

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT
1st July TO 30th September 2022**

Abstract

The Report contains performance information relating to the second quarter (July - September) of 2022-2023 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 16th 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:

- 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.

4.5 Appendix 2 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 Two: 2022-23

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 two (Q2) monitoring report for 2022/23, 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 2022/23 Q2 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>Q2 – 35 Incidents YTD – 79 incidents Annual Target – below 175</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 2 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 1 YTD – 7 Annual Target – below 30</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 8 Incidents YTD – 22 Incidents Annual Target – below 37</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 1</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>Q2 – 16 Incidents YTD – 27 Incidents Annual Target – below 41</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q2 - 6 YTD - 8 Annual Target – below 19</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q2 – 358 Incidents YTD – 630 Incidents Annual Target – below 1176</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 47 incidents YTD - 75 Incidents Annual Target – below 63</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q2 – 209 Incidents YTD - 445 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 performance should be noted for Q2 2022/23:

- The number of Accidental Dwelling Fire's (ADF's) have reduced by 20% from the previous quarter and is also a reduction from the same quarter last year. The YTD figure is currently showing green and meeting target.
- There were no ADF Fatal Casualties encountered during this quarter, which has been an encouraging change from a recent trend of fatal fire casualties. The zero target for fire deaths has not been achieved for this year however, and is therefore showing red. The number of non-fatal ADF casualties has decreased by 3 from the previous quarter, and a decrease of 6 from the same period last year. This headline indicator is therefore currently showing green.
- The number of Non-Domestic Building Fires has decreased by 28% from the same period last year with the YTD figure currently sitting at 22, however is currently showing red against meeting the annual target set.
- There were zero Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings and Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings encountered during this quarter. The overall figures highlight a reduction over the longer term, and are both showing green for meeting the headline target.
- The number of Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents for Q2 has increased from the same quarter last year by 1. The YTD figure however is sitting above the headline target and is therefore showing red.
- There were no RTC Fatal Casualties encountered during Q2. The number of RTC Non-Fatal casualties rescued during this quarter is higher than the previous quarter, however is currently meeting the YTD target.
- The YTD figure of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings has seen an increase of 19% from the same period last year. The YTD figure however is 7% above the target for this period, and is therefore showing amber.
- The number of Deliberate Primary Fires YTD has seen an increase against the same period for last year. This performance indicator is currently showing red due to exceeding the headline target set for this quarter.
- The number of Deliberate Secondary Fires attended during Q2 has increased from the same period last year, however is a reduction of 11% from the previous quarter. YTD figures have exceeded the headline target set and this is therefore showing red. The continued and significant efforts to proactively address deliberate fire setting throughout Dundee City is benefited through a targeted, multi-agency approach.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

