Lombard Street, Georgetown.	Hagenborg Shipping, Holland
10	1996-07-13	A wooden building of one (1) floor measuring approximately 25ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Kwaku Harriot Square, North West District.	George Wilson (deceased)
11	1996-07-23	A concrete building of one (1) floor measuring approximately 127ft by 34ft with corrugated metal roofing.	Psychiatric Hospital, Fort Canje, Berbice.	Government of Guyana
12	1996-07-27	A B J Wallace Bitumin Tanker Wagon Registration No. NS97.	Island of Canaan, East Bank Demerara.	H H International Caribbean Ltd Trinidad
13	1996-08-17	A wooden and concrete building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 70ft by 25ft with corrugated metal roofing.	1 Orange Walk, Bourda, Georgetown.	Vincent Khan
14	1996-11-08	A wooden building of one (1) floor measuring approximately 25ft by 15ft with corrugated metal roofing.	77 Herstelling, Public Road, East Bank Demerara.	Dénadette Scott
15	1996-12-09	A wooden building of two (2) floors measuring approximately 26ft by 20ft, with corrugated metal roofing.	30 Triumph Village, East Coast Demerara.	Ignette Hargreaves
16	1996-12-17	A wooden building of one (1) floor measuring approximately 12ft by 10ft with corrugated metal roofing.	33 Glasgow Street, Bachelor's Adventure, East Coast Demerara.	Patricia Moutter
17	1996-12-29	A yellow and black G N C Pick Up, Registration No. GGE 6149	Esso Service Station, Mc Kenzie, Linden	Steve Rovell

Deaths by Fire - 1996

No.	Date of Fire	Date Died	Name	Age	Address	Cause of Death
01	1996-02-06	1996-02-10	Allan Campbell	29 years	De Konden, East Coast Demerara.	Shock and dehydration
02	1996-05-05	1996-05-06	Dennis Persaud	22 years	199 Providence, Old Road, East Bank Demerara.	Shock
03	1996-07-03	1996-07-07	Mary Trim	42 years	24 Middle Street, Sparendaam, East Coast Demerara.	Septic burns and pneumonia
04	1996-05-24	1996-05-24	Katadin Sanichar	48 years	Bol Monte, Mahaiou, East Coast Demerara.	Shock and dehydration
05	1996-07-10	1996-07-31	George Wilson	67 years	Kunakra, North West District.	Septic burns and pneumonia
06	1996-07-29	1996-07-29	Bacantio Dass	40 years	W H International Caribbean Ltd. Land of Canaan, East Bank Demerara.	Shock and dehydration
07	1996-09-24	1996-09-24	Bertie	74 years	Ganpat Street, Rose Hall, Corentyne.	Shock and dehydration
08	1996-12-17	1996-12-17	Thenna Thomas	06 mths	33 Glasgow Street, Bachelor's Adventure, East Coast Demerara.	Shock and dehydration

BUDGETED AND ACTUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

<u>SUB HEAD</u>	<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACTUAL EXPENDITURE</u>
12003	Fire and Ambulance Station Rehabilitation of Phase II Central Fire Station, Lecture Hall and Subordinate Officers Quarters	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
26002	Communication Equipment Purchasing of V H F Mobile Sets, Portable V H F Radios, V H F Base Station, Portable Batteries and Whip Antennas.	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
26003	Tools and Equipment Purchasing of Portable Fire Pumps, Suction Hose and Delivery Hose.	,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
26007	Office Furniture and Equipment Purchasing of Office Chairs, Writing Desks, Typewriters, Sitting Chairs, Electric Fans.	1,000,000.00	998,000.00

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During the year under review, the Guyana Fire Service Capital Projects were as follows:-

This amount was sub divided under the various Sub Head.

SUB HEAD 12003 - FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATION

Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) were allocated to rehabilitate, Phase II Central Fire Station, (Male Barrack Room), Lecture Hall and Subordinate Officers Barrack Room. All Project completed.

