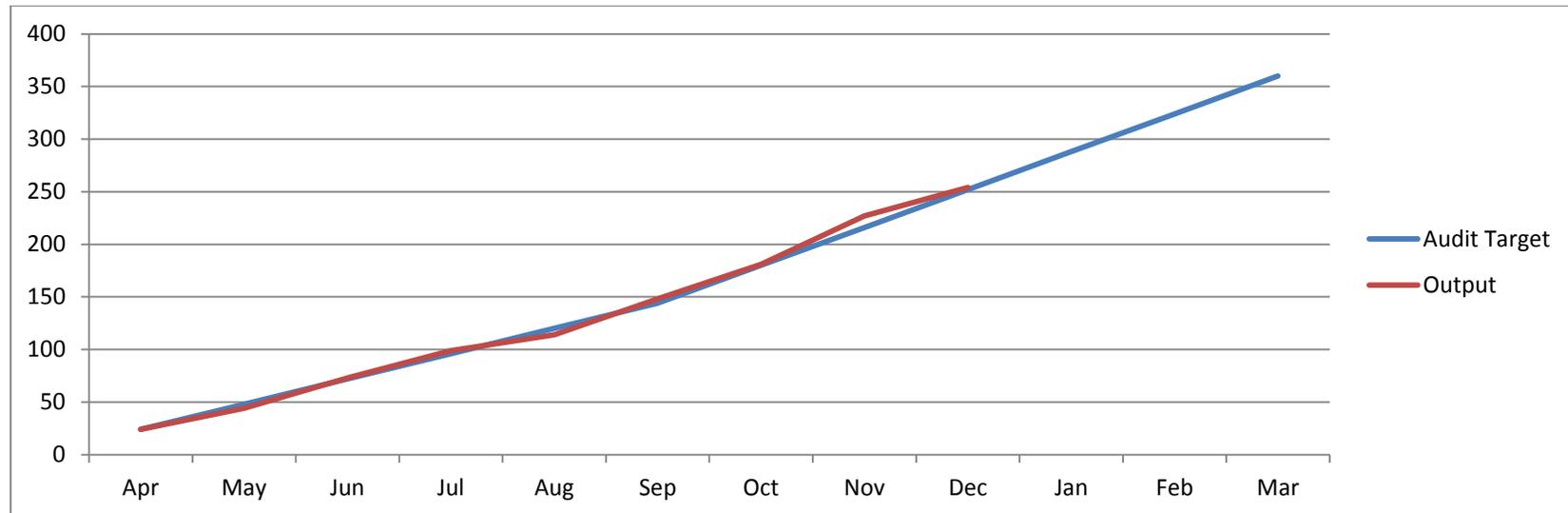


# Prevention & Protection Activities

## 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. This quarter has again seen us exceed target. It should be noted that during quarter two we had two FSEO's instead of our normal compliment of three, therefore targets have been adjusted to account for this. Quarter 3 has seen the return to full establishment and we now have three FSEO's established with targets adjusted accordingly.

