

**Report of actions regarding the wildfire that broke out in Lemesos
municipality, in Malia Community, on 23/07/2025**

The Cyprus Fire Service's mission is the prevention and extinguishing of fires, research and life rescue, providing assistance and services in cases where lives or properties or environmental destruction is threatened by natural or technological disasters.

The total extend of urban and rural areas which are under the operational responsibility of the Cyprus Fire Service amounts to 79% of the areas which are under the operational control of the Republic of Cyprus.

It is noted that by decision of the Ministerial Council n. 40603, dated 16/02/1994, the Ministry of Interior has in addition granted the operational responsibility of the extinguishing of wildfires in the rural areas to the Cyprus Fire Service (the prevention of wildfires continues to be the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior).

National Plans

Special National Plan **"PYRSOS"**

Goals.

- a. The protection and rescue of human lives
- b. The protection of private and state property
- c. The protection of the natural environment
- d. Limiting damages from wildfires in rural areas

"ZENON"

"POLYVIOS"

"IKAROS"

At 20:40, on the 22nd July 2025, the Chief Fire Officer, during a phone communication with the Commander of the Aerial Operations Division (AOD) instructed that the next day, 23 July, aerial resources for patrolling be extended and beyond 16:00, and especially in the mountainous areas of Lemesos, due to the ORANGE weather warning for high temperatures. The Commander of the AOD notified the Chief Fire Officer that the two Jordanian Air Tractor aircrafts would be unavailable the following day due to crew changes. The

Director of the Department of Forests Iezekiel Savvas was informed of these communications.

Following a communication of the Chief Fire Officer with the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations around 21:00 of the 22nd July, he stated that the following day would be very dangerous, according to the Meteorology Department and patrols should be conducted.

On the 23rd July 2025, beyond staffing of the Rural Fire Stations, two patrols were established, one in West Lemesos (area of Agios Syllas, Vounaros, Kouris Dam) and one in East Lemesos (area of Eptagoneia Rural Fire Station).

Both patrols were staffed by personnel of Lemesos Fire Stations.

Staffing of Rural Fire Stations (RFS) on the 23rd July 2025

Moniatis Rural Fire Station – Five members on duty operating one (1) 3000 litres Water Tanker (WT) and one (1) rapid response vehicle of 1200 litres of water.

Eptagonia Rural Fire Station – Five members on duty operating one (1) 3000 litres WT and one (1) rapid response vehicle of 1200 litres of water.

Pachna Rural Fire Station – Five members on duty operating one (1) 5000 litres WT and one (1) rapid response vehicle of 1200 litres of water.

Kivides Rural Fire Station – Two members on duty operating one (1) 5000 litres WT.

Agros Rural Fire Station – Two members on duty operating one (1) 3000 litres WT.

Pelendri Rural Fire Station – Two members on duty operating one (1) 3000 litres WT.

On 23rd July at 13:28, a call via private phone was received, reporting a wildfire in vegetation in the road of Malia towards Arsos. The message was conveyed to Pachna RFS for dispatch.

At 13:29, the on-duty officer and the Fire Service Operations Coordination Centre were notified (FSOCC).

At 13:30, Pachna Police Station was notified, the message was received by officer n. 3299.

At 13:33, Pachna RFS dispatched two (2) fire engines, one (1) 5000 litre WT and one (1) rapid response vehicle of 1200 litres of water that departed for the wildfire, while the dispatch officer requested that Kivides RFS also respond.

At 13:34, Kivides RFS responds, dispatching one (1) 5000 litres of water fire engine.

At 13:35, the Department of Forests contacted the FSOCC, reporting the wildfire in Malia village.

At 13:36, the dispatch officer transmits via radio that he is on his way and can see smoke, and inquired whether water-equipped firefighting aircrafts were available to exercise preventive drops. He was informed that the aircrafts had been dispatched to a wildfire in Anayeia in Lefkosia and was asked whether it was necessary for other aircrafts to lift off. The dispatch officer reported that in

a few minutes he would arrive at the wildfire location and would report back on whether the aircrafts were necessary.

At 13:37, the Lemesos on-duty officer departs for the wildfire.

At 13:43, the Pachna RFS arrived at the wildfire.