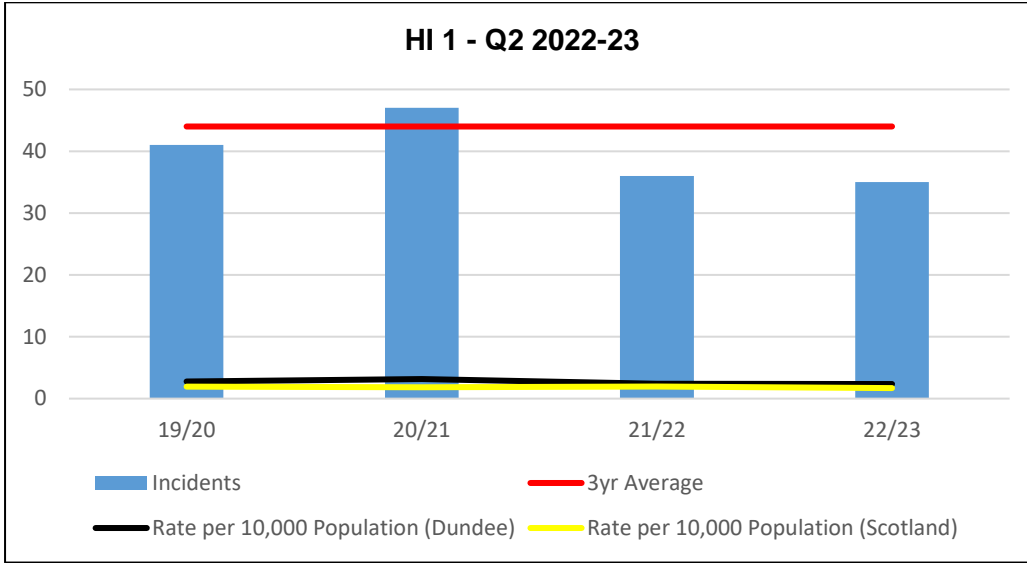


Table 1: Year to Date (April - Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	91	102	76	79	Green	Below 175

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

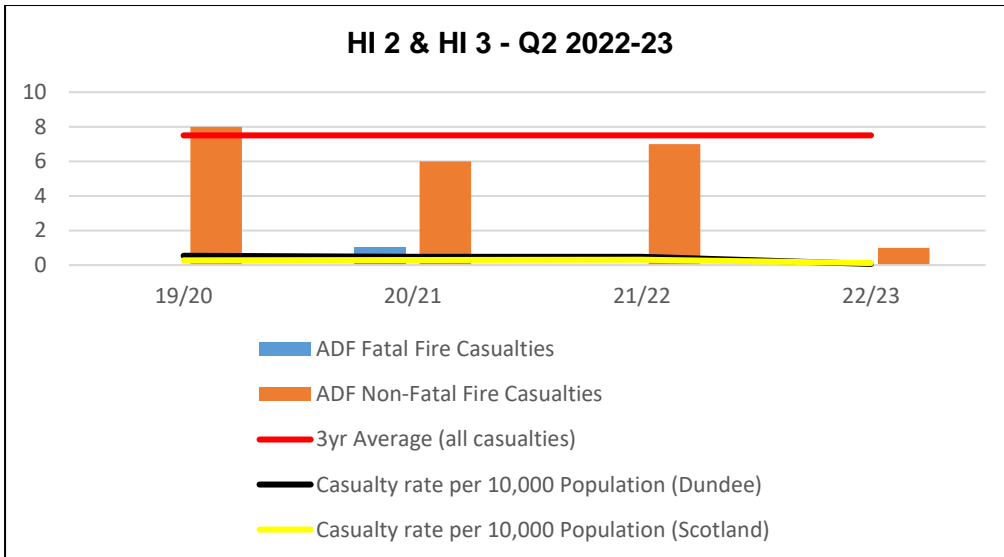


Table 2: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	2	0	2	Red	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	14	17	14	7	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 2022/23.

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 2022/23.

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

There were 35 ADF's reported during Q2, which has decreased by 20% from the previous quarter. The total number of ADF's for the YTD 2022/23 is 79, which is also 20% lower when compared with the 3-year average for YTD figures. We are currently showing green for achieving the HI 1 annual target. There were no ADF Fatal Casualty during Q2, which is a reduction from the previous quarter. There was 1 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during Q2, which is a decrease of 86% from the same quarter last year and this number continues to reduce over the longer term.

The community safety engagement section of Appendix One details a range of community safety engagement programmes conducted during Q2, in support of achieving the targets. This included completing 448 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV), of which 192 were targeted at high risk individuals and 179 targeted at medium risk individuals.

