

REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**REPORT NUMBER – 286-2023****27th September 2023****Report by Area Commander Jason Sharp, Local Senior Officer,
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**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT
1st April TO 30th June 2023****Abstract**

The Report contains performance information relating to the first quarter (April - June) of 2023-2024 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in support of Member scrutiny of local service delivery.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide information for the Committee regarding the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities, outcomes and performance measures detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020–2023, to facilitate local scrutiny.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

Note, scrutinise and question the content of this report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023 was approved by the Community Safety and Public Protection Committee on 16 November 2020. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, twelve headline indicators are utilised as performance measures and form the basis of quarterly monitoring reports.

4.2 The priorities and outcomes contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan reflect 'place' and the contribution of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026.

4.3 In summary the following priorities are detailed within the plan:

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- Priority 1 – Improving Fire Safety in the Home
 - Priority 2 – Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community
 - Priority 3 – Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm
 - Priority 4 – Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
 - Priority 5 – Reducing Deliberate Fires
 - Priority 6 – Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness
- 4.4 Appendix 1 attached to this report provides a detailed breakdown and analysis of all data collected during the reporting period. In addition, further sections are included to provide Members with an overview of a range of community safety engagement events and partnership working. Furthermore, it highlights any notable incidents and events.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 Not applicable.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

7 SUMMARY

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant community safety engagement activities and gives context to the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Dundee area against headline indicators and performance measures.

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QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

Covering the activities and performance in support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023

Quarter One: 2023-24

ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review.

Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be differences in the period totals quoted in our reports after original publication which result from revisions or additions to the data on our systems.

From 2015-16 onwards responsibility for the publication of end-year statistical data transferred from the Scottish Government to the SFRS. This change of responsibility does not change the status of the figures quoted in this and other SFRS reports reported to the Committee.

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INTRODUCTION

This is the quarter one (Q1) monitoring report for 2023/24, covering the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023, namely:

- Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home
- Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community
- Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm
- Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals
- Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires
- Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness













As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Dundee Partnership as set out in the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026.

The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Dundee area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.




The Community Safety and Public Protection Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023 on 16 November 2020. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, 12 headline indicators and targets have been set and form the basis of this quarterly monitoring report.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of 2023/24 Q1 activity and year to date (YTD) performance against headline indicators and annual targets. It aims to provide at a glance, our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

<p>HI 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)</p>  <p>Q1 – 45 Incidents YTD – 45 incidents Annual Target – below 175</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 3 YTD – 3 Annual Target – below 30</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 10 Incidents YTD – 10 Incidents Annual Target – below 37</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – below 2</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>Q1 – 7 Incidents YTD – 7 Incidents Annual Target – below 41</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 1 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 2 YTD – 2 Annual Target – below 19</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q1 – 319 Incidents YTD – 319 Incidents Annual Target – below 1176</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 45 incidents YTD – 45 Incidents Annual Target – below 63</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 222 Incidents YTD – 222 Incidents Annual Target – below 512</p>

Year-to-Date Legend

	Below headline target
	Less than 10% above headline target
	More than 10% above headline target

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following summary should be noted for Q1 2023/24:

Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home

The number of accidental dwelling fires has increased slightly on the same quarter last year but less than the three-year trend. There were no fatal fire casualties in Q1. Non-fatal fire casualties are down on the same quarter last year and the three-year trend. These were mostly cooking related incidents with limited, or no damage and little intervention required by fire fighters.

Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community

Despite being slightly lower than the same quarter last year Q1 fires were above the target, these fires were limited in damage with nine of these no firefighting required. They were spread across different property types and so no trends. zero fatal and non-fatal casualties

Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm

There were seven RTC incidents within the city attended by SFRS in Q1 this is a decrease on same quarter last year. Reporting one fatal casualty following an RTC on Riverside Drive Dundee. There were two non-fatal casualties both of which were removed to hospital but did not require to be extricated from vehicles.

Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals

SFRS attended 319 UFAS incidents in Q1. A detailed list of the top five property types and causation is included on page 15 of this report. SFRS Operational personnel and where required specialist officers continue to educate and advise business owners on UFAS reduction at every opportunity.

Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires

There were 45 deliberate primary fires in Q1, this is an increase on last year's Q1. Car fires and woodland make up more than half with various building types also. The number of deliberate secondary fires in Q1 was 222, this is lower than the same quarter over the past two years, but this exceeds the quarterly target set. Over 30 different categories but mainly bins, grass, scrub, or playparks.

Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness

Firefighters continue to deliver preventative educational information in the domestic, educational and business settings at every opportunity. They also focus on maintaining and enhancing their skills in preparedness for operational incidents through a range of activities including training and information gathering in their local area.

Full details of Q1 activity on page 18 of this report.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

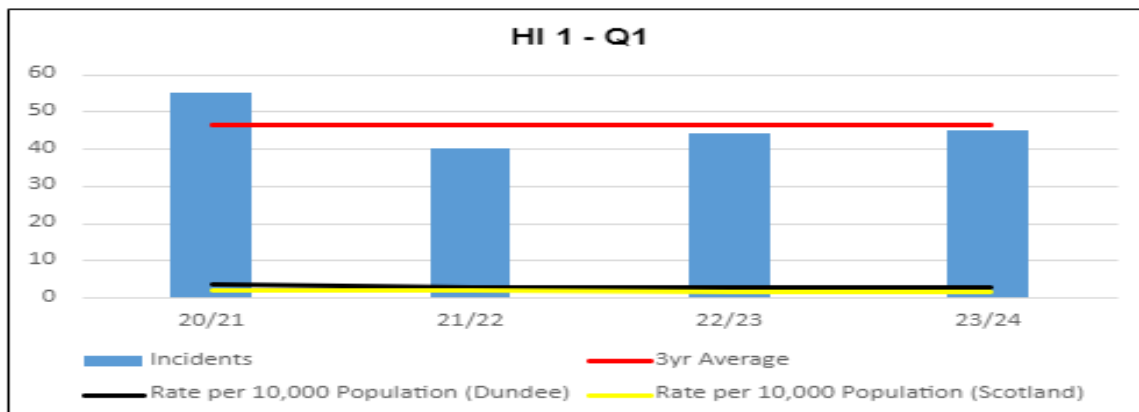


Table 1: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	55	40	44	45	Amber	Below 175

HI 2 - ADF Fatal Casualties & HI 3 - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

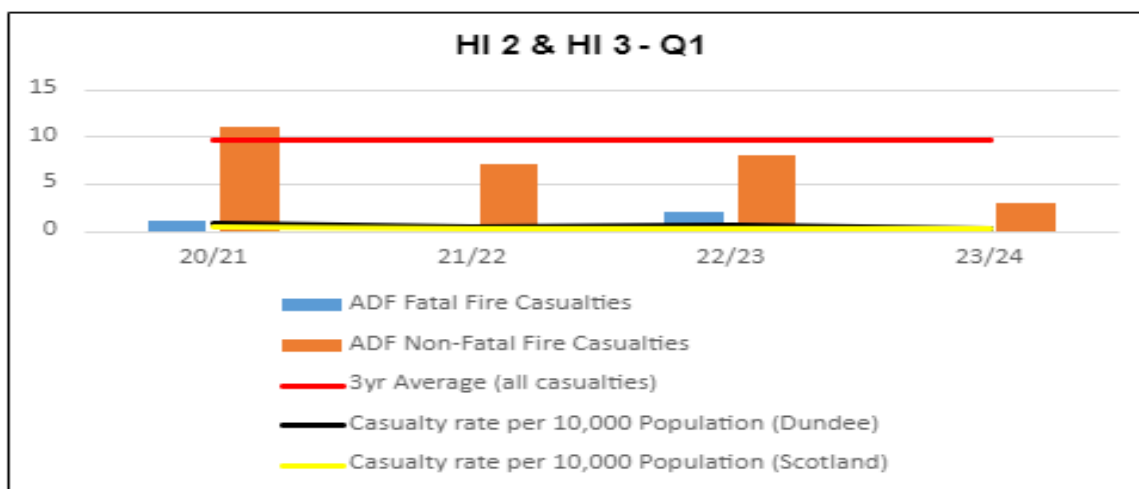


Table 2: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	1	0	2	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	12	8	12	3	Green	Below 30

Indicator Description

The largest single type of primary fire in Dundee is accidental fires in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's by keeping these incidents below 175, during 2023/24

HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator concentrates on members of the community for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is not identified as the cause of death, are not included within these figures.

