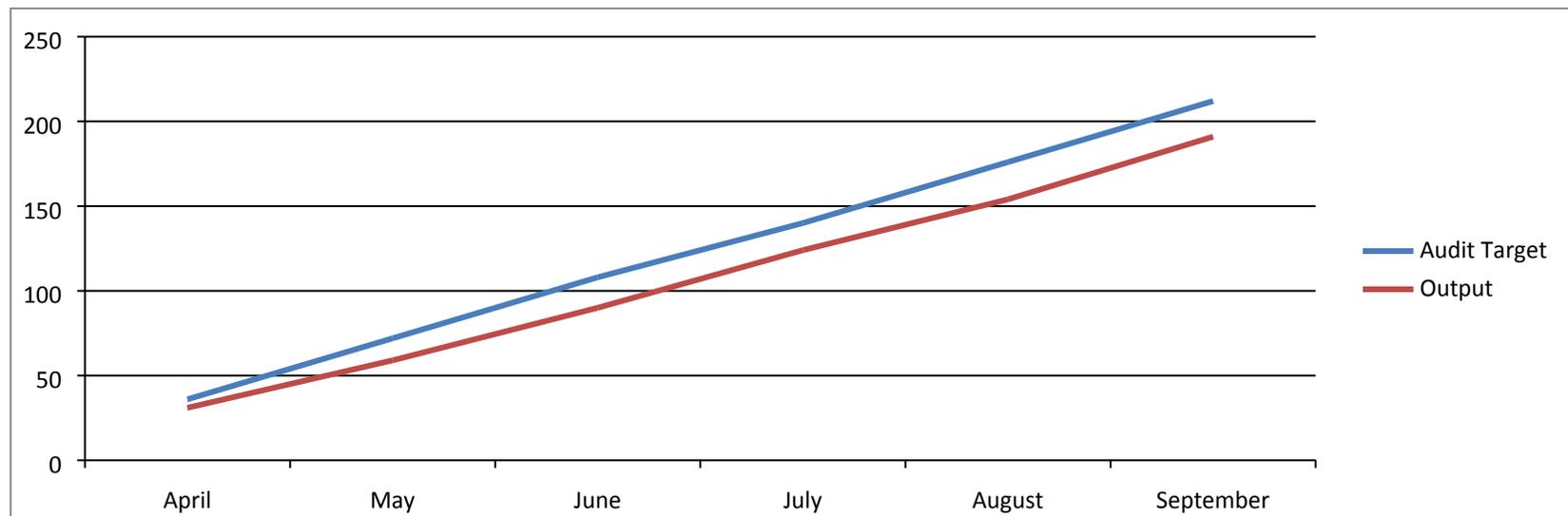


Prevention & Protection Activities

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Scottish Borders Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEOs). Following the SFRS Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. Although off target, performance is steadily improving and SFRS within Scottish Borders are confident that the annual target will be achieved. This quarter saw the audit target achieved. One of the primary reasons for being off target at this present time, has been the introduction of a new national database and recording and administrative system.

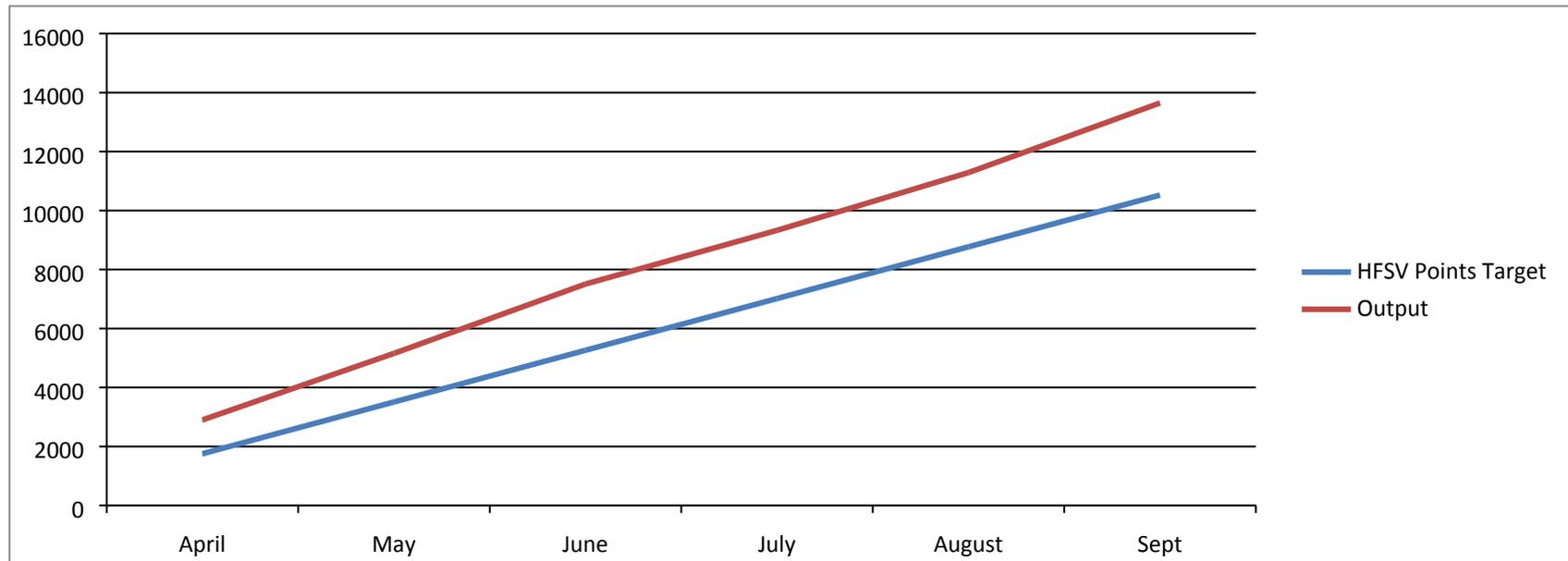
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	36	72	108	140	176	212	248	284	320				
Completed:	31	59	90	124	154	191	226	265	309				



