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PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT  
1<sup>st</sup> October TO 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Abstract**

The Report contains performance information relating to the third quarter (October - December) 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Three: 2022-23**

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## **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 three (Q3) 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.




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## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of 2022/23 Q3 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><b>HI 1</b> <b>Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 47 Incidents</b> <b>YTD – 126 incidents</b> <b>Annual Target – below 175</b></p>	<p><b>HI 2</b> <b>ADF Fatal Casualties</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 0</b> <b>YTD – 2</b> <b>Annual Target – 0</b></p>	<p><b>HI 3</b> <b>ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 0</b> <b>YTD – 12</b> <b>Annual Target – below 30</b></p>
<p><b>HI 4</b> <b>Non-Domestic Building Fires</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 5 Incidents</b> <b>YTD – 27 Incidents</b> <b>Annual Target – below 37</b></p>	<p><b>HI 5</b> <b>Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 0</b> <b>YTD – 0</b> <b>Annual Target – 0</b></p>	<p><b>HI 6</b> <b>Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 0</b> <b>YTD – 1</b> <b>Annual Target – below 2</b></p>
<p><b>HI 7</b> <b>Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 11 Incidents</b> <b>YTD – 39 Incidents</b> <b>Annual Target – below 41</b></p>	<p><b>HI 8</b> <b>Fatal RTC Casualties</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 0</b> <b>YTD – 0</b> <b>Annual Target – 0</b></p>	<p><b>HI 9</b> <b>Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 - 7</b> <b>YTD - 15</b> <b>Annual Target – below 19</b></p>
<p><b>HI 10</b> <b>Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 336 Incidents</b> <b>YTD – 970 Incidents</b> <b>Annual Target – below 1176</b></p>	<p><b>HI 11</b> <b>Deliberate Primary Fires</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 28 incidents</b> <b>YTD - 103 Incidents</b> <b>Annual Target – below 63</b></p>	<p><b>HI 12</b> <b>Deliberate Secondary Fires</b></p>  <p><b>Q3 – 81 Incidents</b> <b>YTD - 528 Incidents</b> <b>Annual Target – below 512</b></p>

### Year-to-Date Legend

	<b>Below headline target</b>
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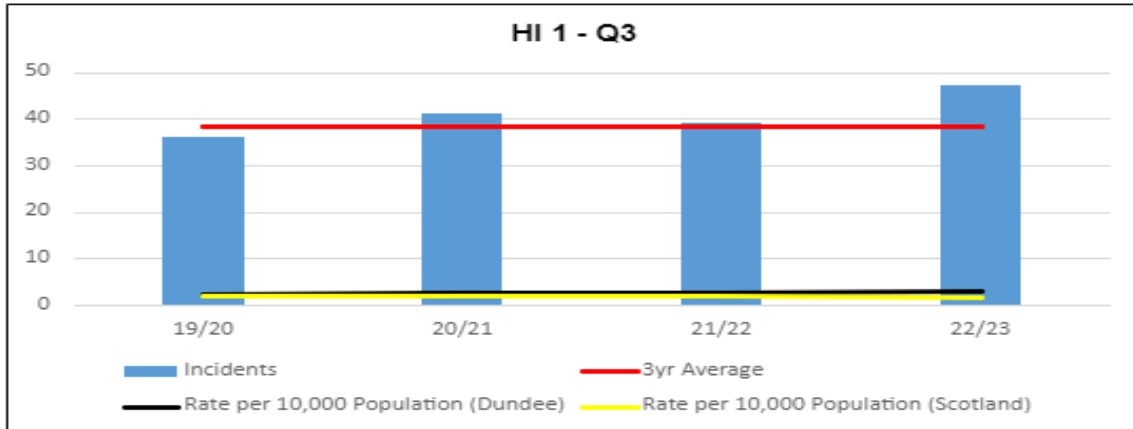
## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for Q3 2022/23:

