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Ten people died through various fire outbreaks in Brong-Ahafo in 2016, Assistant Commissioner of Fire, (ACF) James Owusu-Agyei, the Acting Regional Fire Commander, said on Thursday.

He said 145 others sustained various degrees of injuries in the 644 recorded fire outbreaks.

ACF Owusu-Agyei, who made this known during the 2016 year review meeting of the service held in Sunyani, said 36.3 percent of the fire outbreaks were wild fires, and 35.5 percent of the cases were domestic fires; vehicular fires recorded 12.3 percent and commercial fires 5.1 percent.

He said the fires also caused extensive damages to several cocoa farms, cashew, mango, palm-nuts and citrus plantations in the region.

ACF Owusu-Agyei expressed discomfort that despite several measures and interventions put in place to control fire outbreaks, Brong-Ahafo was still the second highest region in the country in both bush and domestic fire outbreaks.

He said his outfit would soon form a taskforce to patrol bushfire endemic areas and warned farmers to be mindful in the use of fire.

ACF Owusu-Agyei said last year more than 1,000 fire volunteers in the region were trained adding that the service arrested and prosecuted about 100 fire offenders in the region.

He urged public and private institutions to obtain fire certificates and extinguishers adding that the command would soon engage owners and business risk institutions to develop fire management policies.

ACF Owusu-Agyei said institutions without or with expired fire certificates would be prosecuted in accordance with the provision LI 1724.

He also urged institutions expecting to acquire fire certificates to visit the command.

Source: <https://www.newsghana.com.gh/gnfs-reviews-fire-outbreak-report-in-ba/>

ECG lost over GH¢94000 to bush fires in 2016

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More than seventy-eight high tension and forty-nine low tension electricity poles were destroyed by bush fires in the Central Region in 2016.

Mr William Coleman, Regional Maintenance Engineer, who disclosed this in an interview with the Ghana News Agency (GNA), put the cost of replacing the poles at GHC 94,671.24.

The figure, he said, did not include the cost of labour and transport.

Mr Coleman said the most affected areas were Saltpond, Cape Coast, Assin Fosu and the Kasoa North districts.

He said the situation has led to removal of hundreds of customers from the national grid to allow for the replacement of burnt poles.

Apart from the company losing revenue during the outage period, the circumstance was also dangerous to human lives as in most cases the burnt poles fell with live ECG conductors, he said.

“The activities of farmers and other people who set fires which are not monitored and close to ECG poles have resulted in the loss of revenue which could have been channelled to improving the quality and reliability of the distribution network”, he said.

He called for a change of habit among farmers adding that “unless there was a change of mentality, no amount of education would curb the situation”.

Mr Isaac Nurris Ainooson, the Regional Public Relations Officer (PRO), said the company would not look on but take the needed measures to clamp down on such activities.

“Anybody found to have set fire which eventually destroyed an ECG pole will be made to pay for the cost of the replacement”, he said

Mr Ainooson urged the media and other stakeholders to support the company to educate the general public on the menace.

Source: GNA

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