As a headline target, the optimum aim is to always strive to have zero ADF Fatal Casualties in Dundee City.

HI 3 – ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks.

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home by keeping fire injuries below 30, during 2023/24

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Improving Fire Safety in the Home*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Our people will be better educated and skilled within a city renowned for learning and culture;
- Our children will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included;
- People in Dundee will be able to live independently and access support when they need it;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe.

Performance Management

472 home fire safety visits were completed by CAT and operational firefighters in Q1 with 210 of these in High-Risk properties. These visits were initiated either through operational activity, referrals or a request by the homeowner. CAT will also provide thematic advice to incoming asylum residents to reduce risk.

Fire fighters continue to carry out thematic Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) in the area where incidents occur to provide advice and education on preventative behaviours, 31 PDIR were carried out over Q1. Waste in common areas is now being co-ordinated through CAT and partners to reduce risk.

Dundee CAT have also carried out Home Fire Safety Visits in partnership with Dundee City Council and continued to liaise with Dundee City Council Social Work department and partner agencies in supporting high risk vulnerable people across the City.

PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

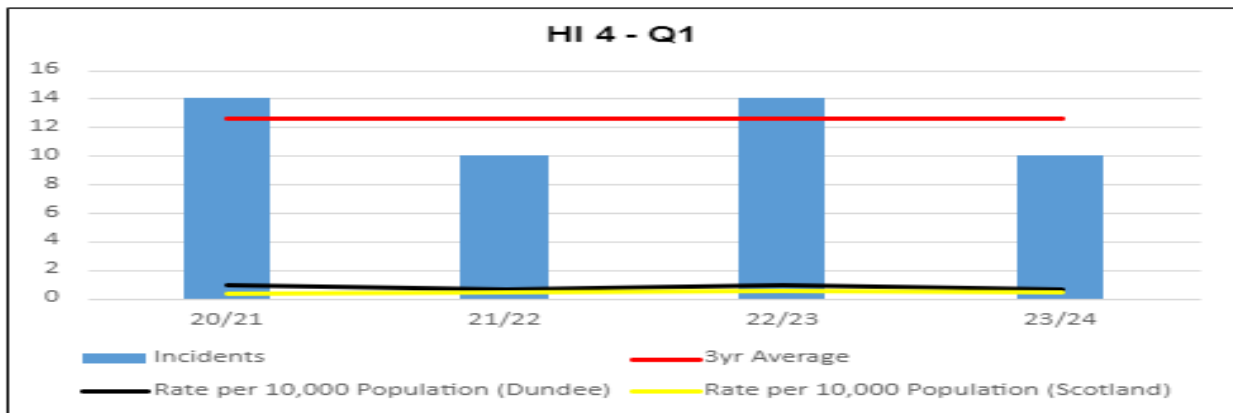


Table 3: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	14	10	14	10	Amber	Below 37

HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings & HI 6 – Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings

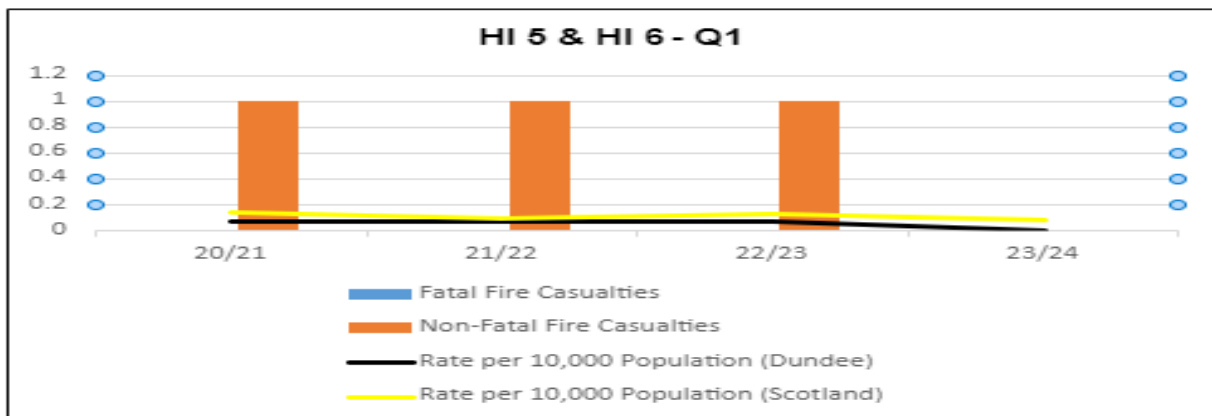


Table 4: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	1	1	0	Green	Below 2

Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets cover the types of non-domestic buildings applicable to Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ('The Act') (e.g. care homes, hotels and hospitals) and is designed to reflect the effectiveness of fire safety management in respect of these types of buildings.

HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of accidental fires in non-domestic buildings (where 'The Act' applies), by keeping these fires below 37 in Dundee during 2023/24

HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have zero Fatal Fire Casualties in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Dundee during 2023/24

HI 6 – Non-fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in non-domestic buildings, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce risk of injury from fire in non-domestic buildings, by keeping fire injuries at one in Dundee during 2023/24

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people;
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Performance Management

During Q1 a total of 61 premises that fall within the scope of the Act were audited. The breakdown of these are as follows: 39 HMOs; 8 hotels; 4 schools; 3 self-catering premises; 3 licensed premises; 1 cinema; 1 engineering workshop; 1 warehouse; 1 large office block/workplace. Of these, 4 were Post Fire Audits to provide support and guidance following an event (self-catering premises, coffee house, office/place of work, warehouse).

No patterns or trends were identified across these premises and support and guidance were given to improve fire safety management in the workplace in relation to the cause of the incident. There were a further 3 short post fire audits carried out at a recycling centre which were investigated due to a reoccurrence of an event, i.e., damaged batteries in recycling process. Ongoing UFAS engagement with partners, local premises & duty holders including management audits to support and educate repeat offenders to reduce unnecessary blue light journeys and also inform and educate ahead of UFAS Time for Change implementation on 1st of July. Work to advise duty holders has also taken place since the implementation of UFAS Time for Change after the 1st of July. Fire Safety Enforcement Officers worked with partner agencies to plan and prepare for BBC Big Weekend which included 4 onsite inspections. In addition to this, other work included 8 high rise inspections; a safety inspection of Tannadice Park; fire engineering consultations; and complaints and concerns as they were submitted to SFRS staff.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

