



**LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT
SCOTTISH BORDERS**



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Introduction

The priorities contained within the Local Fire & Rescue Plan are clearly aligned to the SFRS Strategic Plan, our Long-term Vision and the Community Planning Structure, which supports the delivery of Community Planning Partnership priorities & activities in the Scottish Borders. The priorities in the Local Fire & Rescue Plan also contribute towards Scottish Government National Outcomes and Performance Management Framework. This report gives information on operational activity within the reporting period and the steps we will take, through our partnership prevention activity, to address any increase or trends identified.

The Scottish Borders is served by thirteen On Call stations (207 staff) & two wholetime stations (114 staff), therefore the vast majority of the Firefighters within the Borders work the On Call duty system. Our On Call firefighters work tirelessly to protect their local & surrounding communities, often balancing responding to emergencies via a pager with their primary employment & family commitments.

An ongoing challenge, across Scotland and MELSB, continues to be attraction, recruitment and retention of On Call staff. This was identified early in LSO Sangster's introduction to the area & was identified as a top priority for Group & Station Commanders. To address these issues, we created a local recruitment team, focusing our efforts where the need is greatest, and this approach allowed us to recruit 2 new staff in the reporting period. Unfortunately, this was balanced with 8 On Call staff who have resigned/retired from the Service, so the impact of this work has been limited over the reporting period.

Last year, we introduced the Bank Hours initiative which allows us to locate On Call volunteers to remote work locations. We have recently completed an evaluation of this initiative which has shown a 13.2% increase in availability for the reporting period. In addition to increasing our On Call availability this has also had the knock-on effect of improving morale which has been demonstrated by the 74,045 additional hours of availability provided over and above their contracted hours. In addition to the commitment of providing appliance availability, one of our local On Call Watch Commanders has recently received the 'Brave@Heart' award for his actions to save life at a RTC whilst he was off duty.

The Borders has the support of three On Call Support Watch Commanders (OCSWC). The purpose of creating these posts across Scotland, 54 in total, was to bring additional resource to support appliance availability, a more locally focused recruitment campaign, support the pre-employment engagement programme, which invites candidates into the station environment for up to 12 weeks prior to their practical selection tests. This helps the candidate to understand the role & the level of commitment required to become an On Call firefighter. Through the introduction of these OCSWC posts we have seen performance improvements against KPI's such as gathering Operational Intelligence, supporting Community Safety events, recruitment campaigns, maintaining appliance availability and assisting in the delivery of training.

LSO Sangster successfully campaigned for the secondment of a Borders Swift Water Rescue instructor to the MELSB local training team to support local and East Service Delivery Area (ESDA) Flood Response training. On top of supporting our 2 dedicated wholetime water rescue stations, this has allowed us to train 5 additional On Call stations up to flood response level bringing our total up to 8. This, couple with our Wildfire stations at Coldstream and Lauder will provide greater resilience against the effects of climate change for the local community. SFRS has now began to implement the Year 1 changes from the Strategic Service Review Programme. The drivers for change behind this review were operational need, the state of our estate, resource budget and workforce planning. The changes implemented will help us realise the £11m financial savings the SFRS need to make this financial year. In addition to the savings required this year we have forecast an additional £14m-£26m saving for 2024/25 and over the duration of the resource spending review (up to 2026/27) we could be faced with having to make savings of £37m-£48m. Year 1 will see the temporary removal of 10 appliances across the SFRS, reduction in our High Reach capability from 25 down to 14 appliances, standardisation of our water rescue response at Polmadie in Glasgow, a review of our corporate services and the closure of the West Service Delivery Area headquarters. Whilst the Scottish Borders has not been directly impacted by these Year 1 changes, we cannot guarantee this for any future changes implemented.

As of 1st July 2023, we stopped attending automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities - unless a fire has been confirmed.

Over the reporting period we have conducted 2 large scale training events, a multi-pump exercise at Jedburgh involving 6 appliances and around 40 fire service personnel. We have also completed cross-border water rescue training with Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service at Kielder reservoir.

Our Community Engagement activities are also making our communities safer and more resilient, this was highlighted at a recent incident in Galashiels where chip pan went on fire within a first floor flat and the occupier of the flat was rescued by the BA team. The alarm was raised by 3 children (2 girls and 1 boy), around P6-P7 age group. On hearing the smoke detector sounding as they passed by the building, they went into the stairwell to investigate, identified the flat where the detector was sounding and tried to alert the occupier. When they got no response, they asked a neighbour to phone the Fire Service. They then waited on the street to meet us on our arrival at scene and without doubt their actions saved the life of the occupant.

Performance Summary

We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 7 key indicators, depicted below

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	30	34	38	28	28	●
All accidental dwelling fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	7	6	6	5	4	●
All deliberate fires	90	83	59	90	59	●
Non domestic fires	27	21	18	20	24	◆
Special Service - RTC casualties	28	3	20	15	17	◆
Special Service - Non RTC casualties	27	11	18	19	20	▲
False Alarm - UFAs	266	242	250	280	173	●