SUB HEAD 26002 - COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) were allocated to purchase (4) mobile V H F radios, magnetic antennas, 6-p 110 portable V H F radios, 8-p 110 portable batteries, 46-p 300 portable batteries, 6 portable whip antennas, (1) M 110 V H F base station 10 whip antennas, 8 V H F batteries for all locations.

SUB HEAD 26003 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) were allocated to purchase 1 IW 1300 portable pump, 12 lengths of suction hose and 13 lengths 75ft X 2 1/2" delivery hose for Fire Appliances.

SUB HEAD 26007 - Office Furniture

One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) were allocated to purchase five (5) typist chairs, three (3) writing desks, two (2) office chairs, three (3) type writers twenty four (24) sitting chairs and three (2) electric fans.

6.0 BUDGETED AND ACTUAL CURRENT EXPENDITURE

<u>SUB HEAD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BUDGETED AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACTUAL EXPENDITURE</u>
	<u>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT COST</u>	56,941,000.	53,198,000.
	<u>SALARIES AND WAGES</u>	36,669,000.	53,161,000.
101	Administrative	5,391,000.	5,511,000.
103	Other technical and craft skill	30,789,000.	27,232,000.
105	Semi skilled operatives & unskilled	448,000.	418,000.
	<u>EMPLOYMENT OVERHEAD EXPENSES</u>	20,273,000.	20,037,000.
201	Other direct labour cost	1,216,000.	1,070,000.
203	Benefits and allowances	16,369,000.	16,319,000.
204	National Insurance	2,688,000.	2,648,000.
	<u>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</u>	14,475,000.	14,926,000.
302	Materials, equipment and supplies	1,062,000.	1,057,000.
303	Fuel and lubricants	4,600,000.	3,699,000.
304	Rental and maintenance of buildings	860,000.	798,000.
305	Maintenance and infrastructure	500,000.	500,000.
306	Electricity charges	720,000.	660,000.
307	Transport travel and postage	5,486,000.	6,804,000.
308	Telephone charges	540,000.	501,000.
309	Services purchased	507,000.	507,000.
314	Other	200,000.	400,000.

6.1 FIRE PREVENTION

Throughout the year the Fire Prevention Section continued to give technical advice and guidance to members of the public with regards to Fire Safety.

Besides that, this section was committed in fulfilling the licensing of Petroleum Storages under the Petroleum Act Chapter 92:01, Certification of premises under the Cinematograph and Video Act Chapter 21:02 and Music and Dancing Act Chapter 23:03.

This Department found itself having to issue Fire Certificates to operators of workshops, factories, vessels transporting dangerous substances, hotels, guest houses, liquor restaurants and off licence liquor store, as a criterion for the operators to obtain their licences from all relevant agencies. All certificates were issued as a good will gesture since this Department does not have the statutory authority to issue these certificates. However, before issuing of certificates the premises are inspected under the Fire Prevention Act Chapter 22:01 and advice with regards Fire Safety is given to the operators so that they would be able to take steps to have the necessary Fire Safety measures in place. /to

Once again it gives rise for the need of Parent or Sub-ordinate Legislation to be enacted to deal with certification of premises etc, as mentioned earlier.

INSPECTIONS

A total of one thousand and eighty-two (1082) inspections was carried out under the terms of the Fire Prevention Act Chapter 22:01 as compared with nine hundred and sixty-four (964) during the previous year. Most of the inspections were done mainly in Georgetown and its environs, New Amsterdam, Corriverton, Bartica, Linden, Essequibo Coast to some extent North West District, East and West Demerara. Premises were both private and Government properties. These premises include Medical and Educational Institutions, Hostels, Hotel, Home for the aged, penal settlements, factories, workshops, industrial premises, commercial, Cinemas, storages of flammable and dangerous substances, places of public assembly and entertainment. Recommendations to improve Fire Safety conditions were sent to the owners/or operators of the concerned premises. /and/

However, it is felt that the good will aspects of Fire Prevention is being exploited by many agencies since the necessary Legislations are not in place, whilst some operators/owners see the benefits to be derived from good Fire Prevention practices.

