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"Keeping People Safe"



Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum 22 April 2014 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Teviot & Liddesdale Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of March** 2014.

(**plus any further incidents of note up to the actual meeting date of the Area Forum)

Response & Resilience activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	2	Non deliberate	4- smoke inhalation
Fire- Open	6	3 controlled burning, 3 deliberate	0
Special Service	3	1 person fallen, 1 flooding, 1 domestic pet in distress.	0
Unwanted Fire Signals	9		0

Prevention and Protection

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

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Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Teviot & Liddesdale area;

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits are provided as a multi-agency approach and aim to identify and provide support for members of our communities deemed a higher risk from fire.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number.

Local Fire and Rescue Plan

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014- 2017 has been approved following its consultation period. The local plan sets out the priorities for the Fire and Rescue Service, and we will continue to work with our community planning partners and local communities to make the most efficient use of resources and contribute towards the shared priorities and actions within the community planning partnership and community safety arrangements. The subsequent ward plans for Hawick & Denholm and Hawick & Hermitage will follow in due course.

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