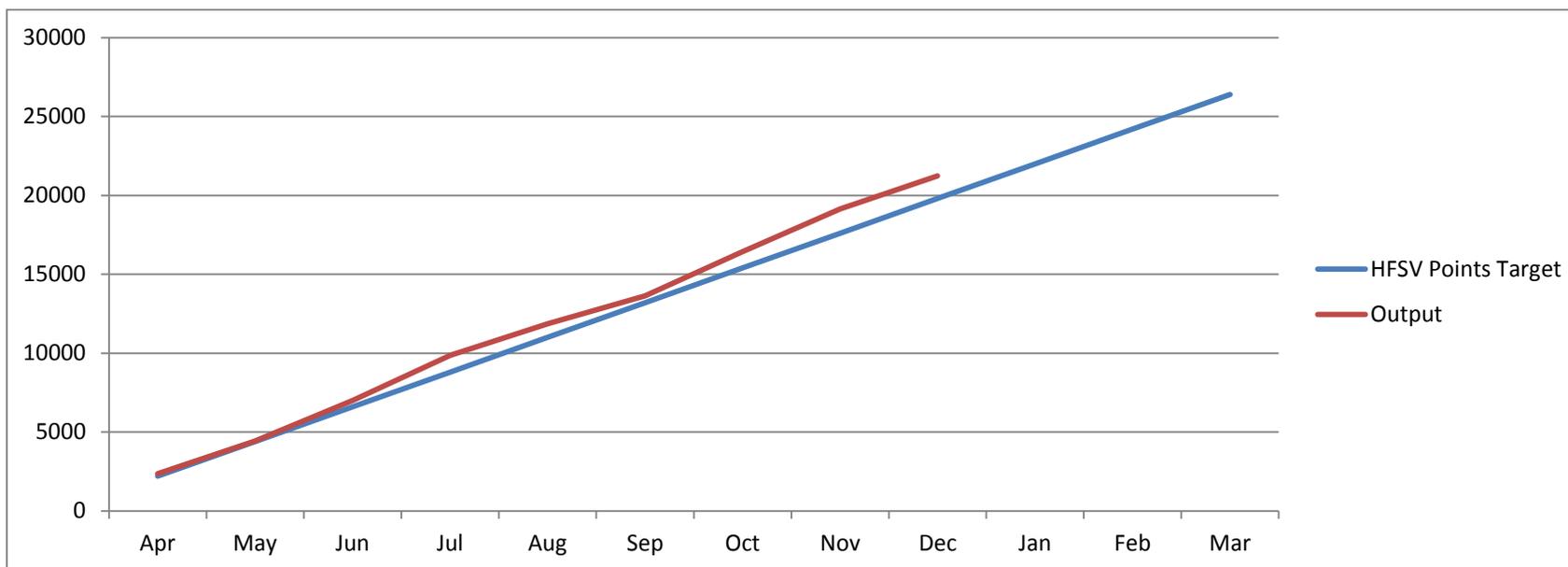
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	24	48	72	96	120	144	180	216	252	288	324	360	360
Completed:	24	44	73	99	114	148	181	227	254				



## 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 based on risk and associated target has 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	2200	4400	6600	8800	11000	13200	15400	17600	19800	22000	24200	26400	<b>26400</b>
Completed	2360	4444	7004	9856	11868	13632	16432	19132	21224				



**Total Number Of Home Fire Safety Visits By Risk Category**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
High	59	56	64	77	54	43	71	66	49			
Medium	92	68	89	95	65	70	100	114	86			
Low	61	50	71	62	49	43	78	58	60			

**Total Number Of Smoke Detectors Fitted By Risk Category**

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
High	54	30	17	27	25	20	38	34	37			
Medium	39	44	48	45	39	42	53	70	57			
Low	27	24	34	15	22	23	38	33	44			

## Community Safety Engagement

ACTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS
Enhanced Home Safety Visits (No. of households/occupiers visited)	11
Visits to Schools	4
Nursery Visits	1
Road Safety Education (No. of Pupils)	3 (664)
Firesetters Intervention Programme (No. of sessions with youths)*	1
Community Safety Talks / Attendance at Community Events**	65
Number of students attending Crucial Crew***	0
Fire Safety Inspections (CGA) in Tenement Stairs	0
Youth Programmes ( No. of Programmes)	1

### 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

During the month of October, the Community Action Team (CAT) has been working together with the local operational crews to deliver bonfire and fireworks safety presentations to numerous primary school pupils in support of the Autumn Thematic Action Plan (TAP). Community Firefighters Smith and Collins delivered these presentations to 320 pupils based at Chimside, Coldingham and Eyemouth primary schools and Community Firefighter Joe Buchan delivered his presentation to 280 pupils at St Ronan's primary school, Innerleithen.

In the month of November, the CAT and the East Service Delivery Area Youth Engagement team ran the pilot Fireskills Employability Program at Hawick Fire Station. The course, which is currently sitting with Police Scotland to be accredited to SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) Level 4, was run over five days and incorporated the following learning outcomes :-

- Basic principles of a working environment including Health and Safety, Wellbeing, Manual Handling
- Participation in fire service drill ground activities
- Learning to work well as an individual and in a team
- Effective communication and cooperation with community members and partner organisations
- Understanding of home fire safety and fire service search and rescue procedures
- Basic emergency first aid including CPR
- Understanding the risks and consequences of RTCs and extrication of a casualty as part of an RTC scenario
- Fire related anti-social behaviour

Eight pupils from Hawick High School were originally signed up for the pilot but four completed the week. The feedback from the participants, parents and teachers is greatly encouraging for future courses. A representative from Action for Children attended to give an input on Alcohol and Drugs and Scottish Borders Council Lead Anti-Social Behaviour Officer supported Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) staff in their delivery of this subject.

