

The Formentera Fire Department rendered services 163 times in 2020 — a fifty-point year-on-year dip which corresponded to a comparative drop in activities dedicated to prevention. If in 2020 preventive operations accounted for 93 of the brigade's total interventions, the state of emergency meant that, over the last 12 months, prevention was key to just 43.

Interior councillor Josep Marí said the unusual conjuncture forced firefighters to not only cancel scheduled talks with summer camp kids, but put participation in Consell-organised events and other prevention-oriented activities on hold as well. Marí trumpeted the crew's "special dedication", calling it a symbol of "the essential nature of the service they've provided during this year in which the pandemic figured so prominently".

Fires

While the fire department sprang into action 35 different times in 2020 (four more than one year ago), forests and farmland made up just one hectare of flame-scorched land (in 2019 the figure was 5.3ha).

This year firefighters logged 23 lifesaving and rescue operations (up six from 2019), 19 false alarms (up one) and 43 instances where technical assistance was necessary (down eight).

New vehicle

The Consell de Formentera paid €38,148 for a Ford Transit van that was added to the fleet of the fire department and civil protection service. The vehicle will be used to transport personnel and material (provisions for operations, flood response and rescue equipment...) when necessary.

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