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

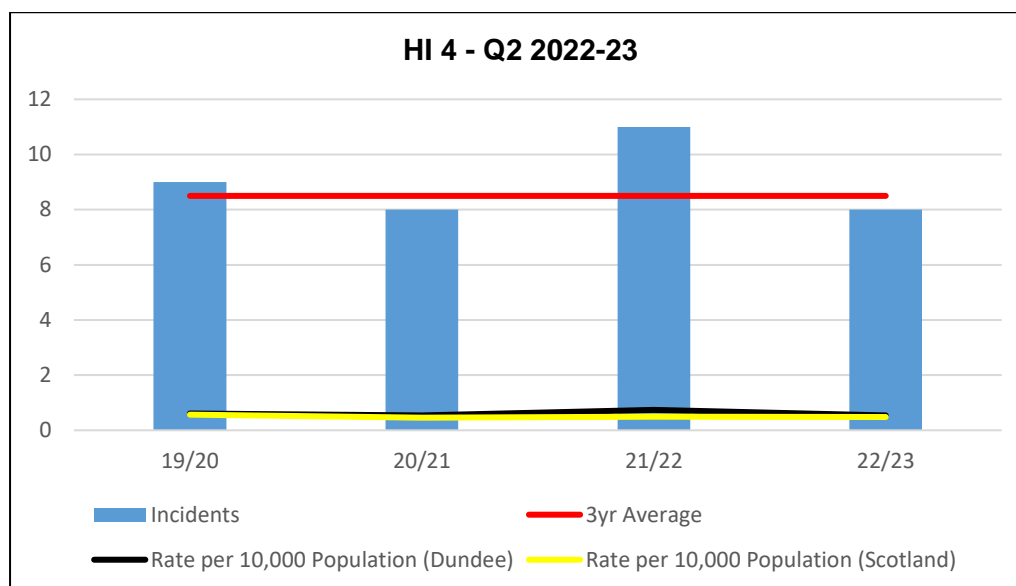


Table 3: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	20	22	21	22	Red	Below 37

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

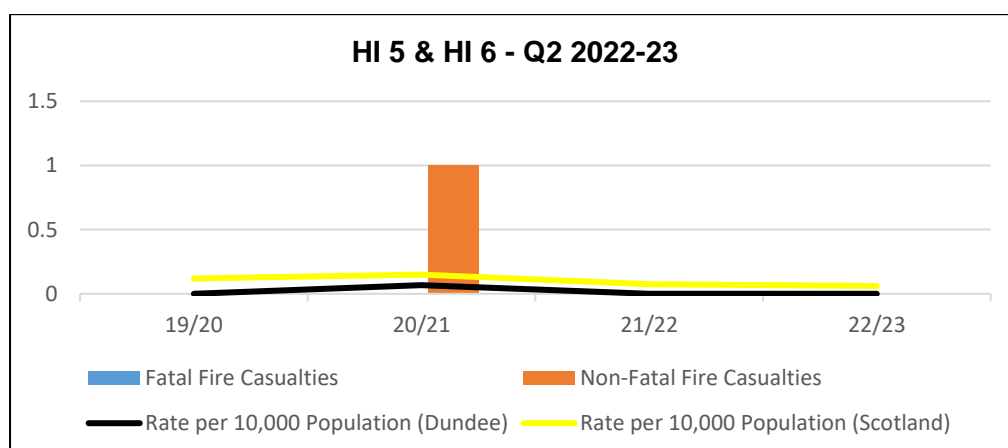


Table 4: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	1	1	Green	1

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 2022/23.

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 2022/23.

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 2022/23.

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;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe;
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Performance Management

There were 8 incidents in non-domestic buildings during Q2, the majority were relatively minor in nature involving minimum firefighting intervention. This figure has reduced by 3 from the same quarter last year. The total number of fires for the year to date of 2022/23 stands at 22, and is currently showing red for achieving the HI 4 annual target for the year.

There were zero Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties during Q2. We are therefore showing green for achieving the HI 5 annual target.

There were zero Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during Q2, HI 6 headline annual target is therefore showing green.