RAG rating - KEY

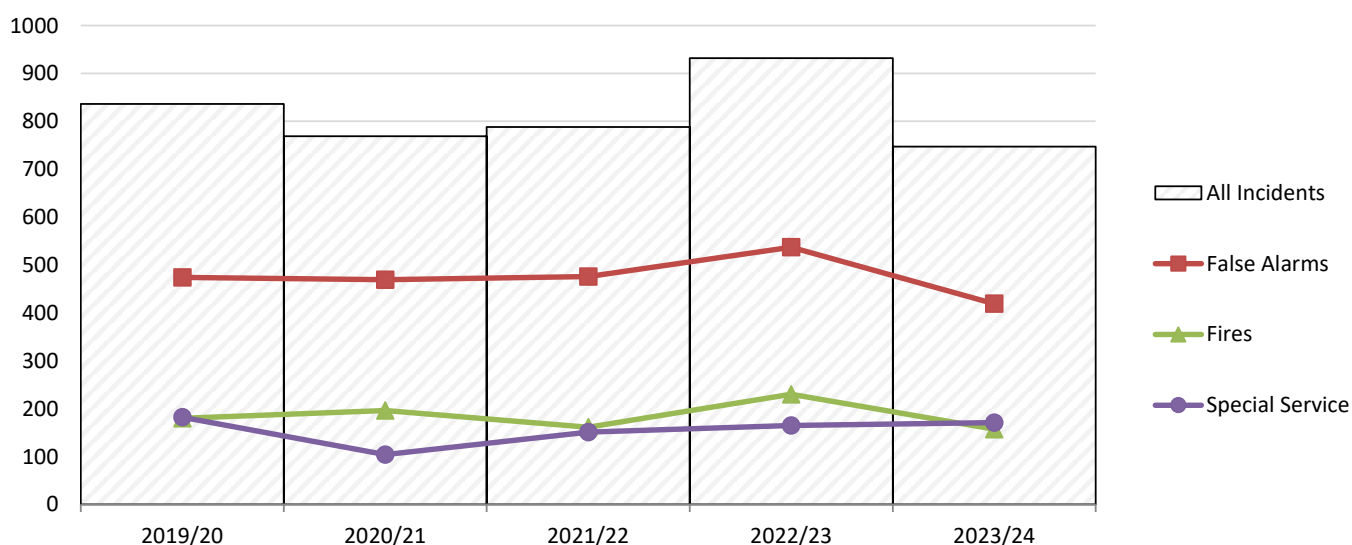
◆	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
▲	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
●	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

Note

Incident Overview

During the period 1st April 2023 to 30th September 2023 SFRS responded to 749 incidents in the Scottish Borders. This included 33 accidental dwelling fires, 98 accidental fires and 172 special service incidents. False alarms accounted for 419 of our emergency calls. The change to our UFAS response has driven down the number of false alarms that crews attend by 21% which has created time and opportunity for more training and community safety initiatives.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Scottish Borders council over the last 5 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities

Local Risk Management and Preparedness

The service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.

We said we would;

- Train our staff to deal with our local risks
- Gather and analyse risk information
- Work with partners to mitigate risk
- Deal with major events

Train our staff to deal with our local risks

Our Operational staff continue to undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training. During 2023/24 all firefighters in the Scottish Borders will participate in the Training for Operational Competence programme. Core skills including pumps, ladders, breathing apparatus, RTC and incident command continue to be practiced and assessed on a monthly basis. This combined with basic training for new recruits working towards red, amber and green assessments means our staff continually refresh skills and learn new techniques. To support On Call stations and Mgmt teams each station has a dedicated training officer and wholetime watches at Galashiels and Hawick are responsible for planning and delivering quarterly exercises for an identified On Call station. In addition to this training we have also complete cross-border water rescue training with Northumberland FRS and a multi-pump exercise at Jedburgh involving 5 On Call appliances and 1 wholetime appliance.

Gather and analyse risk information

Our Operational staff continue to gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence (OI) which is used in our preparations to resolve incidents. At the current time we hold over 250 OI documents on premises within the LSO area. We conduct post incident debriefs using a structured debrief process to identify any lessons that can be learned to enhance our preparedness and response to any incident.

Work with partners to mitigate risks

We continue to be an active member of the Lothian & Borders Local Resilience partnership. We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders to ensure any issues highlighted by operational crews during incidents or HFSV are passed to the appropriate partner agency for joint action with our Community Action Team. We are an active CPP partner working with colleagues on the new Action Plan. We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders to ensure emergency risks are mitigated and that known events are planned and managed in a collaborative approach.

Deal with major events

We continue to be an active member of the emergency planning process, Safety Advisory Group (SAG), during the reporting period we covered 3 major events, the Jim Clark Rally, the UCI cycling event at Glentress and the Tour of Britain cycling event. This work helps to build relationships so that when we respond to emergencies we work in a familiar practiced collaborative manner to ensure the safe effective conclusion of any incident with partners.

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our communities. The reduction of dwelling fires, accidental or deliberate, continues to be a priority for the SFRS in the Scottish Borders. We adopt a targeted approach whilst sharing information with partners in order to drive down the risk of fire within our local communities with an emphasis on those who are particularly vulnerable through age, isolation or addiction.