At 13:44, the dispatch officer with n. 2776 requests for additional assistance and aerial resources, mentioning that the wildfire is rapidly moving towards Malia village.

At 13:47, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations was notified of the wildfire and communications.

At 13:48, the fire engine on patrol in the area of Vounaros, Agios Syllas, Kouris dam is notified and responds.

At 13:50, and 13:51 the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacted firefighter n. 2776, dispatch officer of Pachna RFS and instructed that his vehicles should protect the residences in Malia village.

At 13:52, the Monovolikou Fire Station dispatches two (2) water tankers to the wildfire.

At 13:52, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacts the on-duty officer, who reports that they are close to Souni village, heading towards the wildfire.

At 13:54, the Moniatis RFS dispatches towards the wildfire.

At 13:55, firefighter 2776 reports to the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations that the wildfire has spread to approximately 2 hectares and is at Malia village, whereas due to winds and terrain morphology, it is rapidly heading uphill towards the residences in the village, and efforts are being made to extinguish the wildfire which is proving difficult.

At 13:56, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacted Civil Defence (Michalis Mouskallis) and requested that they dispatch to Malia village for evacuation purposes. Civil Defence stated that they are on their way.

At 13:57, the Kivides RFS arrived at the wildfire location.

At 13:57, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacted the Lemesos Assistant Police Chief (APC) Lefteris Kyriakou, as to dispatch additional forces to the area.

At 13:58, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests assistance from the Department of Forests (Troodos District Forest Officer Loizos Loizou) who dispatches 2 vehicles.

At 14:00, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacts the Lemesos District Officer, requesting assistance of crawler and water tanker vehicles.

At 14:03, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests from FSOCC that the National Plan “IKAROS II” is activated.

At 14:04, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations informs the Chief Fire Officer of the above-mentioned developments.

At 14:08, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacts Civil Defence at phone 22803450 requesting additional forces to the area of the wildfire.

At 14:12, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacts the on-duty officer, mentioning the existence of very strong winds in the area and that the wildfire is rapidly expanding and is out of control, the affected area cannot be calculated and additional support is needed.

At 14:13, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests more vehicles from the Department of Forests (Troodos District Forest Officer Loizos Loizou). The Troodos District Forest Officer mentions that higher-level instructions are needed for the dispatch of additional help.

At 14:14, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations informs the Chief Fire Officer of the communication with the Department of Forests from 14.13, the Chief Fire Officer responds that he will contact the Director of the Department of Forests to request additional assistance.

At 14:15, the Chief Fire Officer informed the Director of the Department of Forests that the wildfire is out of control and requested additional vehicles to the wildfire location.

At 14:17, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations and Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations depart for the wildfire.

At 14:24, the Chief Fire Officer called the Minister of Justice and Public Order, informing him on the outbreak and rapid spread of the wildfire and that instructions have been given for the implementation of an operation plan to extinguish the wildfire.

At 14:25, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests via radio that the Mobile Command Centre responds and informs the Chief Fire Officer.

At 14:30, the Chief Fire Officer, in agreement with the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations, instructs the activation of National Plan “PYRSOS”.

At 14:43, the Mobile Command Centre departs toward the wildfire, whereas at the same time the Chief Fire Officer informs the Deputy Chief of Police on the departure of the Mobile Immediate Action Unit Mobile Command Centre.

At 14:45, the Chief Fire Officer instructs that one water tanker is dispatched from Pafos District, one from Larnaka District, one from Ammochostos District, as well as the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) (2 water tankers and 3 specialised vehicles).

At 15:03, the Chief Fire Officer called via cell phone the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and informed her about the outbreak of the wildfire, the actions taken and that the National Plan "PYRSOS" has been activated.

At 15:09, the Chief Fire Officer called the Minister of Justice and Public Order again, informing him on the activation of National Plan "PYRSOS".

At 15:16, the Chief Fire Officer departs towards the wildfire.

At 15:50, by instructions of the Chief Fire Officer, the Head of Operations and Support has arrived and is performing his duties as outlined in the National Plan "PYRSOS" by FSOCC.

The Chief Fire Officer was regularly updating the Minister of Justice and Public Order on the ongoing situation on the wildfire field.