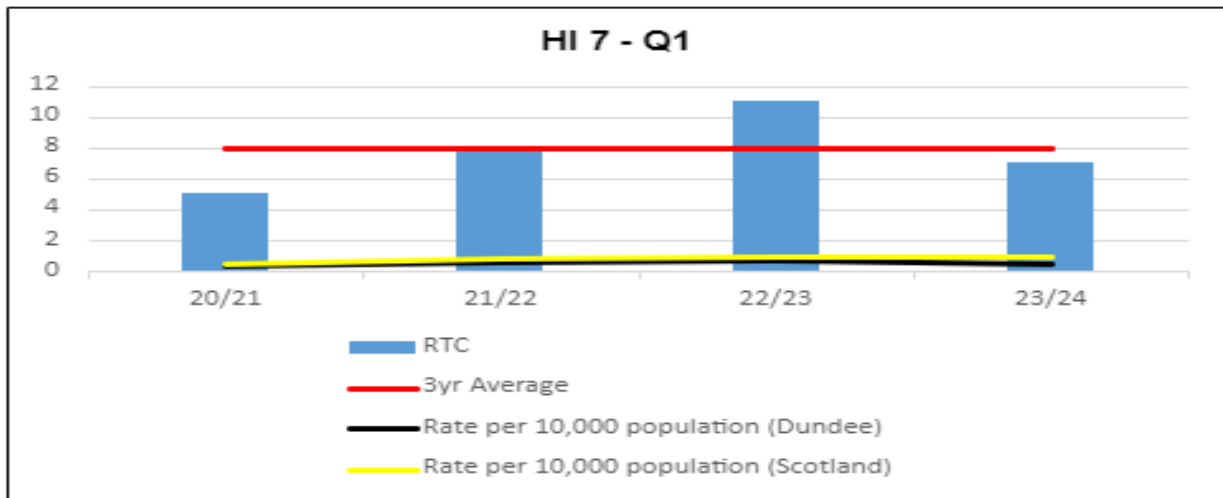


Table 5: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	5	8	11	7	Green	Below 41

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & HI 9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casualties

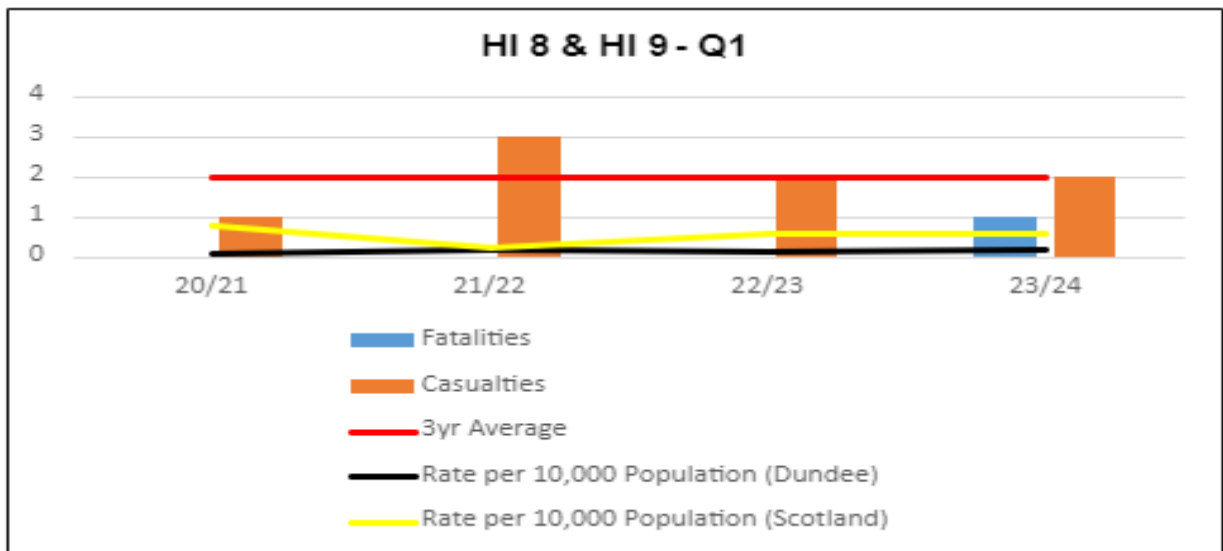


Table 6: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	0	0	0	1	Red	0
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	1	3	2	2	Green	Below 19

Indicator Description

The SFRS has become increasingly involved in more non-fire related prevention work, in support of its role in promoting the wider safety and well-being of its communities, including minimising the impact of unintentional harm. The headline indicators and targets reflect the fact that most of non-fire related casualties attended by the SFRS in Dundee are at RTC Incidents.

HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them below 41 during 2023/24.

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Dundee, by keeping the number of fatal RTC casualties at 0 during 2023/24.

HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Dundee, by keeping non-fatal RTC casualties below 19 during 2023/24.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

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Performance Management

Sadly, there was one fatality following an RTC on Riverside Drive. The other six incidents in Q1 resulted in zero extrications by Fire Fighters his indicates low speed/impact collisions, and this is further evidenced by the relatively low injury numbers with two occupants being removed to hospital following initial care provided by firefighters on scene. There were no trends or areas identified for concern regarding locations of incidents.

