



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

SUBJECT: QUARTER 2 - 2014-15 PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached report provides an update on performance against the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for The Scottish Borders 2014-17.

2. QUARTER 2 OUTPUTS

- 2.1 The following identifies the headline outputs from Quarter 2, 2014-15:

Dwelling Fires

The Fire and Rescue Service attended seventeen accidental dwelling fires during this reporting period. This was a decrease of nine compared to the corresponding period last year. Eighty percent of these fires were small and either extinguished prior to our arrival or required minimal intervention.

The room of origin for over seventy-five percent of these fires was the kitchen. One fire started in a roof space due to workmen's tools and the most serious fire resulted in substantial damage to a bungalow with the fire starting in the bedroom.

There were no deliberate dwelling fires for this period.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

During this reporting period there were no fire fatalities but four people were recorded as fire related casualties with two suffering slight injuries and requiring medical attention.

Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).

This priority was included in the recent Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan for 2014-2017 due to evidence indicating an increase of this type of activity across the Scottish Borders.

During this reporting period, the Fire and Rescue Service attended thirty- three incidents of this type which is a reduction of five from the same period last year. The vast majority of these incidents were outdoors including heath, grass and shrub land fires, this is consistent with the summer months and dry periods.

The Fire and Rescue Service will continue to work with the Police, Safer Communities, other partners and community groups to reduce fire vandalism and other deliberate fire setting across the Scottish Borders.

Road Traffic Collisions

During this reporting period, the Fire and Rescue Service attended twenty-one Road Traffic Collisions. This is a decrease of four from the same period last year. There were no fatalities however ten people suffered injury due to being involved in an RTC, two of which were serious.

Unwanted Fire Signals

There were two hundred and twenty-seven unwanted fire signals during this reporting period, a decrease of twenty-seven compared to the same period during 2013-14.

Priority	Q2 2013/14	Q2 2014/15	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	28	17	-11
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	17	4	-13
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	38	33	-5
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	25	21	-4
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	254	227	-27

Priority	YTD 2013/14	YTD 2014/15	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	51	41	-10
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	19	14	-5
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	50	64	+14
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	39	45	+6
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	469	437	-32

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 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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