Dynamic Risk Assessment

Throughout the firefighting operations, property protection and rescue efforts in a constantly changing environment, continuous risk assessment was made by the Chief Fire Officer of Lemosos Fire Stations who was informing the Chief Fire Officer on the action plan of the firefighting forces and the instructions given to them.

Specifically:

Aggressive tactics were used in cases of human rescue from burning houses, treating burn victims, extinguishing wildfires in homes, rescuing people trapped in wildfires and population evacuation from communities.

Defensive tactics were used in cases where the high thermal load due to the wildfire did not exceed the safety of firefighters allowing them to enter the area without risk to their health.

Priorities were defined in saving lives, administering help to fire burn victims and injured persons, population evacuation, protection of residences from the wildfire and subsequently protecting property.

The spread and expansion of the wildfire could not be predicted, as the interchanging direction of the strong wind, of the microclimate created by the wildfire in combination with the terrain and vegetation of each area created a dynamic that in most areas the wildfire moved in different directions.

Measures were taken for the protection of dangerous facilities such as the petrol station in Kivides village, where for its protection, at 23:20 and 23:25, two specialised vehicles were dispatched from Lemosos Fire Stations. In addition, at 01:04 on the 24th July, two fire engines in the area, and at 01:11 one fire engine from Lemosos Stations were instructed to dispatch towards Industrial Area C' for its protection.

Assistance from other Services

Department of Forests

The Department of Forests, at 13:35 contacted the FSOCC mentioning a wildfire in Malia village.

At 13:58, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests assistance from the Department of Forests. The Department of Forests dispatches 2 vehicles.

At 14:13, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests more vehicles from the Department of Forests. The Troodos District Forest Officer mentions that higher-level instructions are needed for the dispatch of additional help.

At 14:14, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations informs the Chief Fire Officer of the communication with the Department of Forests from 14:13, the Chief Fire Officer responds that he will contact the Director of the Department of Forests to request additional assistance.

At 14:15, the Chief Fire Officer informed the Director of the Department of Forests that the wildfire is out of control and requested additional vehicles to the wildfire location.

Police:

At 13:30, Pachna Police Station is notified, the message received by officer n. 3299.

At 13:57, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacted the Lemesos Assistant Police Chief (APC) Lefteris Kyriakou, as to dispatch additional forces to the area.

At 14:43, the Chief Fire Officer informs the Deputy Chief of Police on the departure of the Mobile Immediate Action Unit Mobile Command Centre.

Civil Defence

At 13:56, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacted Civil Defence (Michalis Mouskallis) and requested that they dispatch to Malia village for evacuation purposes. Civil Defence stated that they are on their way.

At 14:08, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacts Civil Defence at phone 22803450 requesting additional forces to the area of the wildfire.

District Office

At 14:00, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations contacts the Lemesos District Officer, requesting assistance of crawler and water tanker vehicles.

Game and Fauna Service

The game and fauna service reinforced the firefighting effort with small mobile firefighting units.

Ambulance Service

The on-duty operator at the Sergeant Vasilis Krokou Fire Station, at 14:13 informed the Ambulance Service.

Assistance from certified volunteer groups

The heads of the following volunteer groups, the members of which are specialised volunteers and have been trained by the Fire Service were notified and responded to the wildfire.

1. Support Cy
2. Kitas Weather
3. E.T.E.A
4. Blue Heart
5. Διάσωση 1
6. S.O.S

British Sovereign Base Areas

The British Sovereign Base Areas were notified to send assistance in the form of firefighting and aerial resources. They responded with three fire engines and one (1) aircraft.

Aircraft Coordination Officer (ACO)- Aerial Resources

At 13:36, the dispatch officer transmits via radio that he is on his way and can see smoke, and inquired whether water-equipped firefighting aircrafts were available for preventive drops. He was informed that the aircrafts had been dispatched to a wildfire in Anayeia in Lefkosia and was asked whether it was necessary for other aircrafts to lift off. The dispatch officer reported that in a few minutes he would arrive at the wildfire location and would report back on whether the aircrafts were necessary.

At 13:37, the Lemesos on-duty officer dispatches towards the wildfire.

At 13:44, the dispatch officer of Pachna RFS requests additional assistance and aerial resources, mentioning that the wildfire is rapidly moving towards Malia village.