Results

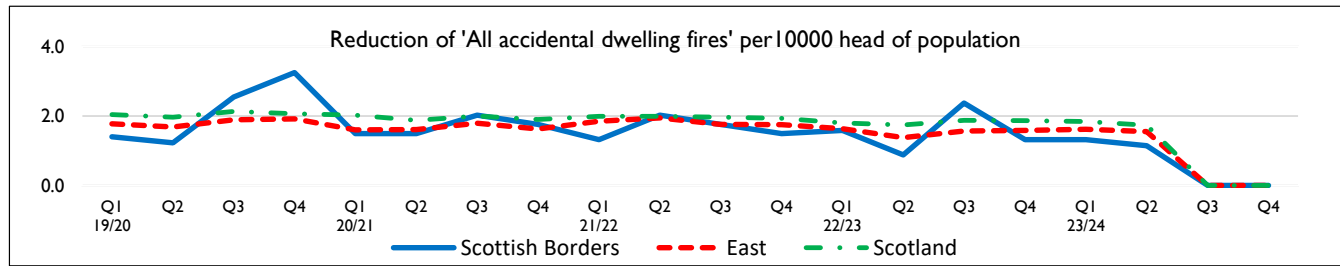
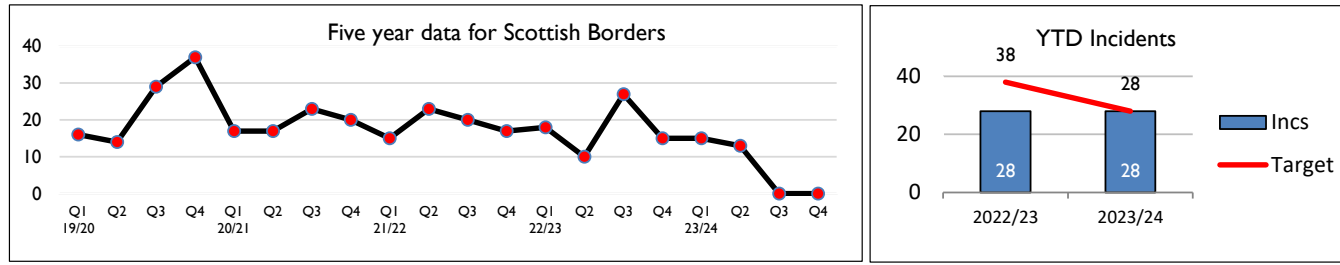
There have been 33 dwelling fires recorded compared to 28 for the same period last year. This is a slight increase and our frontline crews, supported by our Community Action Team continue with a focused approach, providing fire safety advice to the most vulnerable in our community. For the reporting period we have completed 427 HFSV's, 94 of which have been high risk. Partner agencies have also requested 154 Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.

Reasons

Cooking appliances accounted for 11 of these dwelling fires with only 1 due to negligent use of equipment and 5 partitionable to a fault with the equipment. Analysis highlights 14 of these incidents involved adults 18 to 64 years old and 7 in 65+ age group. This proves that our a targeted approach to drive down the risk of fire, with an emphasis on those who are particularly vulnerable through age and isolation is correct.

Actions

SFRS conduct Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following all domestic fires. Evidence proves that the home owner, and surrounding neighbours, are more likely to accept fire safety guidance and advice when an event occurs within their local area. We work closely with partners to identify persons at risk from fire, this often requires cross agency or joint home safety visits organised and completed by our Community Action Teams and partners. Partner agencies have requested 154 Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 3	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	30	34	38	28	28	
Tweeddale West	3	1	2	3	1	
Tweeddale East	2	3	1	3	2	
Galashiels & District	7	14	3	3	5	
Selkirkshire	4	2	6	2	1	
Leaderdale & Melrose	3	1	4	4	3	
Mid Berwickshire	4	0	6	6	3	
East Berwickshire	2	3	5	1	2	
Kelso & District	2	2	5	3	1	
Jedburgh & District	0	3	0	1	0	
Hawick & Denholm	1	1	3	1	3	
Hawick & Hermitage	2	4	3	1	7	

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))'

Fire casualty and fatality rates provide an indication of the amount of serious, life threatening injuries that occur due to fire. This can indicate not only the success of SFRS in reducing the number of life risk fires through community fire safety and similar activities but also their success in operational response activity in saving life.

Results

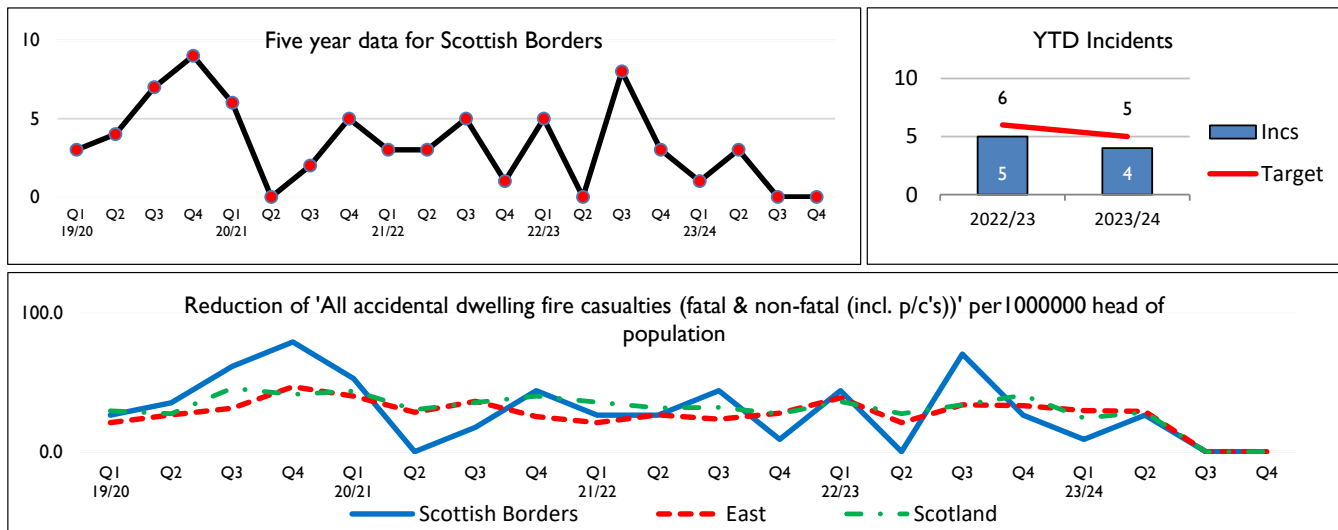
We aim to reduce fire casualties in the Scottish Borders year on year with a SFRS target of reducing fire casualties by 5% per year over a three-year rolling period. There have been 6 casualties in the reporting period to date, this see's an increase of only 1 for the corresponding reporting period last year.