PROCESSING OF PLAN

During the year one hundred and thirty-three (133) plans for the erection of New Buildings or for addition or alteration of Existing Buildings were submitted

to this Department by the statutory authorities (Central Housing and Planning Authority and City Engineer Department). These plans were examined and recommendations with respect to built-in Fire Suppression System Safe Guards, Detection warning systems and for the installation of built-in or Portable Fire Equipment.

On many occasions it was necessary to carry site inspections and quite often, it was found that the projects were under construction or even sometimes completed resulting in recommendations submitted by this Department to be just a futile effort, since they were not honoured. It must be noted that many architects and engineers had approached the Fire Department when designing and/or drawing plans for new projects, so that Fire Safety factors could be taken into early account. This is a good signal for the Fire Department and it is quite happy to work along with these specialists.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TRAINING

The Fire Service as a whole is always alive to the need to maintain healthy relations with the public and every opportunity is taken wherever possible to participate in public activities. During the year Fire Prevention pamphlets on:-

1. Fire Safety at work places and
2. Fire Safety in homes and offices were distributed

Good relations with the media continued since several matters pertaining to Fire Safety were given publicity, training in elementary Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention for Governmental and Private agencies were done. These training took the form of one-hour sessions to two-day seminars. The Training in one hour sessions were normally conducted at places of work, whilst the seminars were done at various venue throughout the country. These seminar were marked by the keenness shown by those taking part. Thus elevating their understanding of the effects of fires and the important need for Fire Safety.

PETROLEUM LICENCES AND SAFETY CERTIFICATES

Under the Petroleum Act and Regulations, three hundred and sixty-eight (368) Petroleum Storages Licences were issued. The certification of premises, such as workshops, Hotels, Hostels, Guest House, Off Licence Liquor Store, Liquor Restaurants, Cinemas and Discotheques were also done.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

On request from the Guyana Police Force or Operational Section of the Fire Service fifty-one (51) scenes of fires in various parts of the country were visited and investigations conducted with a view to determine the origin of the

Fires. On many occasions investigations were conducted in collaboration with members of the Police Force and Insurance Companies.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Members of this section stoodby at one hundred and four (104) **Special Events** which were held at indoor and outdoors venues. The main objectives were to ensure the safety of patrons during these events. This would involve the marshalling and directing of audience to escape in order to prevent injuries, ensuring safety lighting and exits are in operation and to avoid over-crowding of the venues.

INSPECTION ON FIRE HAZARDS

Numerous reports regarding unsafe practices (cooking in places other than kitchens, illegal storage of flammable and dangerous substances, blocking and dismantling of Means of escape) were investigated. Each case was investigated and action taken as the situation merits. In some cases the reports were made in an effort to obtain documents from the Fire Department to support matters having the attention of the Judiciary.

GENERAL

There is a need for Legislative Development to strengthen the position of the Fire Service in obtaining adequate precautions in places which have not hither to been subjected to certification. These could be done by enacting Parent or subordinate Legislation to promote for the certification of premises used for entertainment, residential purposes, workshops, vessels and vehicles transporting dangerous and flammable substances **etc.**

To support these Legislation there would have to be guides which would set out standards that are relevant, practical and easily understood, by the owners or operators of **premises**. Fire Safety can be achieved only by the right attitudes, personnel care and Management attention. However, in the absence of these the only answer is Legislation.

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES FOR 1996INSPECTIONS

<u>TYPE OF OCCUPANCIES</u>	<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>PRIVATE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Penal Institutions (Jail, Reformatories)	4	-	4
Places of Assembly	16	213	229
Educational Institutions	13	14	27
Residential	6	203	209
Mercantile	9	39	48
Business	93	32	125
Industrial	5	63	68
Storages	14	276	290
Workshops	12	45	57
Medical Institutions	11	14	25
TOTAL	183	899	1082

LICENCES ISSUEDPETROLEUM LICENCES

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<u>OTHER ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Plans Processed	133
Fire Investigations	65
Fire Hazard Reports Investigated	60
Generators	60
Special Services	87
Surprise Cinema Inspections	112
TOTAL	525

CORRESPONDENCES

TYPE	AMOUNT	NO. OF RECOMMENDATIONS
Letters	1141	2751
Memoranda	64	342
TOTAL	1205	3093

