



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

SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT 1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

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

Dwelling Fires

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 76 dwelling fires during this period, five more than the YTD reporting period the previous year.

Eleven of these fires were started deliberately.

50% of these fires originated in the kitchen and 37% involved cooking.

Fire Casualties/Fatalities

There were 12 fire related casualties in the YTD reporting period, two less than the same period last year.

Further analysis shows that 7 casualties went to hospital for precautionary checks suffering from smoke inhalation. Five 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 104 deliberate fires in the YTD reporting period, a 25% decrease in comparison to the same reporting period last year.

Breakdown of these figures show a quarter on quarter decrease.

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 SFRS and Safer Communities partners.

Road Traffic Collisions

During the YTD reporting period, the SFRS attended 67 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), two more than the same reporting period last year.

There have been 41 RTC related casualties in this YTD period including two fatalities.

During the YTD period, the SFRS used Hydraulic Rescue Equipment on 22 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 YTD Special Service Casualties for 2018-19.

Special Service Type	Non-fatal	Fatal	Total
Effecting entry	12	2	14
Assist other agencies	3	1	4
RTC casualties	39	2	41
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	10	1	11
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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 2017-18	YTD 2018-19	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	71	76	+5
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	14	12	-2
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	139	104	-35
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	65	67	+2
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	719	707	-12

Priority	Q3 2017-18	Q3 2018-19	+/-
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	28	31	+3
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	6	7	+1
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	25	23	-2
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	27	24	-3
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	231	221	-10

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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