Reasons

In the last 6 months, tragically 1 person lost their life and 1 went to hospital with injuries that appeared slight. 2 people required a precautionary check from Scottish Ambulance Service and 2 received first aid from SFRS staff on scene.

Actions

SFRS carry out seasonal thematic action plans with the purpose of warning and educating the public regarding dangers, risk and safety measures. Where trends or patterns are identified SFRS will work with community partners to mitigate the risk of reoccurrence. Where necessary SFRS offer and provide a one to one service for young fire setters.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 0	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	7	6	6	5	4	
Tweeddale West	0	1	0	0	0	
Tweeddale East	0	0	0	1	0	
Galashiels & District	1	2	1	0	1	
Selkirkshire	2	0	0	0	0	
Leaderdale & Melrose	0	1	1	1	0	
Mid Berwickshire	1	0	0	0	1	
East Berwickshire	0	0	0	1	0	
Kelso & District	1	0	3	1	0	
Jedburgh & District	0	0	0	1	0	
Hawick & Denholm	0	0	0	0	0	
Hawick & Hermitage	2	2	1	0	2	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires'

Reduction of deliberate fire setting continues to be a priority for SFRS in the Scottish Borders. Deliberate fires of this nature typically involve grassland, refuse or derelict buildings. With the impact of Climate Change already being apparent its important we educate people on the risk and environmental impact of grass and wildfire, which is evident across the Country this year. Evidence shows that there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and anti-social behaviour as well as the climate.

Results

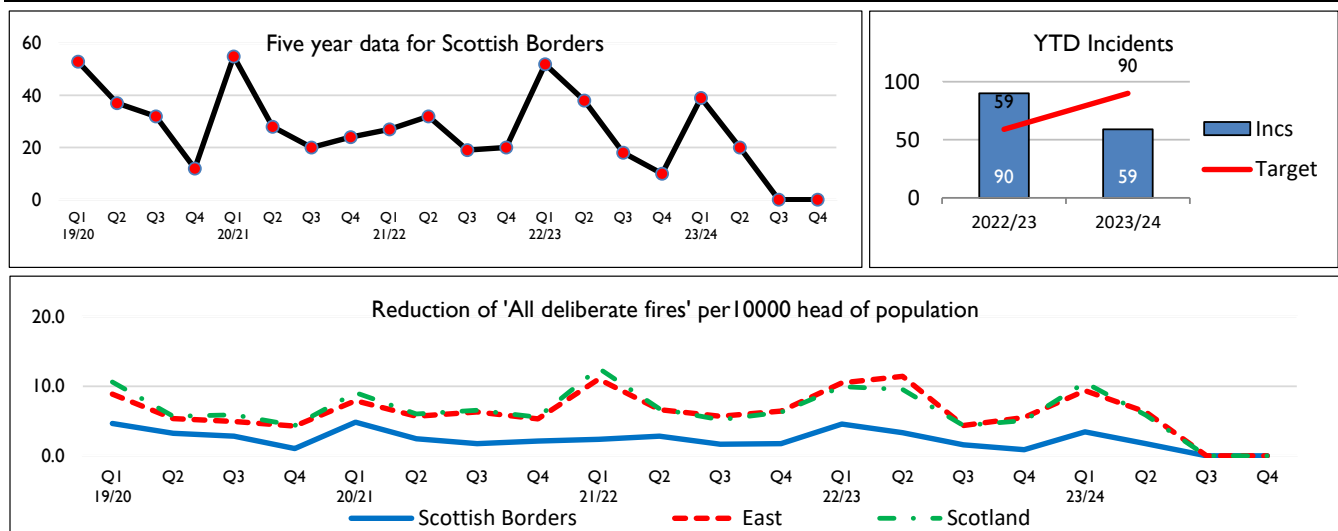
There have been 60 incidents of this nature in the reporting period, an decrease of 30 from last year, this again highlights that our community safety engagement activities are being targeted in the right areas.

Reasons

Of these, 5 have been deliberate dwelling fires, 2 deliberate vehicle fires, 20 grassland fires and 8 refuse fires. There is no evidence to suggest any trends or specific areas of risk. We continue to work with our partners to address the impact of this type of antisocial behaviour.