- The number of Accidental Dwelling Fire's (ADF's) was reported at 47. This is higher than last year and last quarter but further analysis showed these were low impact incidents. Most were cooking related with no fire fighting action or first aid required. The YTD figure is currently showing green and meeting target.
- ADF fatal and non fatal casualties fires were zero for Q3. The YTD for ADF fatalities is red due to incidents earlier this year with non fatalities showing green as on target to be below 30. These figures are also below the wider Scottish trends.
- Accidental Non-Domestic Building Fires have decreased from the last quarter and the same period last year with the YTD figure currently sitting at 27, this means it is showing green against meeting the annual target set. No patterns or trends were identified from the five incidents.
- 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.
- Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents for Q3 has decreased from the same quarter last year by one and Q2 22/23 by five. The YTD figure however is sitting above the headline target and so is showing red.
- No RTC Fatal Casualties were encountered during Q3. RTC Non-Fatal casualties reported during this quarter are higher than the previous quarter, however extrications were low with only one casualty being removed to hospital with serious injuries.
- The YTD figure of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings has seen a slight decrease for the same period last year and Q2 22/23. The YTD figure however is 9% above the target for this period, and so is showing amber.
- The number of Deliberate Primary Fires for Q3 has seen an decrease against the same period for last year and Q2 22/23. However, there were two casualties from a deliberate dwelling fire, one fatality and one non fatality. This performance indicator is showing red due to exceeding the headline target.
- The number of Deliberate Secondary Fires attended during Q3 has decreased from the same period last year (30%) and from Q2 22/23 (60%). YTD figures have exceeded the headline target set and so showing red. There has been significant work to proactively address deliberate fire setting throughout Dundee City through a targeted, multi-agency approach particularly leading up to and around bonfire night. See **Appendix 1**.

## PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

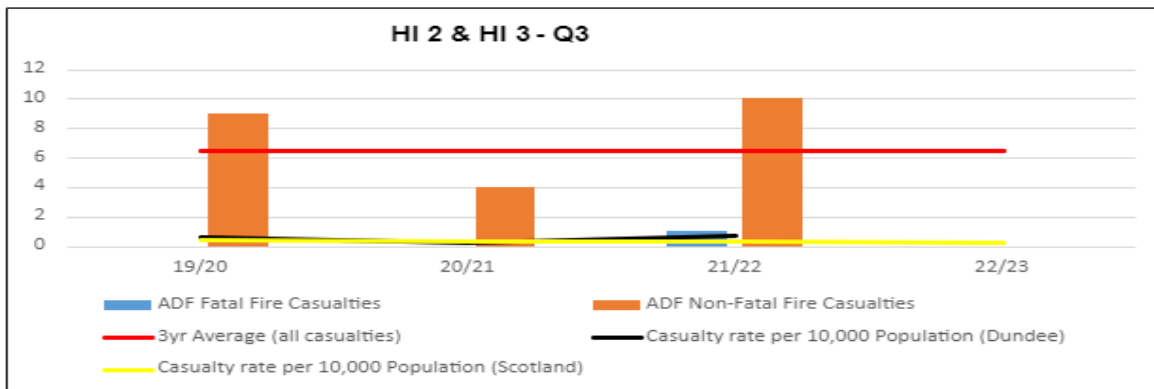
### HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)



**Table 1: Year to Date Performance**

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
<b>HI 1: ADF's</b>	127	143	115	<b>126</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Below 175</b>

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



**Table 2: Year to Date Performance**

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
<b>HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties</b>	0	0	2	<b>2</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</b>	9	4	10	<b>12</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Below 30</b>

## **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**

The Community Action Team (CAT) continues to support operational crews to deliver planned Home Fire Safety visits to Dundee communities through partner referrals across all ward areas of the city with 168 (High) 131 (Medium) and 75 (low) risk visits completed in Q3. The number of ADF's was reported at 47 across all areas of the city. Despite this increase very few of these incidents required fire fighting action with most being contained to the item of origin due to cooking and dealt with by simple removal from heat source. Fire Fighters carried out safety education initiatives at all locations and with follow up thematic visits to the surrounding properties to highlight good practice and fire safety behavior. Crews also conducted a number of tenement safety checks for removal of combustible items.