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across the Scottish Borders a points allocation and associated targets have been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). This will ensure valuable resources are put to use with greatest effect. This quarter has seen us maintain our points total ahead of target.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	1754	3508	5262	7016	8770	10524	12278	14032	15786				
Completed	2900	5156	7508	9328	11288	13648	16292	19348	22008				



Community Safety Engagement

ACTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS
Enhanced Home Safety Visits (No. of households/occupiers visited)	15
Visits to Schools	16
Nursery Visits	9
Road Safety Education (No. of Talks)	9
Firesetters Intervention Programme (No. of sessions with youths)*	0
Community Safety Talks / Attendance at Community Events**	55
Number of students attending Crucial Crew***	684
Fire Safety Inspections (CGA) in Tenement Stairs	0

Definitions

*A one to one counselling session with a young person to discuss the consequences of being involved in wilful fire raising.

**Comprises non-school events including: appliance visits to community groups (fetes, galas etc); group visits to fire stations; specific campaigns (Stair Aware, Cooking Safety, etc); and Community Fire-fighter talks/stall events.

***Crucial Crew programme runs only in school Autumn term.

Partnership Working

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Community Action Team (CAT), under the guidance of the Mid and East Lothian and Scottish Borders Prevention and Protection management team, experienced a busy three months this quarter supporting existing local community fire safety initiatives while exploring new opportunities with external partners and core agencies. The quarter began with the continuation of Crucial Crew 2014, a multi-agency event supported by SFRS, Police Scotland, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Power, Royal Highland Education Trust, Borders Sport and Leisure, Face2Face and British Telecom. Crucial Crew saw a final total of 1180 primary school pupils attend, all of whom were able to experience and learn from the fire safety scenario presented by the CAT.

October saw the CAT delivering numerous bonfire and firework safety presentations to local schools, working towards an overall reduction in numbers of accidents and injuries from outdoor fires and/or fireworks. We were also required to provide advice for organised public bonfire and firework displays, promoting them as a safe way to enjoy the annual celebrations with the aim of helping to reduce numbers of unsafe bonfires which the SFRS attends. Also in October, we participated in Sainsbury's Fire Safety Week, working together with local stores to raise awareness with customers and staff over both home fire safety and bonfire/firework safety.

The CAT continue to work in support of the delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Scottish Borders 2014-2017, helping to improve outcomes for local people and reduce inequalities across the area. At the start of November, we attended the International Family Fun day at Langlee Community Centre, which promotes and celebrates the diversity of people living across the Scottish Borders and is supported by the Migrant Support Group and Langlee Health Action Group. Our work on this multi-agency project contributes to achieving both outcome one and seven of the SFRS Equality Outcomes in the Local Fire Plan and has ensured we will continue to do this through future invites to participate in similar events.

In November 2014, the Community Action Team took part in the multi-agency Violence Against Women Conference at Tweed Horizons which, together with our strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), puts us at the forefront of delivering the agenda of outcome six of the Local Fire Plan. The LALO and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection are fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings. We will also be involved the inaugural twelve-month CAADA (Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse) assessment. This work has provided the additional advantage of strengthening our partnership with external stakeholders, in particular Police Scotland, Adult and Child protection services and local housing providers.

Winter fire safety campaigns were fully under way by the month of December 2014, and the CAT addressed the following fire related issues:-

- Festive fire safety
- Safety at Home
- Fire and Alcohol
- Cooking Safety

We worked closely with all our partners in the Scottish Borders Council Safer Communities Team as well as the four registered social landlords to promote these issues. Detailed festive fire safety information was provided for the council website and home fire safety public information articles were published in both Elder Voice and Scottish Borders Connect. The LALO is delivering a second series of fire safety awareness presentations to housing officers of the aforementioned landlords to re invigorate the home fire safety visit referral process in order to continue improving partnership working, with particular focus on the elderly and more vulnerable tenants. The primary aims of this

partnership activity are to help ensure the safety and welfare of vulnerable persons throughout the community, and to seek to reduce the overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fire fatalities in homes.

From the 1st April the SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk Of Harm was implemented to link into adult and child protection. The introduction of this policy has created closer ties with Social Services within Scottish Borders and ensures those people and families that fire crews identify as at risk are brought to the attention of Social Services. This has resulted in joint visits to homes to reduce risk to those occupiers. This period has resulted in eight adults being referred.

Outcome 1– People from all Scotland’s community groups feel confident in contacting the SFRS for advice and information on relevant non-emergency issues

Outcome 6 –People from across all communities are enabled to live lives free from hate crime, harassment and domestic violence/abuse

Outcome 7- Gypsy travellers and migrant workers are safer, better informed and confident in SFRS engagement