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

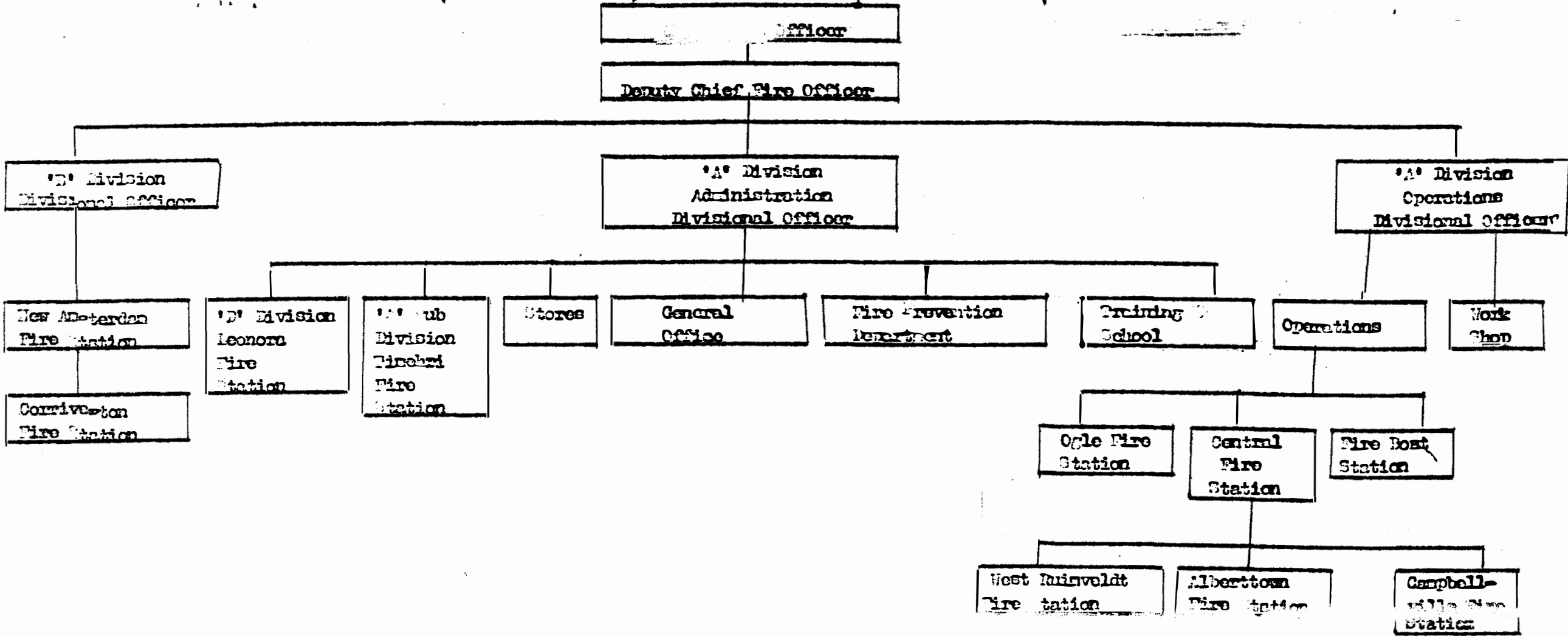
TYPES OF PREMISES	AMOUNT
Hotels/Guest Houses	58
Workshops (All Types)	26
Off Licence Liquor Stores & Liquor Restaurants	715
Restaurants	3
Discos/Night Clubs	32
Miscellaneous - Beer Gardens, Snackettes, Parlours etc.	26
TOTAL	860