At 13:49, the FSOCC is informed to notify the AOD of the response of aerial resources in Malia village.

At 14:02, two aircrafts take off for water drops at Malia village.

At 14.03, the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations requests the activation of National Plan "IKAROS II".

At 14:05, the AOD records the request by the Chief Fire Officer of Lemesos Fire Stations for the activation of "IKAROS II" Firefighting Plan.

At 14:20, the first two water drops are performed from Forest 5-6 aircrafts that have taken off from Akrotiri and subsequently return to their base. A Fire Service Officer performed ACO duties.

At 14:20, four FLOGA helicopters take off from Pafos airport for water drops.

At 14:33, the FLOGA helicopters perform the first water drops. A Fire Service officer performed ACO tasks.

At 14:45, ARIS coordination aircraft takes off to implement the "IKAROS II" Firefighting Plan.

At 15:00, ARIS coordination aircraft arrived and the "IKAROS II" Firefighting plan is activated. A National Guard Officer performed ACO duties.

As of 15:02, eight (8) aircrafts were in operation.

At 16:03, a British Sovereign Base Areas aircraft (Chinook) arrived at the scene.

The number of aerial resources in operation at 17:09 were 13 aircrafts, which the ACO of the National Guard coordinated through "ARIS", supported by the ACO of the Fire Service and British Sovereign Base Areas.

Mobile Command Centre

At 15:15, the Mobile Command Centre (MCC) operated in the main road of Lemesos-Omodos close to Malia village. The location was chosen because the wildfire was already in Vasa village, moving towards Potamiou, Omodos.

At the MCC, a liaison officer from the Cyprus Police was present in addition to members of the Fire Service.

Around 16:30, the wind changed towards the opposite direction, meaning that the wildfire was heading southeast, returning to the east and south sides of Malia village. It was decided that the MCC be moved to the precinct of Agios Ephraim church at Agios Amvrosios village which was 6-7 km away.

At 17:19, the MCC operated at the precinct of Agios Ephraim church in Agios Amvrosios village, in addition to the Police Command Centre operating in the same area. In addition to members of the Fire Service, liaisons from the below services were present:

1. Civil Defence
2. Limassol District Office
3. Cyprus Police
4. Ambulance Service
5. National Guard
6. Department of Forests

Around 20:45, the wildfire rapidly approached Agios Amvrosios village, meaning that, while the wildfire was moving eastward, passing through Vouni, Agios Therapon, Lofou, it suddenly turned back in a southwesterly direction towards the villages of Agios Amvrosios and Kivides.

After this unexpected development, the MCC moved to the village of Erimi (Panikos Herodotou Building Materials).

The MCC resumed operation in Erimi village at 22:40, as the Kivides-Lemesos road was congested (immobilised vehicles) due to the evacuation of Agios Amvrosios and Souni villages. Therefore, the MCC of the Fire Service and the Police headed to Erimi through Kivides-Agios Akindinos-Paramali-Erimi. In addition to members of the Fire Service, liaisons of the below services were present:

1. Civil Defence
2. Limassol District Office
3. Cyprus Police
4. Ambulance Service
5. National Guard
6. Department of Forests

7. Local Authorities
8. Game and Fauna Service
9. British Sovereign Base Areas liaison.

Around midnight, the owner of the building materials shop stated that he would open at 06:30 the next day, after which, we came in contact with the Mayor of Kourion, who was at the MCC, and at 06:15 of the 24th July, the Fire Service and Police MCCs operated at the parking area of the Municipal building. In addition to the members of the Fire Service, liaisons of the below services were present:

1. Civil Defence
2. Limassol District Office
3. Cyprus Police
4. Ambulance Service
5. National Guard
6. Department of Forests
7. Local Authorities
8. Game and Fauna Service
9. British Sovereign Base Areas liaison.

List of communities that were given evacuation instructions by the Fire Service (F.S) to the Civil Defence (C.D) Special National Plan "POLYVIOS"

After assessing the course of the wildfire, which was simultaneously moving in different areas and in different directions, it was deemed necessary to send away the population.

