



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

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT 1ST APRIL 2017 TO 31ST MARCH 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April 2017 to March 2018 including 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 2017 to March 2018.

Dwelling Fires

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 100 dwelling fires during the last year, an increase of 9 from the previous year.

Eight of these fires were started deliberately.

Over 50% of these fires originated in the kitchen with almost all involving cooking or cooking appliances.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

There were 17 fire related casualties in the last year including one fatality. This is 10 less than last year.

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

Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).

There were 150 deliberate fires in 2017/18, an increase of 53 in comparison to 2016/17.

Breakdown of these figures show a quarter on quarter decrease with figures peaking in the first quarter due to a spate of deliberate fires mainly in the wooded area adjacent to Gala Academy. For information, the spike experienced in Quarter 1 was replicated across Scotland.

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

Road Traffic Collisions

During the last year SFRS attended 88 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), 10 less than last year with a slight decrease from Quarter 3 being shown.

There have been 59 RTC related casualties in the last year including five fatalities.

During 2017/18, SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 31 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 premises. The table below represents an overview of Special Service Casualties for 2017/18.

Special Service Type	Non-fatal	Fatal	Total
Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest/medical response	7	6	13
Effecting entry	10	3	13
RTC casualties	54	5	59
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	9	1	10
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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.

Priority	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2017-18	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	91	100	+9
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	27	17	-10
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	97	150	+53
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	98	88	-10
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	879	885	+6

Priority	Q4 2016-17	Q4 2017-18	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	22	29	+7
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	7	3	-4
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	19	11	-8
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	22	24	+2
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	219	173	-46

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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