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

### HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

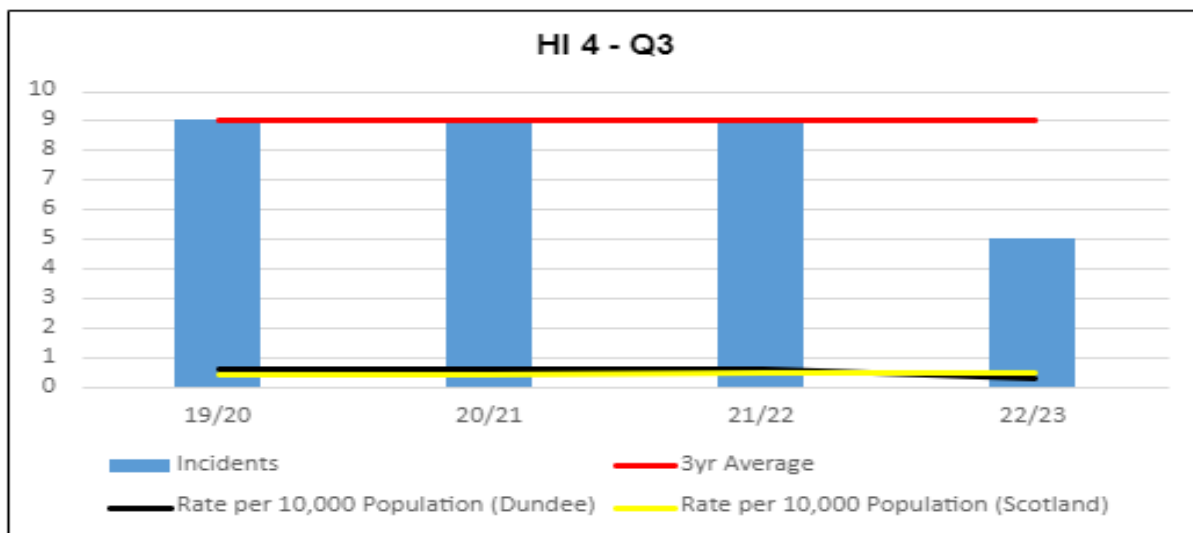


Table 3: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
<b>HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires</b>	29	31	30	27	Green	Below 37