The CAT has completed joint agency work with education services and Police Scotland Youth Justice services in response to local incidents which the fire service have attended.

In October, Community Firefighter Joe Buchan attended Peebles High School to present a talk on both the dangers of deliberate fire setting and the demands placed upon the fire service by unwanted fire alarm signals through malicious breakage of break glass call points. Community Firefighter Adrienne Smith attended Jedburgh Grammar School in December to give a group talk to three pupils involved in a previous incident involving a small fire on the roof of Parkside Primary School, Jedburgh.

Community Firefighter Smith has established links with The Wilton Centre, Hawick and has provided presentations on home fire safety and bonfire/fireworks safety. The Centre supports children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties who have difficulty accessing full time mainstream education.

Close collaboration with our partner organisations across the public and third sector continues to enhance our Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) referral numbers. In October, the Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) visited the New Horizons Borders Galashiels drop in to speak to staff and service users about home fire safety and to encourage referrals. This is a user led mental health charity with service users falling into the high risk from fire group. Also in October, the LALO provided Cset input, training staff working locally for the mental health charity Penumbra and in November, Station Manager (SM) Jaffray spoke to volunteers at the local branch of Victim Support. The CAT has established links with a new service for the elderly in the Borders called " Young at Heart" run by the Building Community Capacity health team. This is a great

vehicle for delivering home fire safety information to older people who are frail or in post operation/illness treatment and has already generated referrals.

In December, the LALO gave a presentation on home fire safety and Cset to staff at Borders Momentum Skills brain injury service which supports people who have suffered brain injury through accident or illness. SFRS was present at the inaugural event at the new Burnfoot Community Hub in October. SM Bell and the LALO participated in the evening workshop focussing on an asset-based approach to achieving improvements within the Burnfoot area.

In this quarter, the CAT have delivered six Driving into the Future events at Berwickshire, Earlston, Hawick, Galashiels, Peebles and Kelso high schools. A total of 736 pupils have received the fire service "Cutting the carnage" workshop which uses the crash car to highlight the consequences of poor driving decisions and risk taking, also highlighting the dangers of driving rural roads.

#### Referrals:

- Partnership working in the Borders with British Red Cross is continuing to produce steady referral numbers with 20 for this quarter
- Housing association referrals total 93 which includes those received from Homelessness services team and the Domestic Abuse safer housing worker
- Police Scotland referrals have increased substantially from last quarter (5 ) to a total of 26
- Negotiations to improve HFSV referral numbers from social care and health services are on- going at Group Manager and Station Manager level
- The ongoing farm safety Select a DNA joint initiative with Police Scotland has resulted in 19 completed HFSVs this quarter

#### Other Work Completed and In Progress:

The CAT provided a fire safety information stall at the annual Community Councils Network open night held at council headquarters in October. The CAT presence at Farne Salmon Open Day helped to raise awareness of home fire safety and promote new referrals and did likewise at the Waverley Housing Association Tenants open day in Jedburgh on October 15th.

A total of 76 members of the public completed basic emergency life support training on October 16th at one of the eight local stations taking part in the British Heart Foundation initiative and the CAT was fully involved in both the organisation and delivery of the Borders representation of this nationally run campaign.

Work is ongoing with the local operational crews as part of the post-domestic incident response to the Carbon Monoxide incident at Soonhope; all properties on the land with letterboxes have now been leafleted. The CAT and SM Jaffray are planning to liaise with the landowner to carry out future actions including targeted fire safety mail information for property owners and any short-term visitors to the complex.

Safer Communities Team at SBC is currently undergoing a review and both the LALO and CFF Wilson are participating in the progressive stages of this review. Work has been submitted by the LALO and included in the finalised Safer Communities Team Strategic Assessment 2015-2016 document.

The second Farm Fire Safety and Security walk and talk event was completed on October 26th at Whitsome East Newton Farm, Duns. This joint agency event was once again well received with a small increase in number of attendees and support continues to be strong through NFU Scotland and Radio Borders coverage.