Dundee CAT and operational crews are actively looking to support Police Scotland colleagues in the delivery of a new Road Safety Educational initiative. Road Traffic collision awareness was delivered as part of the Dundee Schools competition with participants taking part in scenario-based training and competition on the final day. This educational initiative is being expanded for this year offering places to all secondary schools in Dundee.

Preliminary discussions around the reintroduction of "Safe Taysiders" have begun with an indicative date of May 2024 for P7 pupils from across Dundee.

Firefighters continue to regularly train with RTC equipment and where possible involve partners from SAS to share knowledge of capabilities and interoperability experience.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

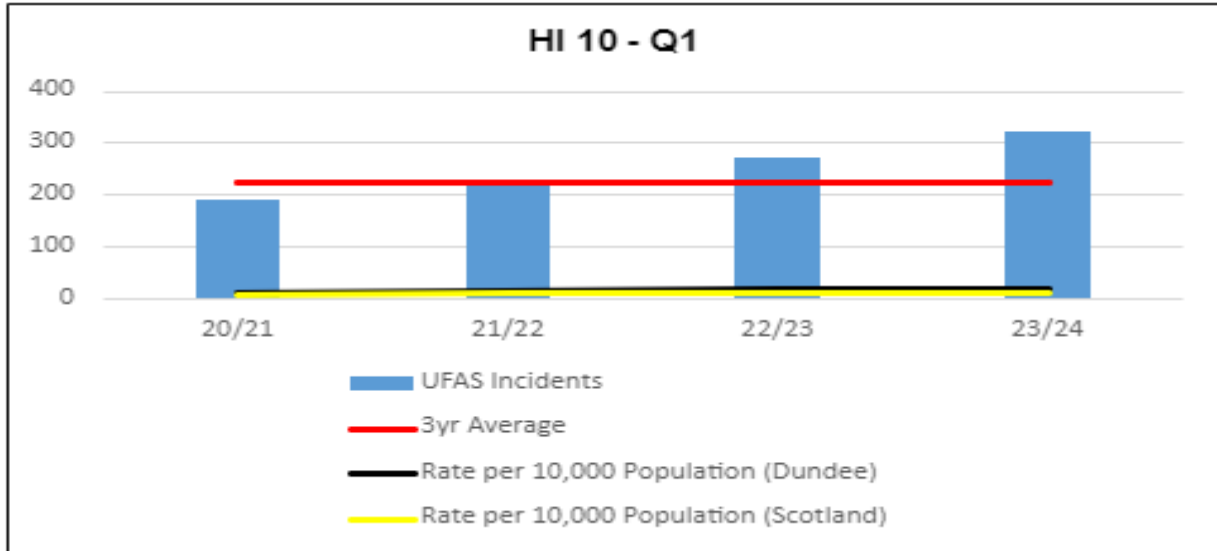


Table 7: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	188	215	272	319	Amber	Below 1176

Indicator Description

Automatic Fire Alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

As a headline target, the aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings to less than 1176 during 2023/24.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

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Performance Management

In Q1, SFRS were called out to 319 UFAS incidents in the city of Dundee. This is a decrease on the last quarter with the total number slightly exceeding the target set. Given the UFAS reduction strategy now being implemented we expect to see a drop in these numbers for Q2. Meaning less blue light journeys, increased appliance availability for incidents and less disruption to training and community safety events.

The table below lists the top five property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during Q1.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Hospitals/Medical Care	69
Education – Student Halls of Residence	30
Education – Secondary Schools	24
Education – Primary Schools	16
Residential – Nurses Doctors accommodation	15

These incidents mainly occur around mealtimes with the cause trend being either faulty equipment, cooking or testing without following correct procedures. Operational crews continue to advise and educate dutyholders at every incident to prevent these types of unnecessary mobilisations.