Actions

During this period, we delivered a Youth Engagement Fireskills course for TDI, Galashiels pupils from Peebles High School attended. This was very successful with positive feedback gained from participants and Teachers from the School. Topics covered included, Water Safety, Fire related anti-social behaviour, CPR and practical skills sessions. We have also delivered Engagament sessions on Wheelie Bin Fires and Derelict Buildings.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 5	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	90	83	59	90	59	
Tweeddale West	7	10	5	11	4	
Tweeddale East	6	8	4	4	0	
Galashiels & District	13	13	3	12	12	
Selkirkshire	3	3	4	7	6	
Leaderdale & Melrose	2	5	2	8	3	
Mid Berwickshire	11	7	8	7	6	
East Berwickshire	9	4	8	12	2	
Kelso & District	6	6	3	1	7	
Jedburgh & District	5	2	7	5	5	
Hawick & Denholm	20	17	8	18	7	
Hawick & Hermitage	8	8	7	5	7	

Reduction of 'Non domestic fires'

In the Borders non domestic fires typically involve agricultural, industrial, educational etc buildings. Evidence shows that there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and anti-social behaviour as well as non domestic fires.

Results

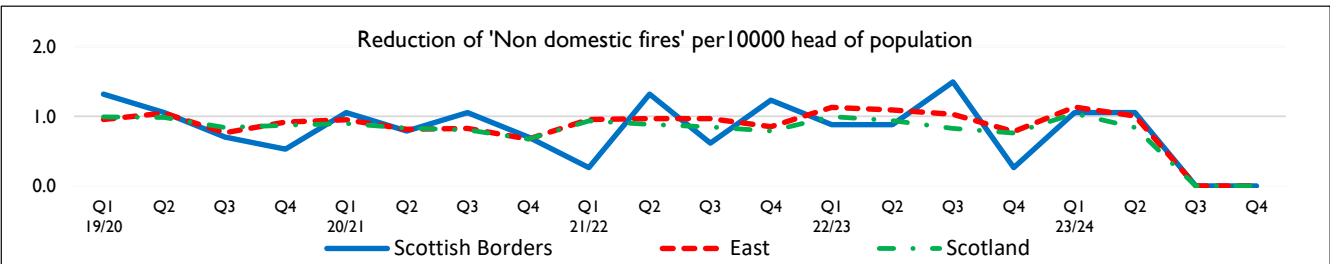
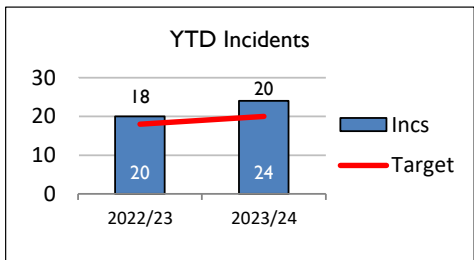
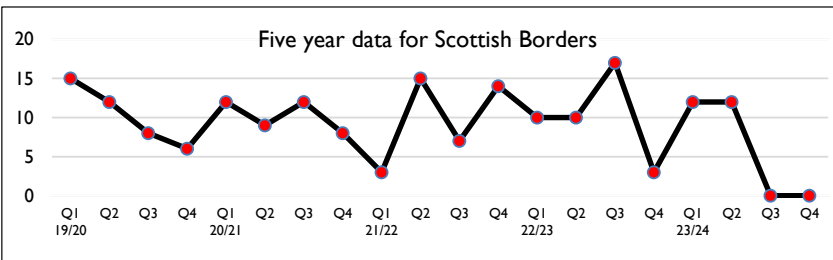
There have been 24 incidents of this nature in the reporting period, a small increase from last year, but average with previous years before Covid and associated lockdowns.

Reasons

The vast majority of these incidents, 19, were accidental with 5 caused by adults. 9 were caused by equipment overheating, 8 were deliberate, 4 were due faulty fuel supplies and 1 was negligent use of equipment.

Actions

SFRS carry out Post Fire Audits of any premises that has a fire that falls under the Fire Scotland Act. Our fire safety protection officers (FSPO) work with duty holders to ensure compliance with all regulations, to educate on their responsibilities and to support businesses growth and continuity.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	27	21	18	20	24	
Tweeddale West	2	3	2	5	2	
Tweeddale East	1	0	1	2	0	
Galashiels & District	2	3	3	1	1	
Selkirkshire	1	2	1	2	1	
Leaderdale & Melrose	4	1	0	1	3	
Mid Berwickshire	4	4	3	0	3	
East Berwickshire	3	1	1	3	6	
Kelso & District	2	4	1	1	3	
Jedburgh & District	5	1	2	2	1	
Hawick & Denholm	3	1	2	2	2	
Hawick & Hermitage	0	1	2	1	2	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTC casualties'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, education and intervention is a key part in our Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) activity as well as an operational response. SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stake holders in order to reduce the amount of RTCs, and therefore casualties, that occur in the Scottish Borders.