Our dedicated Fire Safety Enforcement Officers continue to audit relevant premises that fall within the scope of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 to ensure compliance with their statutory responsibilities. The target set for the year is 366 fire safety audits. A total of 88 premises were inspected during Q2.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

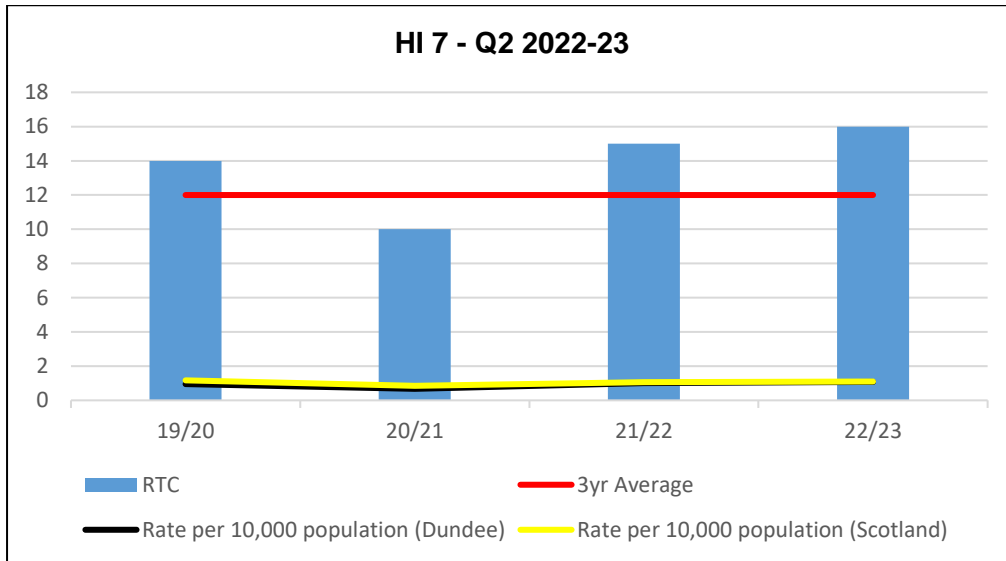


Table 5: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	15	23	23	27	Red	Below 41

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

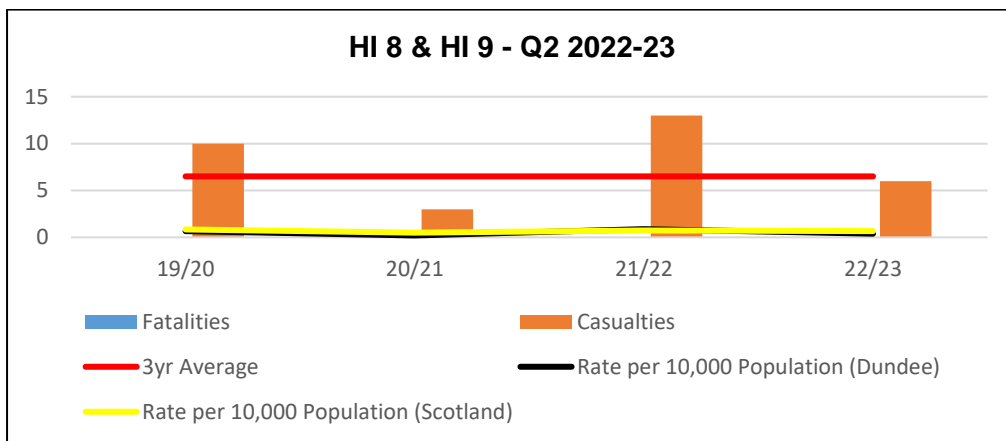


Table 6: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	12	4	16	8	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 44 during 2022/23.

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 2022/23.

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 2022/23.

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:

- 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

SFRS attended 16 RTC Incidents during Q2. This is an increase of 1 from the same quarter last year. This figure is a similar trend identified against the 3-year average for the same quarter. At 2 of these incidents, firefighters attended to extricate occupants trapped within the vehicles involved, and assist other emergency services on scene. This indicator is therefore currently showing green against the YTD figure and the headline target set.

