



"Keeping People Safe"



Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum August 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 June & July 2014.

Response & Resilience activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	4	2 kitchen, 1 bathroom, 2 chimney.	1
Fire- Open	6	1 car, 1 controlled burning, 2 in wooded areas (deliberate), 2 refuse (deliberate).	0
Special Service	3	2 entrapments, 1 entry to lockfast premises, 1 blood spillage (assist ambulance), 1 fallen tree.	1
Unwanted Fire Signals	17		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

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provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

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.
- 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.
- Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection Policies ensure multi agency involvement is provided for the support and protection for our higher risk members of the community.

Summer Thematic Plan

Thematic plans are initiated by the Prevention & Protection departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The current Summer plan is now active in the Teviot & Liddesdale area with the aim to;

1. Reduce the number of deliberate primary* and secondary** fires
2. Reduce the number of fires in derelict/unoccupied buildings
3. Reduce the number of fires involving refuse/rubbish
4. Reduce the number of outdoor fires involving grass/heather/heathland and/or forested areas.
5. Reduce fire related antisocial behaviour
6. Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks (including, hotels, guest houses/boarding houses, caravan/camping sites and holiday centres)
7. Promote water safety and reduce the number of fires and accidents involving boats, leisure craft and ferries
8. Contribute to the delivery of summer road safety initiatives

**Primary fires include buildings (including mobile homes) which are fit for occupation and those under construction. Caravans & vehicles (not derelict). Outdoor storage, plant and machinery. Agricultural and forestry premises & property.*

***Secondary fires include single derelict buildings. Grassland including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees. Intentional straw or stubble burning. Outdoor structures including lamp-posts, traffic signs, playground furniture, hoardings etc. Refuse and refuse containers. Derelict vehicles.*

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