TRAINING

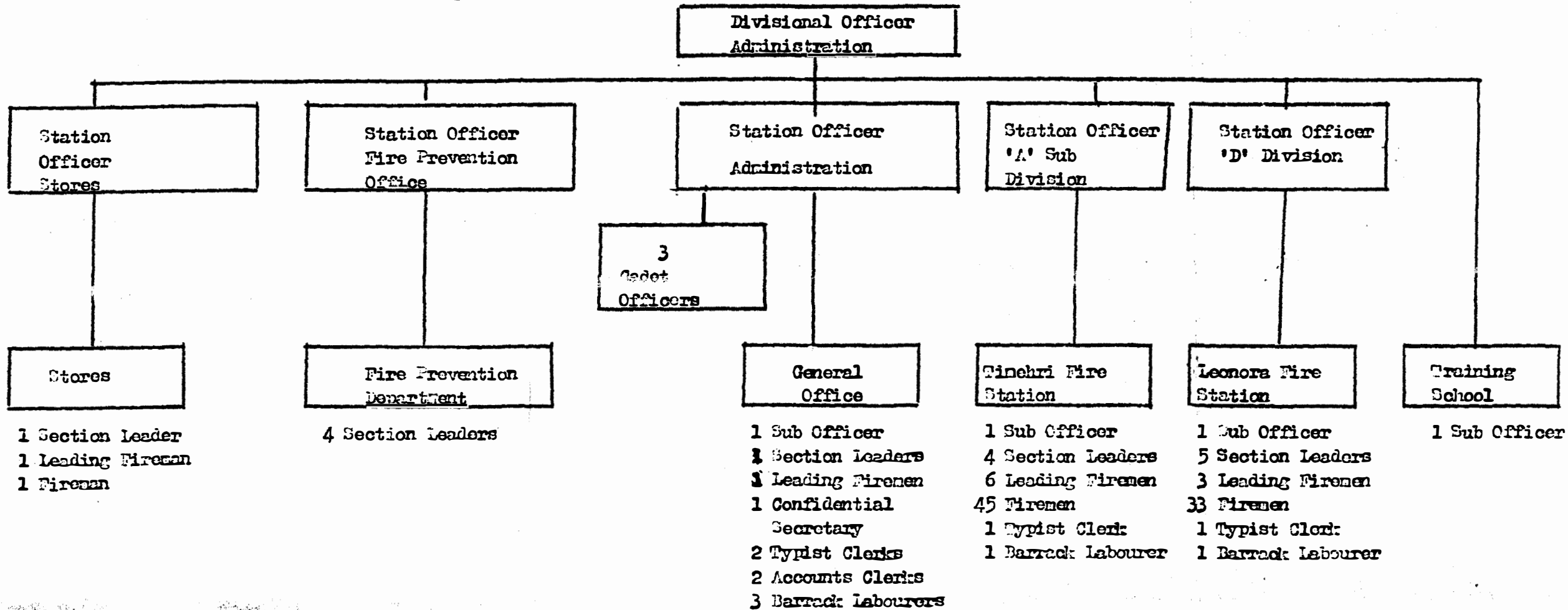
TYPE	AMOUNT	ATTENDANCE
Seminar	12	215
Demonstration/Lectures	31	2604
Evacuation Drills	21	9847
TOTAL	64	12666