Results

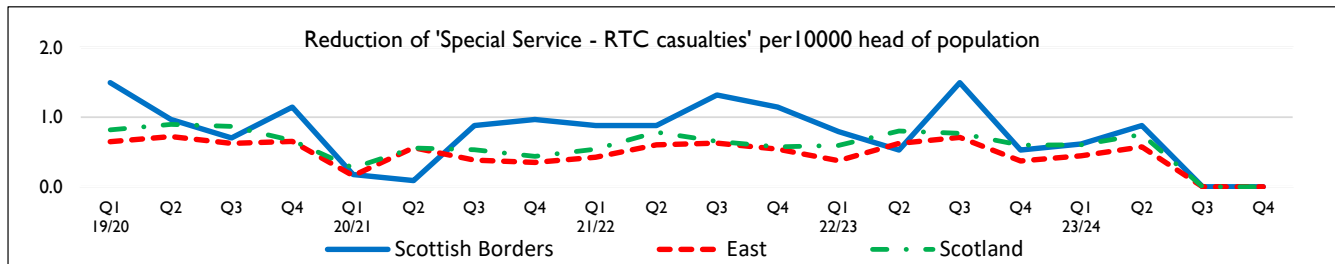
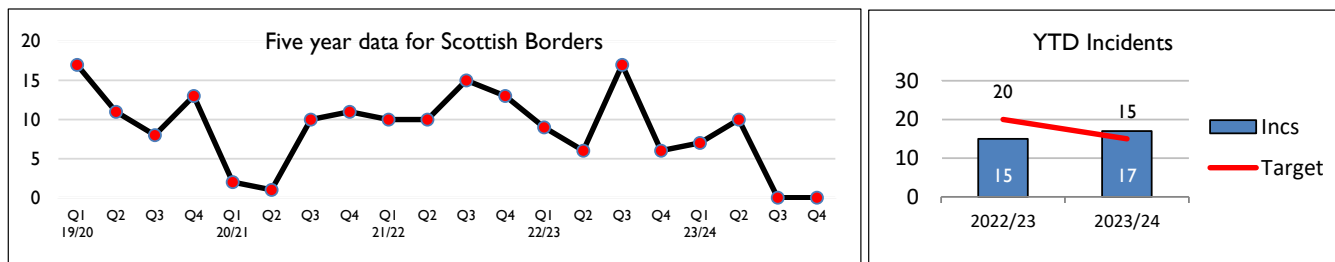
SFRS attended 38 RTC's in the reporting period with the vast majority, 32, involving cars. SFRS took operational action on 7 occasions to rescue casualties. In this period 17 people were injured, fortunately no lives were lost.

Reasons

Police Scotland are responsible for determining the cause of RTC's however, SFRS have a significant role to play in preventing RTC's. SFRS respond to RTC's whenever it is confirmed persons are within the vehicle, regardless if they are trapped or not. This means that although we are mobilised in many instances only limited intervention is required on most occasions.

Actions

CAT members and operational crews participate regularly in partnership initiatives that target high risk groups with the specific aim of highlighting the potential severity and far reaching consequences of RTC's. We have delivered Road Safety talks to Borders College, local youth rugby teams and supported the Borders Motorcycle Group open day at Galashiels Fire Station.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	28	3	20	15	17	
Tweeddale West	2	0	2	1	1	
Tweeddale East	4	0	1	0	2	
Galashiels & District	3	0	0	1	0	
Selkirkshire	0	0	3	0	4	
Leaderdale & Melrose	3	0	6	0	4	
Mid Berwickshire	1	2	0	0	2	
East Berwickshire	4	0	3	4	0	
Kelso & District	5	0	1	2	1	
Jedburgh & District	5	0	2	2	0	
Hawick & Denholm	0	0	1	3	2	
Hawick & Hermitage	1	1	1	2	1	

Reduction of 'Special Service - Non RTC casualties'

The figures within the table pertain to all non-fire and RTC related casualties and represent the diverse nature of incidents SFRS attend in the Scottish Borders other than fire related or UFAS. As the traditional role of the fire and rescue service evolves and expands, SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders in order to reduce the number of casualties from events such as flooding, bariatric and medical emergencies.

Results

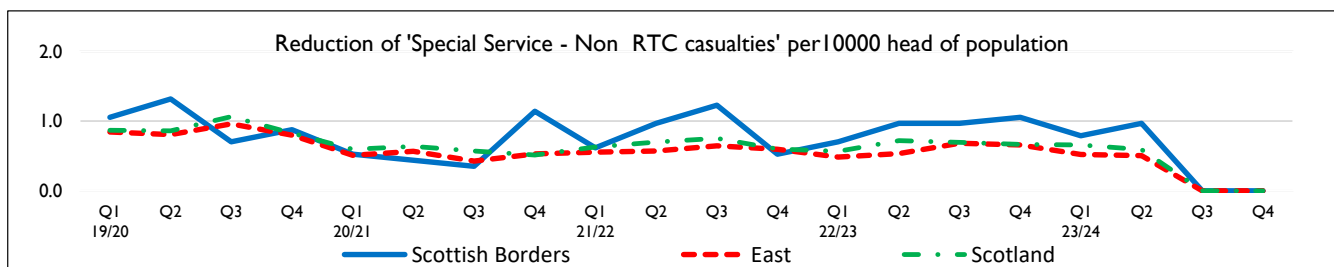
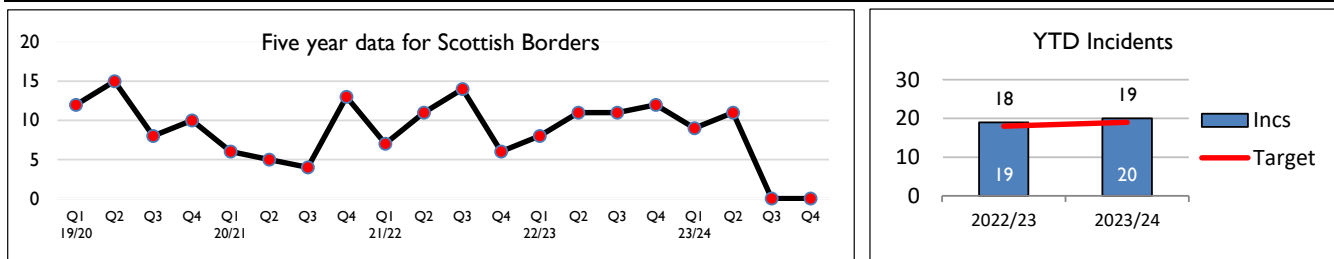
There have been 172 special service incidents during the reporting period, 134 were not RTC related. 57 of these incidents involved SFRS forcing entry for partner agencies, whilst the vast majority of people were treated on scene by SAS we have treated 17 casualties and there have unfortunately been 3 fatalities. We assisted other agencies on 13 occasions and attended 5 medical incidents as closest blue light service.

