



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

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**SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE REPORT 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April to September 2020 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 September 2020.

**Dwelling Fires**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 38 dwelling fires during this period, five more than the YTD reporting period the previous year.

Four of these fires were started deliberately.

61% of these fires originated in the kitchen and 29% involved cooking appliances.

**Fire Casualties/Fatalities**

There have been 9 fire related casualties in the YTD reporting period, one more than the same period last year.

Further analysis shows that 1 casualty went to hospital with what was thought to be serious injuries and 2 with slight injuries. Six casualties received first aid at the scene only 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 79 deliberate fires in the YTD reporting period, a decrease of 8 in comparison to the same reporting period last year.

Unfortunately, many of the above fires were a result of anti-social behaviour. This is combatted by proactive and reactive prevention initiatives taken by SFRS and Safer Communities partners.

### **Road Traffic Collisions**

During the reporting period, the SFRS attended 11 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), a significant reduction of 34 when compared to the same reporting period last year.

There have been 2 RTC related casualties in this YTD period.

### **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 2020.

<b>Special Service Type</b>	<b>Non-fatal</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Total</b>
Medical	3	2	5
Assist other agencies	1	2	3
Suicide/Attempts	0	2	2
RTC casualties	2	0	2
Other (flooding, hazmat, release persons)	1	0	1
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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 table represent all UFAS incidents.

<b>Priority</b>	<b>YTD 2019-20</b>	<b>YTD 2020-21</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	33	38	+5
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	8	9	+1
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	87	79	-8
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	45	11	-34
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	474	465	-9

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Q2 2019-20</b>	<b>Q2 2020-21</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	14	18	+4
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	4	3	-1
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	33	27	-6
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	26	6	-20
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	265	263	-2

### **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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