No.	Date	Community	Instruction time for evacuation
1	23/7/2025	Malia	14.00 (C.D.)
2	23/7/2025	Vasa Koilaniou	15.10 (F.S.) 15:00 (C.D.)
3	23/7/2025	Potamiou	16.30 (C.D.) & (F.S.)
4	23/7/2025	Koilani	17.48 (C.D.) 18.20 (F.S.)
5	23/7/2025	Lofou	19.36 (C.D.) & (F.S.)
6	23/7/2025	Souni-Zanakia	20.40 (C.D.)
7	23/7/2025	Pera Pedi	18.20 (F.S.) 20.50 (C.D.)
8	23/7/2025	Alassa	20.52 (C.D.)
9	23/7/2025	Agios Therapon	19.20 (C.D.)
10	23/7/2025	Vouni	17.20 (C.D.)
11	23/7/2025	Silikou	20.10 (C.D.)
12	23/7/2025	Agios Amvrosios	21.00 (C.D.) & (F.S.)
13	23/7/2025	Kivides	21.00 (C.D.) & (F.S.)
14	24/7/2025	Vounaros	00.07 (F.S.)
15	24/7/2025	Pachna	02.27 (C.D.)
16	24/7/2025	Arsos	02.27 (C.D.)
17	24/7/2025	Omodos	14.35 (C.D.)

P.S.: On 23/7/2025 at 18:21, following a communication between FSOCC and Civil Defence (Lefkosia), the Civil Defence indicated that they do not have sufficient forces for evacuations, therefore, FSOCC made arrangements through the Operations Centre of the National Guard in order to coordinate with Civil Defence and assist in evacuations.

Actions of first vehicles arriving at the wildfire

The first fire engines that arrived at the wildfire at 13:43 and 13:44 from Pachna Rural Fire Station, made efforts to extinguish the wildfire which was in an area of about 1.5 hectares and was spreading rapidly towards the village of Malia and northeast of the village towards the village of Vasa.

Subsequently, at 13:55 the fire engines of Pachna headed towards Malia to cut off the wildfire and protect the houses.

Cutting off the wildfire from entering the village was not possible due to its rapid spread, strong winds, the morphology of the terrain, and the upward course of the wildfire since there was a ravine under the first houses.

General Assessment

It is worth noting that, in parallel with the wildfire in the mountainous area of Lemesos on 23/7/2025, the Fire Service was also called to respond to a major wildfire in Pafos District. Specifically, at 15:31, a wildfire broke out in the village of Agia Varvara, and a total of 9 water tankers from the Fire Service, 2 water tankers from the Department of Forests, and two rapid response vehicles from Civil Defence and the Game and Fauna Service were deployed for its suppression. Two firefighting aircrafts (Floga 1 and 2) were also dispatched. The wildfire was contained by 23:38, and firefighting forces remained on site throughout the night to achieve full extinguishment. The wildfire was brought fully under control the day after, 24 July 2025, at 13:41. The burnt area was 1.5 square kilometres.

Furthermore, on 24 July 2025, while active fronts and multiple flare-ups persisted in the mountainous Lemesos region, a new wildfire broke out in Arodes, Pafos District, at 13:36. Upon arrival of the first forces in Arodes, the on-duty officer requested the immediate deployment of aerial firefighting resources, due to the difficult access for ground forces and the strong winds in the area, which caused the wildfire to spread rapidly, and a large photovoltaic park was also under immediate threat. For the suppression of the wildfire, 5 water tankers from the Fire Service, 4 water tankers from the Department of Forests, and three bulldozers from the Department of Forests and the District Office were used. The burnt area was 7 hectares.

In conclusion, beyond the large wildfire that had broken out in the mountainous region of Lemesos District, the Fire Service was also faced with major wildfires in the Pafos District, alongside other incidents in urban areas. As a result, firefighting forces and aerial resources that could have contributed to the suppression of the large-scale wildfire in the mountainous area of Lemesos District were dispatched in other locations.

Taking into account the aforementioned, despite the adversities, the best possible use was made of both aerial and ground firefighting resources, in order to manage all wildfires and other incidents that took place on the 23rd and 24th July 2025, with **the primary objective of saving lives and property.**

Measures for Improving the Rural Firefighting System

Taking into consideration the situation created by the large-scale wildfire, it is evident that there was an exceptionally high thermal load due to the widespread presence of dry vegetation, bushes, trees, etc. throughout the affected area.