Of the RTC Incidents we attended during Q2, zero fatal casualties were encountered. The total number of Fatal RTC Casualties for the year to date stands at zero so we are showing green for the HI 8 annual target. There were 6 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during this quarter, which is higher than the previous quarter. YTD figure is currently on track however and is therefore showing green against the headline target.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

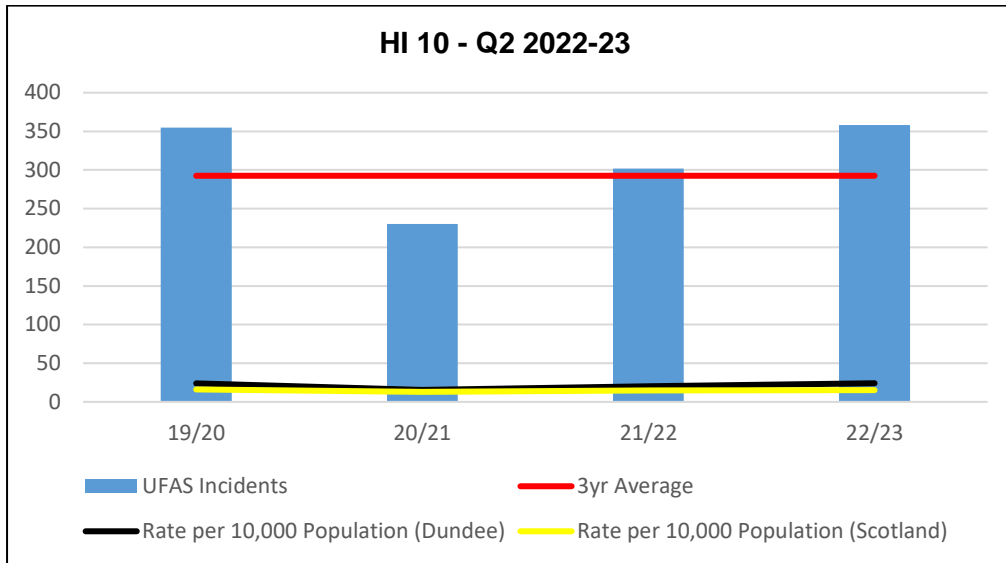


Table 7: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	615	418	517	630	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 2022/23.

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:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people;
- 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;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe.

Performance Management

During Q2, we were called out to 358 UFAS. This is 19% higher than the same quarter last year. YTD, the total number of UFAS stands at 630 and is showing amber for achieving the HI 10 annual target.

The table below lists the top five property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during Q2.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Hospitals/Medical Care	78
Education – Student Halls of Residence	24
Education – Primary Schools	24
Residential –Care Homes	22
Education – Universities	19

Our operational crews continued to investigate the cause of every UFAS event and engaged with the duty holder when in attendance at these call-outs. Every UFAS call-out was utilised as an opportunity to educate the duty holder about the impact UFAS has on their businesses and the Service as a whole. UFAS incidents create a significant number of unnecessary blue-light journeys, placing our firefighters and communities at risk, and tying up resources that may be needed at a real emergency elsewhere. To reduce the impact of UFAS, we have introduced a process, that will ensure our weight and speed of response to UFAS incidents is based on risk.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