Reasons

The amount of “non-traditional” incidents SFRS mobilise to has increased markedly over the last few years. These include assisting our colleagues in Police Scotland, and primarily Scottish Ambulance Service, with effecting entry for emergency medical response and persons who have fallen in the home. Traditional special service response incidents include suicide attempt at height (2), flooding (7), hazardous material response (5) and animal resues (10).

Actions

CAT members and operational crews participate regularly in partnership initiatives that target high risk groups with the specific aim of highlighting the potential severity and far reaching consequences of Special Services. We have delivered Water safety advice to over 5000 primary and secondary school pupils and working with TDI Youth Hub, created a water safety video in the run up to the summer holidays. This project fully involved the young people who narrated and provided British Sign Language to be used in the video. This video which was shared to YouTube and received over 2000 views.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 2	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	27	11	18	19	20	
Tweeddale West	3	1	0	3	0	
Tweeddale East	0	1	0	1	0	
Galashiels & District	3	1	1	2	0	
Selkirkshire	3	1	3	3	1	
Leaderdale & Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	
Mid Berwickshire	2	3	1	5	4	
East Berwickshire	2	0	3	0	3	
Kelso & District	3	1	1	2	2	
Jedburgh & District	4	1	3	0	3	
Hawick & Denholm	2	1	1	1	1	
Hawick & Hermitage	5	1	5	2	6	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

The SFRS are committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce UFAs. It takes around 15 minutes for firefighters to investigate, from the appliance leaving the station to the cause of the alarm being identified. This means every year SFRS lose over 64,000 productive hours. To put this in to context, that's the equivalent cost of £3.5 million. This causes significant disruption to our training, fire safety and community safety work but crucially, while firefighters are investigating the cause of the alarm, they cannot attend real emergencies. As of July 1st 2023 SFRS we introduced new procedures and mobilisation to UFAS which will reduce the burden on crews and create capacity for community safety and training opportunities.

Results

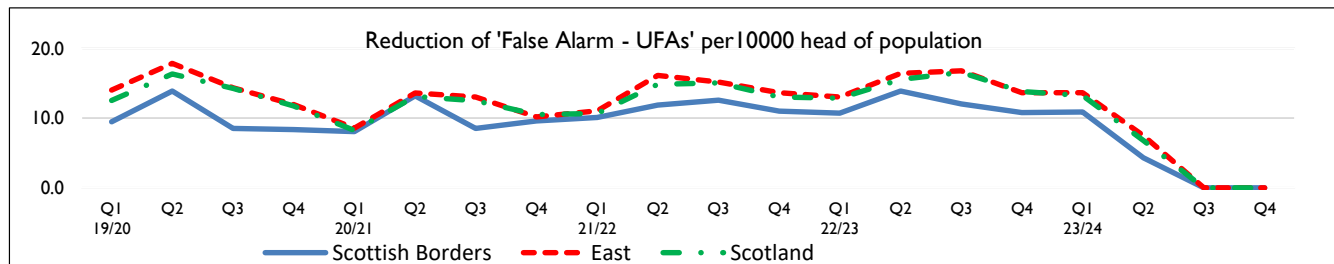
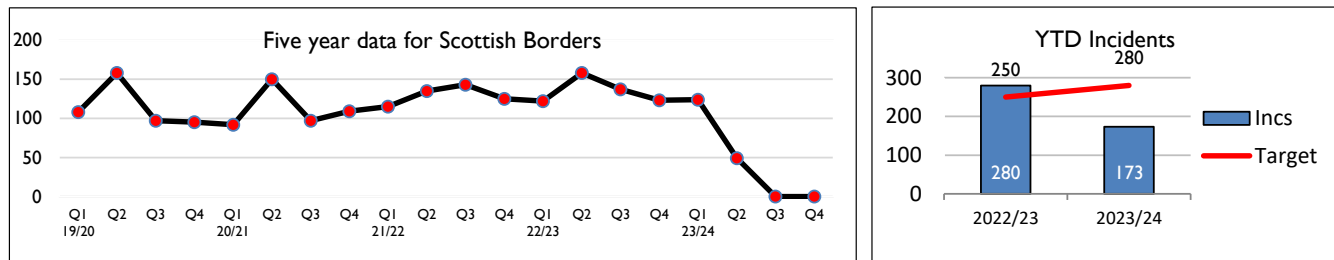
There have been 173 fire calls that were classed as UFAS in the Scottish Borders during the reporting period. This figure breaks down to 124 in Q1 and following the introduction of our new UFAS procedures we attended 49, for the corresponding quarter last year we attended 159. This provides an early indication that the changes to our UFAS procedure are having the desired effect.

Reasons

The number of UFAS incidents at education establishments has dropped from 24 in Q1 down to 3 in Q2. 19 occurred in residential care homes and 13 in medical establishments.

Actions

We continue to proactively monitor UFAS activity and our Fire Safety Protection Officers (FSPO) work closely with identified premises to reduce the instance of these events. This work includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions to prevent future UFAS.