Ongoing UFAS engagement with partners, local premises & dutyholders including management audits to support and educate repeat offenders to reduce unnecessary blue light journeys and also inform and educate ahead of UFAS Time for Change implementation on 1st of July. Work to advise dutyholders has also taken place since the implementation of UFAS Time for Change after the 1st of July.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

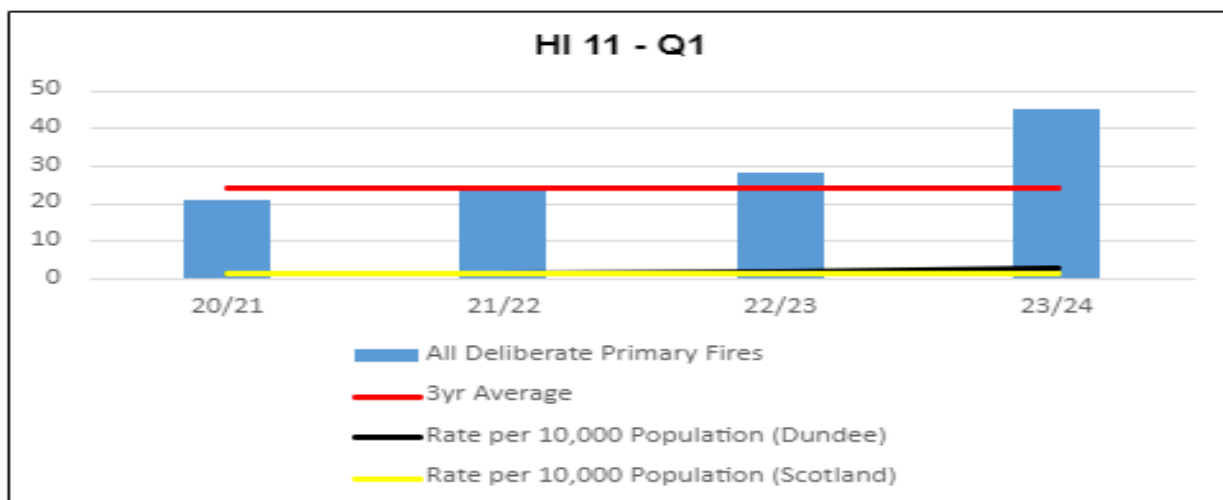


Table 8: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	21	24	28	45	Red	Below 63

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

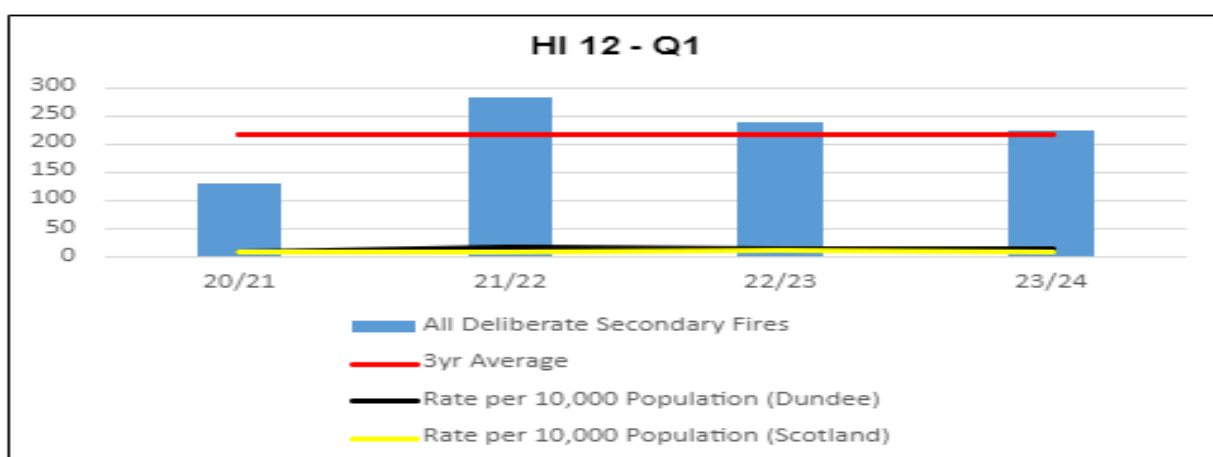


Table 9: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	129	282	237	222	Red	Below 512

Indicator Description

These headline and indicator targets account for all types of fire that are believed to have been started intentionally and are categorised as Deliberate Primary Fires and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the following types:

- Fires in the home
- Fires in non-domestic buildings
- Fires in motor vehicles

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate primary fires in Dundee by keeping these fires below 63 during 2023/24.