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

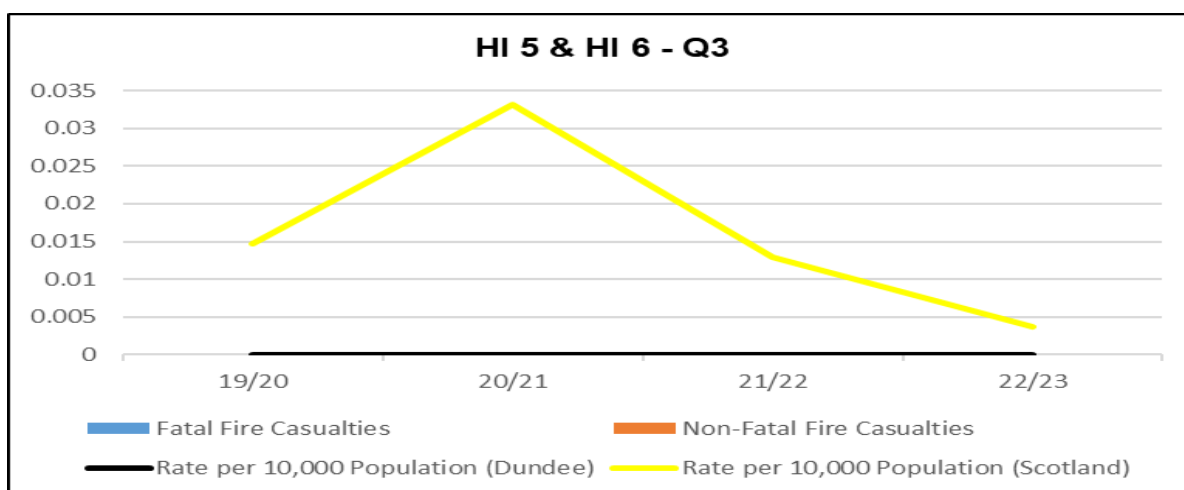


Table 4: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
<b>HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties</b>	0	0	1	0	Green	0
<b>HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties</b>	0	0	1	1	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 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;
- Our people will live in strong, popular and attractive communities.

## Performance Management

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. During Q3 a total of 42 premises were inspected that fall within the scope of the Act.

3 Post Fires Audits to provide support and guidance following an event (Take Away Premises, Office, Shop) were carried out during Q3

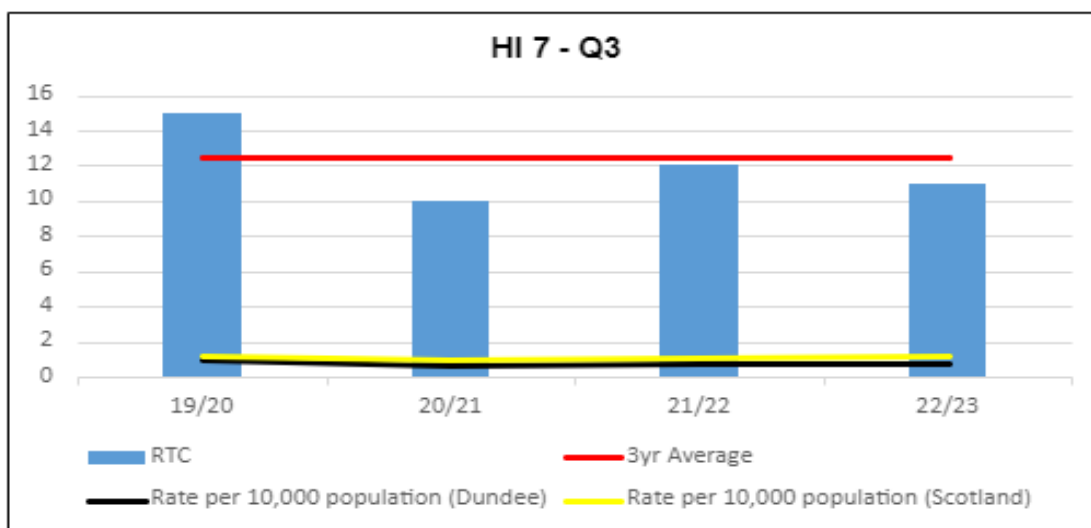
No patterns or trends were identified across these premises and support and guidance were given to improve fire safety management in the workplace in relation to the cause of the incident.

Ongoing UFAS engagement with partners, local premises & Duty Holders including management audits to support and educate repeat offenders to reduce unnecessary blue light journeys.



## PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

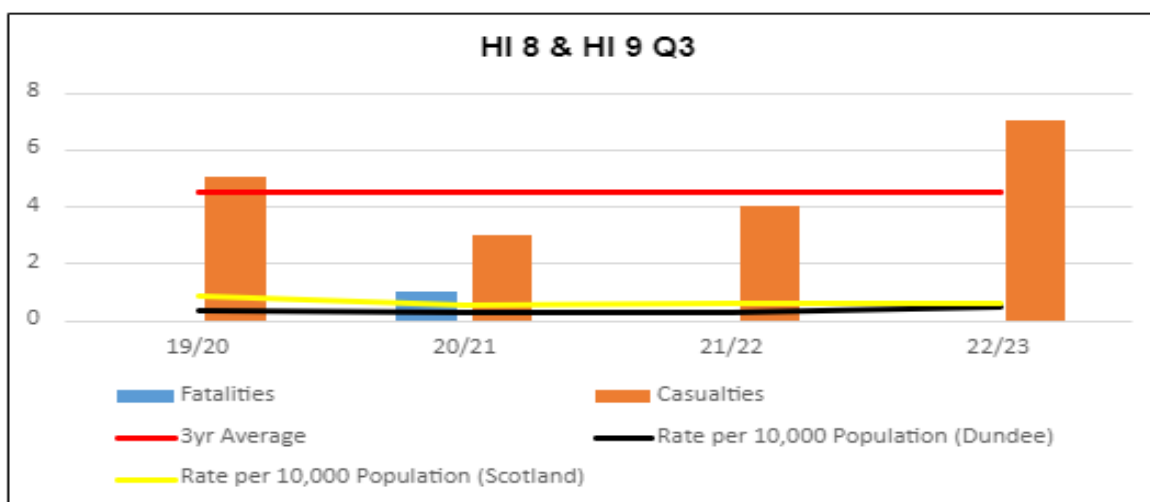
### HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents



**Table 5: Year to Date Performance**

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	37	25	35	39	Red	Below 41

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



**Table 6: Year to Date 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	17	7	20	15	Amber	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 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 11 RTC Incidents during Q3. This is a decrease from the same quarter last year and also Q2 22/23. However, HI 7 is showing red as it is above the YTD number for Q3 towards the annual target.

Of the RTC Incidents we attended during Q3, 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 seven Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during this quarter (HI9) which is one higher than the previous quarter. However only one of these incidents required firefighters to extricate an occupant trapped within the vehicle involved who was then removed to hospital. This indicator is therefore currently showing green against the YTD figure and the headline target set.

Crews completed RTC training and Trauma care during this quarter to ensure operational preparedness and competency. New state of the art Powered Rescue Tools are also now provided on all Dundee City Appliances speeding up the deployment of rescue tools and reducing risk to Fire Fighters and the public.

## PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

### HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

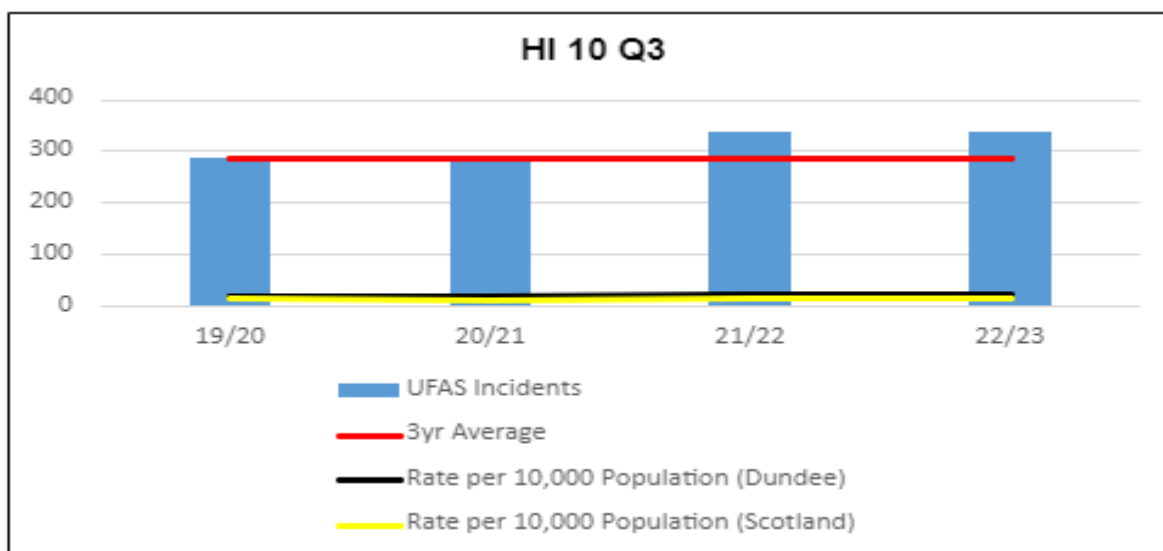


Table 7: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	900	704	855	970	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

In Q3, we were called out to 336 UFAS. This is comparable with the same quarter last year. YTD, the total number of UFAS stands at 970 and is showing amber for achieving the HI 10 annual target.