YTD ward ave. for Scottish Borders - 16	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Sparklines
Scottish Borders	266	242	250	280	173	
Tweeddale West	43	36	27	46	30	
Tweeddale East	9	14	10	10	11	
Galashiels & District	30	25	41	47	21	
Selkirkshire	30	24	26	17	15	
Leaderdale & Melrose	37	34	51	46	27	
Mid Berwickshire	17	16	23	10	8	
East Berwickshire	11	17	21	20	8	
Kelso & District	21	32	13	31	22	
Jedburgh & District	16	7	12	10	12	
Hawick & Denholm	23	27	17	12	11	
Hawick & Hermitage	29	10	9	31	8	

Scottish Borders Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarters 1&2: 1st April – 30th September 2023

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is the enforcing authority for the Fire Scotland Act 2005 and Fire Safety Regulations 2006. The act applies to specific non-domestic premises and requires duty holders to comply with relevant aspects of the Act and Regulations. SFRS responsibilities as the enforcing authority are captured within an Enforcement Framework. The Framework identifies and assigns priority to premises type with those premises deemed as higher risk given priority for auditing purposes. Premise providing sleeping accommodation such as hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels receive an annual audit. Other premises that are subject to audit but deemed lower risk will be visited every three or five years. Within Scottish Borders we have two (2) Officers who plan and carry out these duties. The Officers are also available to provide Fire Safety advice, consulting with partners such as Local Authority Building control functions and the wider public with Fire Scotland Act 2005 responsibilities.

SC BORDERS AUDITS 23/24	APRIL- SEPTEMBER	YTD
	83	83

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 to provide fire safety advice and smoke alarms, the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. Requests for HFSVs are generated in several ways, including self-referral (**see page 5**), SFRS partners referring and visits carried out after SFRS have attended a domestic fire incident. This is known as Post Domestic Incident Response (**PDIR**), offering a HFSV to the properties and occupants impacted directly by the fire and the wider neighbourhood area.

When a HFSV is generated, the risk within the property is calculated by asking the occupant a number of specific questions. The outcome will be either, High, Medium or Low risk. This outcome determines priority in relation to carrying out the visit and the frequency for future re-visits. The table below highlights the number of visits carried out in Scottish Borders for this reporting period.

SCOTTISH BORDERS QRTs 1&2	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTALS	YTD
Ward					
East Berwickshire	7	8	4	19	19
Galashiels & District	19	31	22	72	72
Hawick & Denholm	7	22	9	38	38
Hawick & Hermitage	20	53	52	125	125
Jedburgh & District	6	15	9	30	30
Kelso & District	7	14	8	29	29
Leaderdale & Melrose	4	14	9	27	27
Mid Berwickshire	4	13	2	19	19
Selkirkshire	5	10	8	23	23
Tweeddale East	7	10	7	24	24
Tweeddale West	8	11	2	21	21
TOTALS	94	201	132	427	427

Home Fire Safety Referrals

The table below details how HFSVs were generated.

	Q1&2	YTD
Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)	147	
Police	3	
Housing	45	
DAAS	15	
MARAC	1	
NHS	8	
Self-referral	124	
SB Cares	2	
SB Health/Social Care	63	
Other	19	
Total	427	427

Partnership Working/Youth Engagement

During this period, we delivered a Youth Engagement Fireskills course for TD1, Galashiels pupils from Peebles High School attended. This was very successful with positive feedback gained from participants and Teachers from the School. Topics covered included, Water Safety, Fire related anti-social behaviour, CPR and practical skills sessions.

Water Safety presentations were to a number of Schools across the Scottish Borders. This initiative was delivered prior to the Summer School holidays, which resulted in Water Safety advice being imparted to over **5000** primary and secondary school pupils.

The Community Action Team, working with TD1 Youth Hub, created a water safety video in the run up to the summer holidays. This project fully involved the young people who narrated and provided British Sign Language to be used in the video. This video which was shared to YouTube and received over **2000** views.

Fire Safety and Support Education (FSSE) engagement

SFRS regularly engage with Children and Youths to discourage fire-related anti-social behaviour. This is very successful, however, on occasion we have to undertake additional actions and interventions. Our FSSE policy procedure is used to engage with those individuals who demonstrate an unsafe or concerning interest in fire or have been involved in fire-related antisocial behaviour. Such individuals are normally referred to us via Police Scotland. SFRS have trained members of staff, Fire Safety Advisors (FSAs) who carry out one-one discussion(s) with individuals, highlighting the dangers and consequences of such behaviour. Within the report period, SFRS have engaged with **1** Youth.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **14** referrals being processed to Social Services.

Partner agencies have also requested **154** Enhanced Home Fire Safety Visits through Police concern reports or direct requests from social services.

We continue to support partner agencies with Fire risk reduction and referral pathway training.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

Our Local Community Action Team have also been involved with delivery and promotion of the following initiatives during the reporting period;

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- Wheelie Bin Fires
- Derelict Properties
- Fire Related Anti-Social Behaviour
- Holiday Safety
- Outdoor Safety
- Student Safety
- Chimney Fire Safety
- Road Safety

The Local CAT attends various multi-agency forums within Scottish Borders. This includes Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC).

Bonfire Plans.

At the time of completing this report, work is well underway to prepare for Bonfire period. This, as with previous years will be planned and coordinated with other partners including the Local authority and Police Scotland.

The outcome and bonfire associated activity will be detailed in the next reporting period.



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