



*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 2021**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The attached reports provide the year to date (YTD) performance data from April to September 2021 in addition to the Quarter 2 performance report for Prevention and Protection activities.

**2. OUTPUTS**

- 2.1 The following identifies the headline outputs over that period.

**Dwelling Fires**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) attended 40 dwelling fires during this period, 2 more than the YTD reporting period the previous year.

2 of these fires were started deliberately.

70% of these fires originated in the kitchen and 67% involved cooking appliances.

**Fire Casualties / Fatalities**

There have been 3 fire related casualties in the YTD reporting period, 6 less than the same period last year.

Further analysis shows that 1 casualty went to hospital with what was thought to be slight injuries. 2 casualties received first aid at the scene only and 1 received a precautionary check.

There have been no Fire Fatalities during the reporting period.

### **Deliberate Fire Setting (not including dwellings).**

There were 57 deliberate fires in the YTD reporting period, a decrease of 22 in comparison to the same reporting period last year.

Unfortunately, many of these fires remain 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 29 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), an increase of 17 when compared to the same reporting period last year.

There have been 20 RTC related casualties in this YTD period, with sadly 2 fatalities.

### **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 2020-21</b>	<b>YTD 2021-22</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Reduction of Dwelling Fires	38	40	+2
Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties	9	3	-6
Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting	79	57	-22
Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions	12	29	+17
Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	469	476	+7

## **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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