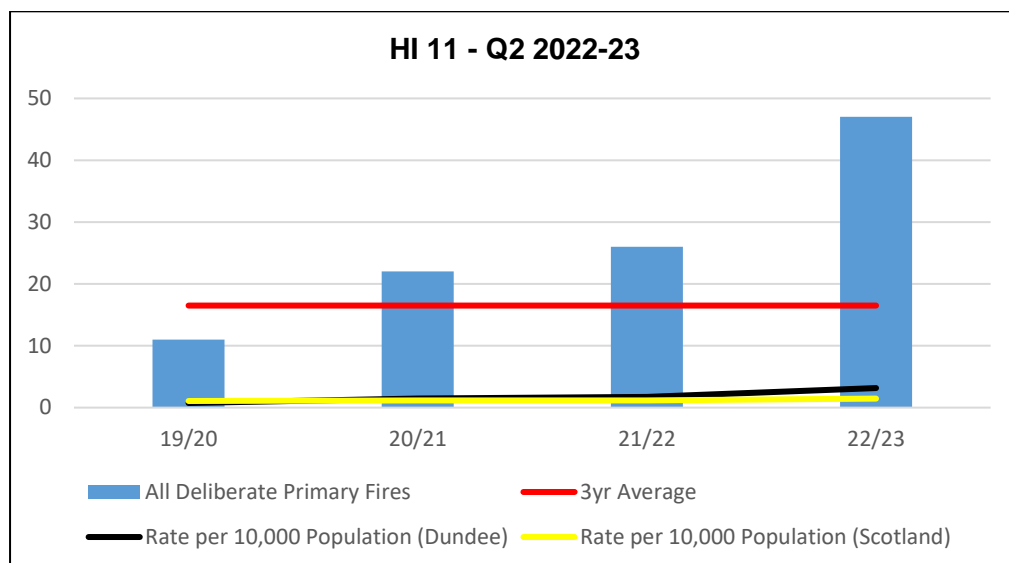


Table 8: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	29	43	50	75	Red	Below 63

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

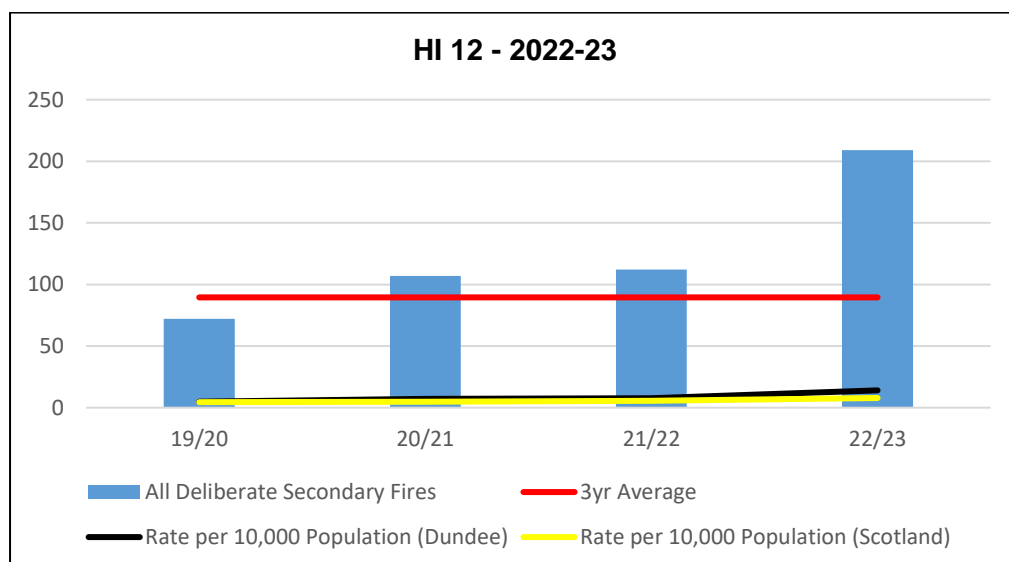


Table 9: Year to Date (April to Sept) Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	220	236	394	445	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 2022/23.

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 2022/23.

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:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people;
- Our children will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe;
- Our people will live in strong, popular and attractive communities.

Performance Management

There were 47 deliberate primary fires reported during Q2, which is a decrease against the same period for last year. These incidents included several vehicle fires and a mixture of non-residential and dwelling fires in Dundee. Prevention work is ongoing to address deliberate fire setting, and due to the annual low target set for the annual year the current total is therefore showing red for achieving the HI 11 annual target of below 60. There were 112 deliberate secondary fires reported during Q2, which is a similar trend against the three-year average for that quarter, and as a result we are showing red for achieving the HI 12 annual target.