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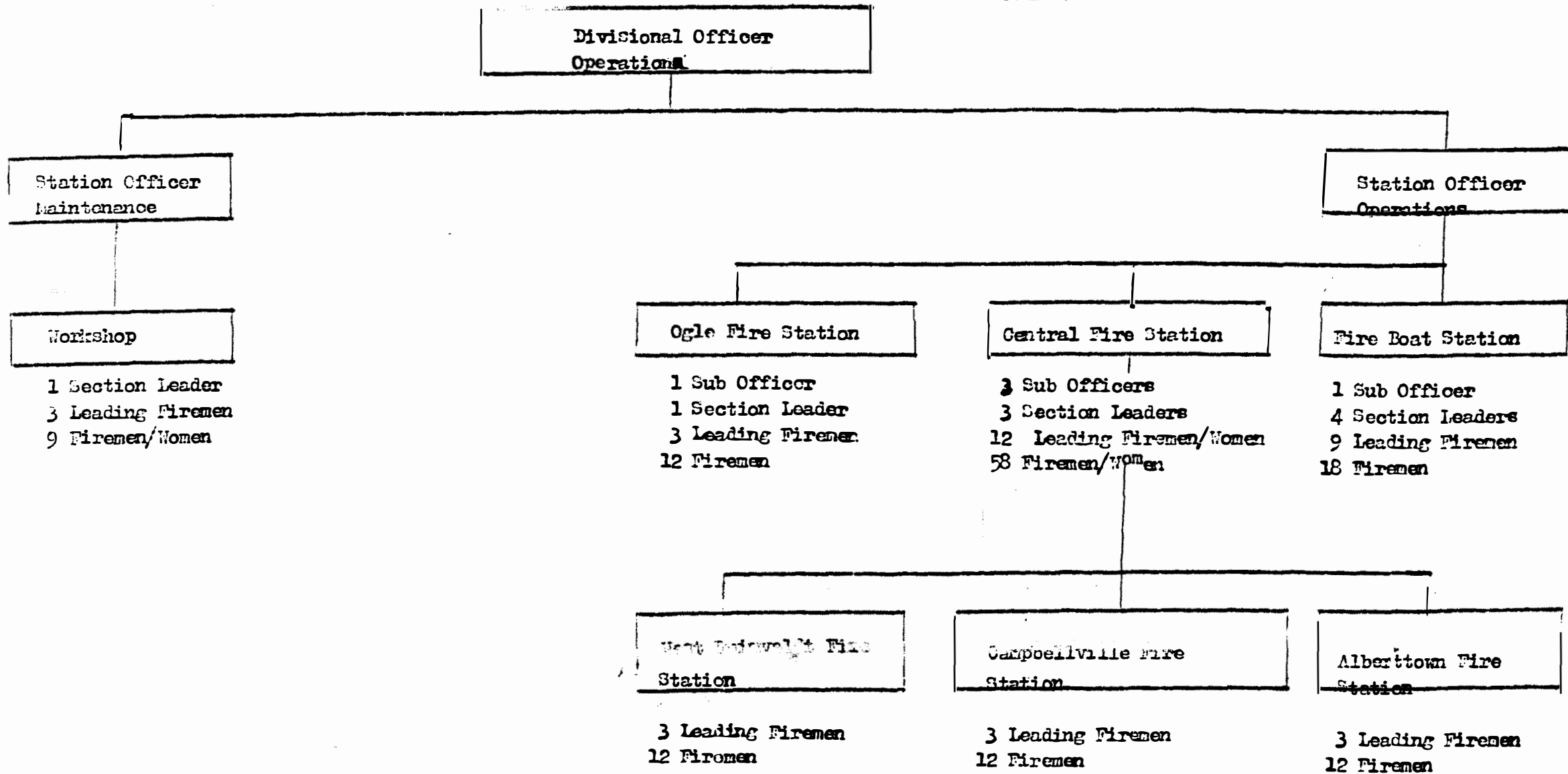


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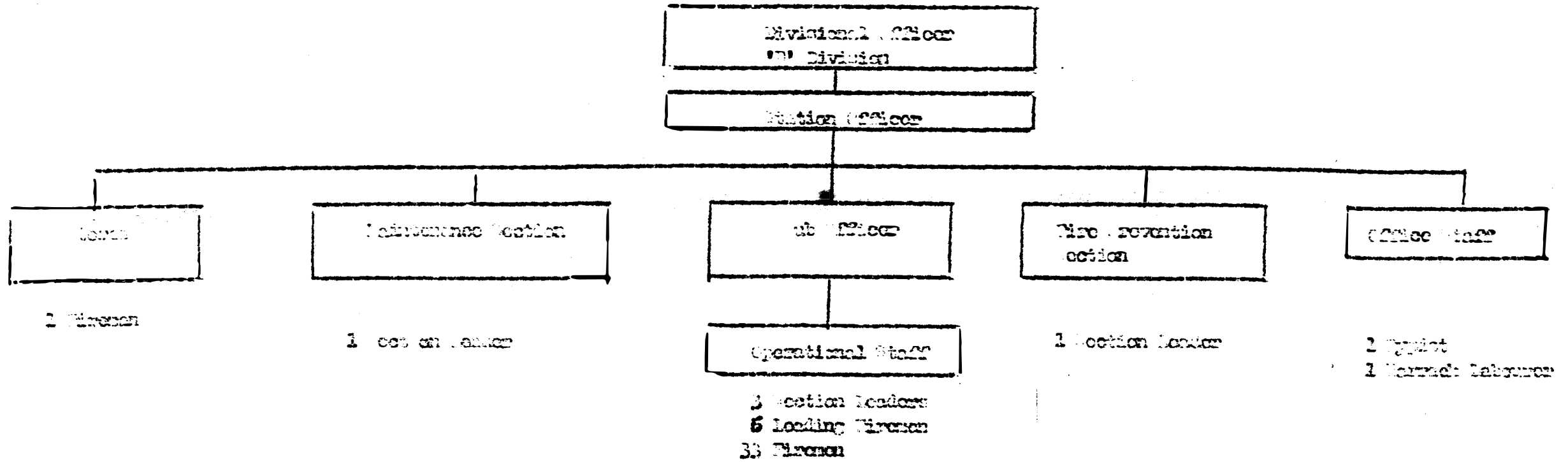