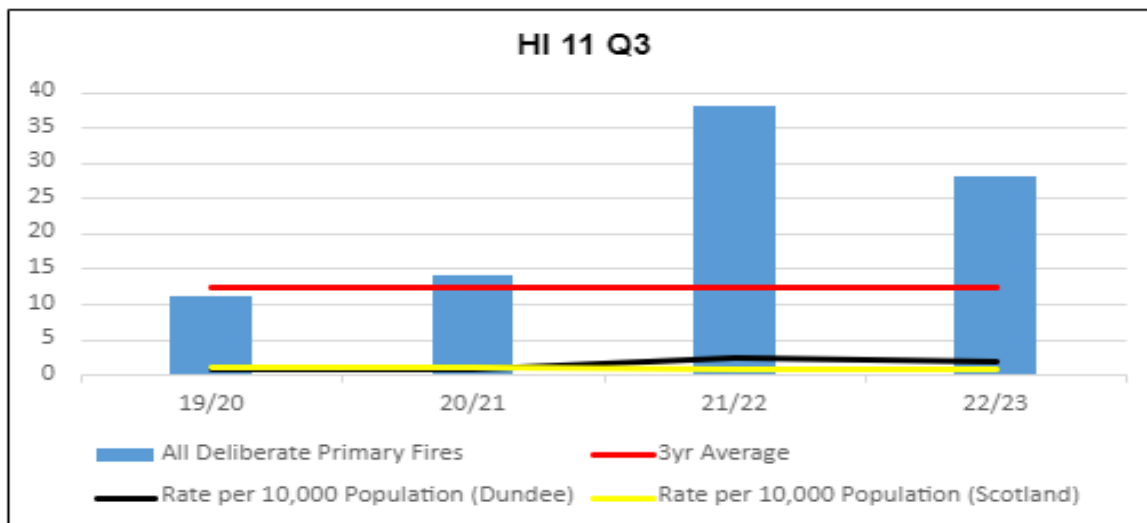
The table below lists the top five property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during Q3.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Hospitals/Medical Care	52
Education – Student Halls of Residence	39
Education – Secondary Schools	33
Education – Primary Schools	30
Residential –Care Homes	12

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

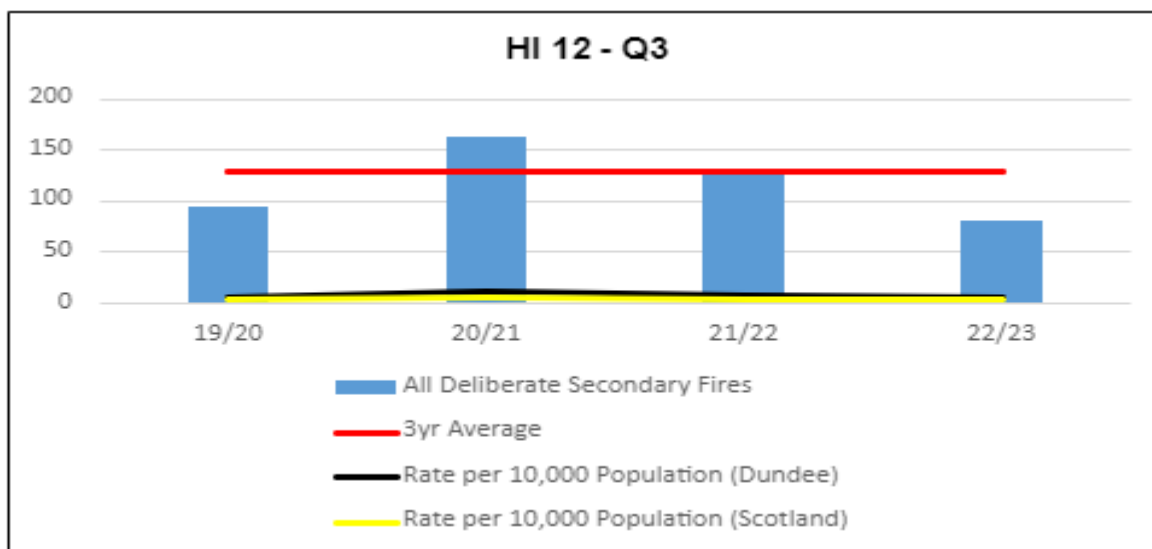
### HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires



**Table 8: Year to Date Performance**

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
<b>HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires</b>	40	57	88	<b>103</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Below 63</b>

### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires



**Table 9: Year to Date Performance**

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
<b>HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires</b>	313	399	520	<b>528</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Below 512</b>

## 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

Dundee CAT have been proactive in working with partner agencies to reduce the number of deliberate set fires that we attend. This partnership utilises weekly MATAAC meetings, daily reports sent via email and liaising with Dundee City council and Police Scotland in areas with a high number of incidents.

Dundee CAT are also working with Operational Watches to reduce the number of deliberate set fires which has resulted in leaflets drops being carried out and information being shared with Police Scotland, Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Wardens and Community Officers from Dundee City Council and this continues across all Dundee City wards.

The Large Scale incident on 31<sup>st</sup> October and around bonfire night pushed both types of deliberate fire setting numbers up over Q3. Despite this we saw a decrease in fires on bonfire night itself.

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

### Activity

During Q3 2022/23, 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)  | • HAZMAT                    |
| • Breathing Apparatus           | • Animal Rescue             |
| • Casualty Care                 | • Railway incidents         |
| • Safe Working at Height (SWAH) | • Prevention and Protection |

Firefighters continue to carry out Operational Intelligence visits across Dundee so that they are aware of the associated risks and hazards, and if required can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. This information is continually updated on Mobile electronic tablets carried on frontline appliances thus giving our staff information at point of need.

- High Volume Pump Training was delivered by crews at Kingsway to demonstrate this capability to local crews and partners with further sessions planned.
- Whole time and on call personnel at Balmossie conducted a joint confirmation RTC exercise with SAS partners following a schedule of joint training sessions.
- Blackness crews attended Airex 22 at Dundee Airport on 3<sup>rd</sup> December with HIAL, Ambulance, Police, HM Coast Guard, Dundee Council, Tayside Aviation and Chaplaincy all contributing to a successful multiagency exercise.
- Kingsway Swift Water Rescue (SRT) Crews completed joint off station training with Aberdeen City SRT crews

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## **APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES**

### **Bonfire and Autumn TAP Q3**

As part of the Bonfire/Autumn Thematic Action Plan the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will have set objectives to reduce deliberate set fires, anti-social behaviour, engagement with local schools.

Dundee Community Action Team were proactive in working in partnership with Police Scotland Preventions, Interventions and Partnership Team within Dundee, Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Wardens, Children and Families Department where joint school Bonfire Safety messages were given across the City this also included Primary/Secondary Schools.

In relation to deliberate set fires leaflet drops were carried out in partnership with Police Scotland Community Policing Teams at Longhaugh and Broughty Ferry which has seen a reduction in deliberate set fires within the area, work with local Community Policing Teams within Dundee continues.

In the lead up to Bonfire night letters were distributed to local shops advising the shops to ensure all combustible materials were kept clear of the properties and any rubbish was to be disposed of.

Due to the significant disorder seen within the Kirkton area on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 the Local Authority Liaison Officer worked alongside Police Scotland Prevention, Interventions and Partnership (Dundee) and Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team in carrying out reassurance visits to local schools within the Downfield/Kirkton area this also included visits being carried out to local shops for reassurance.

Visits were also made to known shops who sold fireworks to provide both advice and reassurance.

