



*Report to:*  
**Scottish Borders Council**  
**Police, Fire and Rescue & Safer Communities Board**

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**SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT, 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April to September 2017 and quarterly performance data in addition to the performance report for Prevention and Protection activities for the same period.

**2. OUTPUTS**

- 2.1 The following identifies the headline outputs from April to September 2017.

**Dwelling Fires**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 42 dwelling fires in comparison to 46 for the same YTD reporting period the previous year, this represents a 9% decrease.

Six of these fires were started deliberately.

Just over 50% of these fires originated in the kitchen and involved cooking.

**Fire Casualties/Fatalities**

There was eight fire related casualties in this YTD reporting period, five less than the same period last year.

Further analysis shows that two casualties went to hospital for precautionary checks suffering from slight smoke inhalation. Six casualties received first aid at the scene and did not require any further treatment.

There have been no Fire Fatalities during the reporting period.

### **Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).**

There were 110 deliberate fires in this YTD reporting period, an increase of 49 in comparison to the same reporting period last year. On a positive note, there was a marked decrease in previous quarterly comparison.

Breakdown of these figures show that 41% of these incidents occurred in the Gala and District ward, particularly in and around the wooded area adjacent to Gala Academy,

Unfortunately, the majority of the above fires were a result of anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in a number of proactive and reactive prevention initiatives by Safer Communities partners.

### **Road Traffic Collisions**

During the YTD reporting period, the SFRS attended 37 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), 13 less than the same reporting period last year, there was also a slight decrease in previous quarter comparison.

There have been 25 RTC related casualties in this YTD period including three fatalities.

During the YTD period, the SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on eight occasions to extricate casualties.

### **Special Service Casualties**

The term "special service" is used for attendance at a number of non-fire related incidents, this includes, amongst others, RTC's, rescues from water and height, persons trapped in machinery or a lift, medical emergencies and effecting entry to a premise. The table below represents an overview of YTD Special Service Casualties.

<b>Special Service Type</b>	<b>Non-fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Total</b>
Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest/medical response	4	5	9
Effecting entry	4	1	5
RTC casualties	22	3	25
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	5	1	6
			45

### **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**

UFAS calls consist of Equipment failure, False alarm good intent and False alarm malicious. The figure contained within the main report relates to Equipment failure only as this is the cause of the majority of UFAS incidents. The figures in the following tables represent all UFAS incidents.

<b>Priority</b>	<b>YTD 2016-17</b>	<b>YTD 2017-18</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	46	42	-4
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	13	8	-5
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	61	110	+49
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	50	37	-13
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	320	321	+1

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Q2 2016-17</b>	<b>Q2 2017-18</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	19	23	+4
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	6	2	-4
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	68	42	-26
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	20	17	-3
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	217	261	+44

### **3. PREVENTION & PROTECTION**

See attached report

### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Scottish Borders Police, Fire and Rescue and Safer Communities Board is invited to consider and otherwise to note the contents of the performance report.

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