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ORGANISATIONAL CHART (DIVISIONAL)



CURRENT PERSONNEL LIST (AS OF 1/1/68)



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APPENDIXESTABLISHMENT AND VACANCIES (GLOBAL)

RANKS	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	ACTUAL STRENGTH	SHORTAGES	EXCESS
Chief Fire Officer	1	1	-	-
Deputy Chief Fire Officer	1	1	-	-
Divisional Officers	3	3	-	-
Station Officers	8	7	1	-
Cadet Officers	3	2	1	-
Sub Officers	10	9	1	-
Section Leaders	29	24	5	-
Leading Firemen/Firewomen	53	23	30	-
Firemen/Firewomen	246	178	68	-
	354	248	106	-
Clerical & Office Support Staff	8	-	8	-
Unskilled Workers/Barrack Labourers	6	4	2	-
TOTAL	368	252	116	

APPENDIXESTABLISHMENT AND VACANCIES (DIVISIONAL)GEORGETOWN DIVISION

Ranks	Authorized Strength	Actual Strength	Shortages	Excess
Chief Fire Officer	1	1	-	-
Deputy Chief Fire Officer	1	1	-	-
Divisional Officers	2	2	-	-
Station Officers	5	4	1	-
Cadet Officers	3	2	1	-
Sub Officers	7	6	1	-
Section Leaders	15	16	-	1
Leading Firemen/Firewomen	38	14	24	-
Firemen/Firewomen	134	83	51	-
Clerical & Office Support Staff	5	-	5	-
Barrack Labourers	3	2	1	-
Total	214	131	84	1

ANNEXUREGENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (G.I.D.)PERSONNEL AND SERVICE

RAISES	GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION	PERSONNEL	Shortages	REMARKS
Station Officer	1	1	-	-
Sub Officer	1	1	-	-
Section Leaders	4	4	-	-
Leading Firemen	6	1	5	-
Firemen/Firewomen	45	25	20	-
Clerical & Office Support Staff	1	-	1	-
Barrack Labourer	1	1	-	-
Total	59	33	26	-

GENERAL INVESTIGATION/COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

RAISES	GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION	COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION	Shortages	REMARKS
Divisional Officer	1	1	-	-
Station Officer	1	1	-	-
Sub Officer	1	1	-	-
Section Leaders	5	3	2	-
Leading Firemen/Firewomen	6	5	1	-
Firemen/Firewomen	34	60	-	26
Clerical & Office Support Staff	1	-	1	-
Barrack Labourer	1	1	-	-
Total	50	72	4	26

LOCAL DIVISION

RAISES	GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION	LOCAL DIVISION	Shortages	REMARKS
Station Officer	1	1	-	-
Sub Officer	1	1	-	-
Section Leaders	5	1	4	-
Leading Firemen	3	3	-	-
Firemen	33	10	23	-
Clerical & Office Support Staff	1	-	1	-
Barrack Labourer	1	1	1	-
TOTAL	45	16	29	-