The Fire Service attended meetings held both prior to and during the forest fires season at the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, the Ministry of Interior, District Offices, etc. It is clear that insufficient action or, in some cases, no action at all was taken to clear plots, fields, road slopes, etc. This is the primary and most significant cause of both the outbreak and rapid spread of the wildfire, along with high wind speeds, high temperatures, and low humidity, particularly in the area where the wildfire broke out.

At the same time, on the same day, the Fire Service also responded to an uncontrolled wildfire in Anageia Village in Lefkosia, followed by the wildfire in the community of Malia in Lemesos. While the wildfire in Lemesos was ongoing, another wildfire broke out in Pafos, which was also out of control until late in the evening, and in which aerial resources that had been operating in the Malia wildfire in Lemesos were redirected to provide support in suppression efforts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to climate change, which makes wildfire extinguishing increasingly extremely difficult, the following needs to be done:

- Immediate removal of dry grasses along roadways in all communities where this has not yet been done. This falls under the responsibility of district and local offices.
- Development of plans by Local Authorities for the installation of "Fire Hose Cabinets" at specific locations within the network of communities.
- Extension of operating hours of Rural Fire Stations to a 24-hour basis (currently these stations operate daily from 08:00 to 19:00).
- To implement the above proposal, an increase in personnel is required, both in permanent and hourly staff.
- Reinforcement of the existing fleet of fire engines, beyond the 17 vehicles included in the Comprehensive Plan (Phase B), with the addition of fire engines of suitable size and manoeuvrability to allow effective and easy access in residential areas with narrow streets.
- Upgrade of both the infrastructure and technological capacity of Rural Fire Stations, in addition to the upgrades already included in the Comprehensive Plan (Phases A and B) aimed at strengthening the operational capability of the Fire Service.

Timeline of aerial resources operations 23/07/2025

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
13:06	Request submitted to AOD for the deployment of loaded aircrafts to the wildfire in Anagia
13:25	Frist drops by aerial resources (Forest 3+4) over Anagia
13:50	Request to AOD for take-off of two aircrafts for the wildfire in the Community of Mallia (Forest 5+6 responded from Akrotiri)
14:00	Updating AOD regarding take-off of Floga 1+2.
14:03	Updating AOD for the activation of IKAROS II in Malia
14:17	Release of Forest 3+4 for refuelling and redeployment to Mallia
14:20	Frist drops by aerial resources (Forest 5+6) on wildfire
14:45	National Guard's helicopter departed from its base to support operations in Malia
15:00	A total of 8 aerial resources were engaged in the wildfire
15:40	Two aircrafts enroute to Malia were redirected back to the Agia Varvara's wildfire
16:03	Arrival of a Chinook helicopter from the British Sovereign Base Areas
16:30	Jordanian aircrafts responded to the Malia wildfire with new crew
17:00	Following a recommendation by the Chief Fire Officer, a formal request was submitted for the activation of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and for support from neighbouring countries with aerial resources
17:09	A total of 13 aerial resources and 1 coordination unit from the National Guard were involved in the operation
17:36	Floga 1+2 were instructed to respond to the Agia Varvara's wildfire (each carrying out one drop before redirecting back to Limassol, and during their return to land in Pafos, they each carried out one additional drop).
	<u>Aerial resources that responded</u>
	2 contracted aerial resources
	1 aerial resource from the British Sovereign Base Areas
	6 aircrafts (Forest)
	4 helicopters (Floga)
	1 helicopter from the National Guard (Aris)

PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES INVOLVED IN THE WILDFIRE RESPONSE
(MALIA) 23/07/2025

Fire Service Personnel deployed on the first day of the wildfire:

Rank	No. of members
Chief Fire Officer	1
Senior Officers	2
Officers	4
Duty Non-Commissioned Officers	19
Firefighters	46
Retained Firefighters	5
Hourly Paid Personnel (Workers)	25
TOTAL	99

The wildfire response involved 25 fire engines, along with 3 additional fire engines provided by the British Sovereign Base Areas. An additional 8 fire engines from volunteer organisations were activated by the Fire Service and operated under its operational responsibility.