Intelligence relating to deliberate fires is shared with our partners during multi-agency tasking and co-ordinating meetings and is also discussed at the fire related anti-social behaviour group. Innovative partnership working opportunities have resulted in a very pleasing downward trend in deliberate secondary fires and the associated anti-social behaviour that is often attributed to these types of incidents.

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.

What we aim to Achieve

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
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe
- Our people will live in strong, popular and attractive communities

Activity

During Q2 2022, we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Extrication Techniques (RTC) | • Road Traffic Collisions |
| • Breathing Apparatus | • Tactical Ventilation |
| • Casualty Care | • Water Awareness |
| • Pumps and Ladders | • Building Construction |

Firefighters continue to conduct Operational Intelligence visits to sites within their station area to ensure they are familiar with the associated risks and hazards and, if required, can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. They also continue to conduct Home Fire Safety Visits, to ensure that all High-Risk properties were visited and telephone contact made with all Medium and Low Risk properties.

We are maintaining our staff re-integration programme for day staff ensuring our ability to provide operational resilience should we suffer staff shortages similar to those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Having now entered the recovery phase following COVID-19 the SFRS has recommenced delivering specialist courses in addition to Trainee courses.

Incident Command, Breathing Apparatus & Compartment Fire Behaviour Training courses continue to be delivered ensuring personnel can meet the needs of our communities. Our Trainee Firefighter yearly assessments are also continuing to ensure that they are developing their skills in line with their 3-year Modern Apprenticeship.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

Summer Thematic Action Plan

As part of the summer thematic action plan the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) have set objectives to reduce fire related anti-social behaviour, fires in derelict and unoccupied buildings, reduce outdoor fires and to provide water safety advice.

Dundee Community Action Team (CAT) have been proactive in engaging with members of the community to reduce the number of deliberately set fires within Dundee with leaflets drops having been undertaken within the North East, East End, Maryfield, Coldside, Lochee, Strathmartine areas. Our Partnership approach to reducing such fires has been through youth engagement where the team have worked with Police Scotland and Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team engaging with identified young people who have been involved in deliberate fire setting which has allowed the SFRS to focus on the dangers and consequences of this type of behaviour.

Members of the team have been working with Dundee City Council Children and Family Services liaising with teaching staff and providing support in relation to fire alarm activations.

The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) has also worked in partnership with Police Scotland Preventions, Interventions and Partnership Team in Dundee, Dundee City Council Community Safety Wardens, Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Council and Dundee City Council Building Standards to establish a working group who will look at derelict/vacant buildings and engage with the owners of these properties, assisting them to make the properties more secure preventing unauthorised access and reducing the potential for any fire related or anti-social behaviour across all areas of the city.

Dundee CAT have been engaging with all local schools to offer support and to participate in youth engagement, the team also attended the school transition at Harris Academy within the West End Ward.

The LALO continues to attend monthly Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination meetings along with a wide range of partners to address anti-social behaviour and fire related incidents across the city.

Dundee CAT also held a water safety event at Broughty Ferry with HM Coastguard, Police Scotland Community Policing Officers, Scottish Ambulance Service Special Operations Team (SORT) and Dundee City Council Community Safety Wardens, the purpose of this event was to increase awareness and to provide a consistent water safety message to members of the public.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE INCIDENTS

On 25 July 2022 crews were mobilised to reports of a building fire at 95 Douglas Street, Dundee. On arrival of the first attending crew the building suffered a partial roof collapse due to the severity of the fire and crews were met with a well-developed fire within the basement and ground floor which spread to the adjoining building. At the height of the incident the SFRS mobilised resources from Blackness, Macalpine, Kingsway, Balmossie, Arbroath and Forfar resulting in the deployment of 7 pumping appliances, 2 Aerial Ladder Platforms that were used as water towers and a Command Support Unit. Assisted by partners including Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and Dundee City Council the incident was resolved safely.