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires and include fires in derelict buildings, but not chimney fires. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Dundee by keeping these fires below 512 during 2023/24.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

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Performance Management

Dundee CAT and operational crews have continued to work with internal and external partners both proactively and in a reactive way to drive down incidents of this type. Areas where repeat incidents occurred were targeted by carrying out Environmental Visual Audits, leaflet drops and community engagement within the areas concerned.

Community Safety Advocates have continued working with groups of pupils from Craigie high with Fire Skills courses at Braeview and Harris Academy. Cost of living specific fire safety advice has been delivered as part of a joint approach recognising the possibility of increased risk through non-conventional heating and cooking methods.

Work experience opportunities across several different groups including St Pauls Academy, Stirling University and NHS Tayside.

The Dundee Schools Competition Final was held at Blackness Community Fire Station. The aim of this initiative is to reduce deliberate set fires and fire related anti-social behaviour with one of the aims to rebuild the relationship between schools and local community fire stations following the gap in engagement activities. This initiative is being offered to all high schools in Dundee for 2023/2024

PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Description

Risk Management and operational preparedness is a key area of work for the SFRS. In Dundee, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Dundee and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being equipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people
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Activity

Training

During Q1 2023/24, we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

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| • Breathing Apparatus | • Marine Firefighting |
| • RTC Extrication | • Organisational security |
| • Response Driving | • Casualty Care |
| • High Rise Exercise | • Training with coastguard |

Home Fire Safety Visits

Fire Fighters completed 472 visits in the quarter with 210 delivered to High-Risk properties. Fire fighters also delivered community safety advice following any domestic fire to properties in and around the area of the incident.

Gathering and updating operational intelligence

Crews have completed visits across the city to update or gather new information on emerging risks. This ensures Firefighters have relevant information on risks at the point of service delivery and allows firefighters the opportunity to visit properties for familiarisation of property layout, water supplies etc.

Community Safety Events

The Dundee Schools competition was supported by crews from stations and watches from across the city.

Enhanced Flood Response Capability at Balmossie

Crews at Balmossie have acquired Level 2 competency for Flood Response events.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT AND NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

Red Plaque Event at Blackness Community Fire Station

This event took place on the 13th of April to commemorate the lives of two firefighters who tragically died in the line of duty at separate incidents in 1962. Attended by approximately 100 people. Representatives from FBU, SFRS senior management, the Lord Provost, elected members, serving and retired Firefighters and Family members.



Dundee Schools Competition

The main focus in May was the Dundee School Competition with the final day being held on the 12th at Blackness Road Community Fire Station all feedback has been positive and the Evaluation report is to be started next week.

This CAT led initiative was supported by Fire Crews from across the city's community fire stations.

The aim of the project was Our main aims are to rebuild, maintain and improve relationships between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and local Schools within Dundee and reduce Fire-related ASB which will lead to an improved service delivery and create capacity for operational crews. For the YP themselves it's about building confidence, discipline, responsibility, a sense of achievement and: a pride in themselves, their School, community and City.

These aims are also to ensure that we as an organisation through our Corporate Parenting plan aim to involve as many Care Experienced People (CEP) as possible in our engagement with Communities.



This fantastic initiative is being extended and will be offered to all High Schools in Dundee for the 2023/2024 year.

Pride Event Slessor Gardens Dundee

Crews from Red Watch Blackness Road attended the Dundee Pride event, Slessor Gardens and engaged with participants.



APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE INCIDENTS AND TRAINING EVENTS

High Rise Exercise

Blue Watch Blackness and McAlpine road completed a High-Rise exercise, covering all aspects of High-rise procedures which included practical door entry. Dundee City Council Projects team were in attendance to gain knowledge and understanding.



Partnership working and Joint situational awareness with Dundee Coastguard

Green watch Blackness held an initial equipment knowledge input session with Dundee Coastguard in preparation for a future joint exercise. This session gave firefighters and Coastguard partners valuable insight into capabilities and methods of rescue across both organisations.



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