As part of the lead up to Bonfire Night the Fire Related Anti-Social Behaviour Group meeting was held to discuss what further measures could be taken and all identified vacant/derelict properties were given passing attention and this also included working with Dundee City Council Waste Management where any identified waste that could be used in deliberate set fires were uplifted.

On Bonfire night a resilience unit was stood up which consisted of the Local Authority Liaison Officer and Police Sergeant being available to attend all reported Bonfire Calls and confirm if a fire appliance was required and this worked well throughout the night.

Dundee Community Action Team have also provided basic Life Support training to youth groups within the Ardler area and risk recognition training is also ongoing to members of staff who provide care as part of the Thematic Fire Fatality Reviews.

The team continue to engage with youths who have involved in deliberate fires as part of an education programme the youths involved are referred into the SFRS by the Youth Justice Assessor within Police Scotland.

### **Community Fire Station Fund Raising Activities Q3**

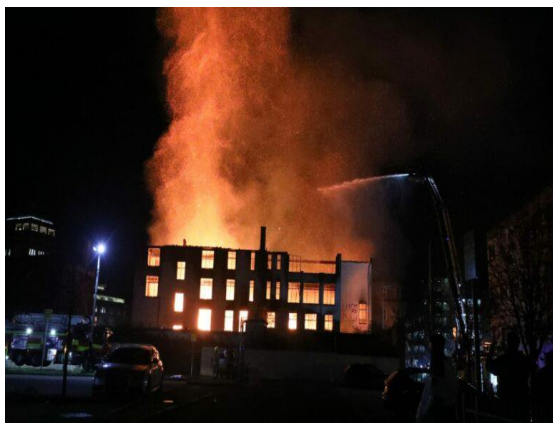
Crews from all Dundee Stations raised money and gift donations for the **Christmas Toy Appeal** to support families and children across the local communities. Local companies also contributed which meant £500 was able to be directed to the Radio Tay Cash for Kids initiative. Fire Fighters also donated to this worthwhile cause from on station fundraising such as Watch Bonus Ball, catering funds and World Cup Challenge. To help identify those with greatest need support was requested and provided by local partners. Around 200 gifts were distributed to local children as a result of this fantastic work. A working group has also been set up to ensure this activity continues to be a success in coming years.

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## APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE INCIDENTS

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 SFRS responded to a report of a fire in the vacant Robertson's Furniture Shop, on arrival Crews were faced with a well-developed fire which then spread to remaining parts of the building.

During the incident SFRS deployed 9 pumping appliances, 3 height appliances that were used as water towers and a Command Support Unit during the incident SFRS were assisted by Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and Dundee City Council

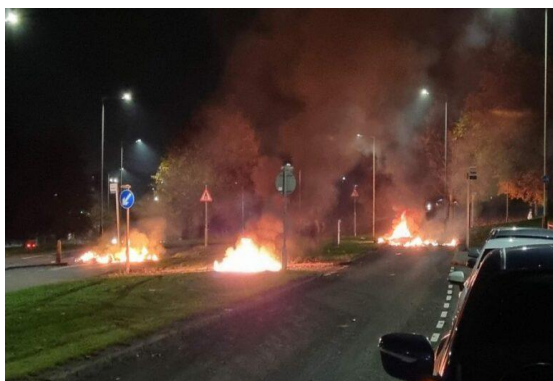


Youths have been identified and charged by Police Scotland in connection to this incident and are participating in the Fire Safety Support and Education programme.

At 17:31 on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 SFRS responded to a Special Service call to assist Police Scotland with reports of Civil Disturbance at Beaul Square Kikton Dundee.

This incident saw a large number of calls through Dundee Operations Control with SFRS attending the designated RVP at St Pauls School with two appliances supported by Flexi Duty Officers including a remote command cell and a NILO officer.

SFRS worked with Police Scotland to establish a joint understanding of risk and formulate tactical response plans based on risk to life and property and resourced this appropriately through a number of Multiagency meetings at the RVP. Crews were subjected to attack from rocks and fireworks and responded under protection of Police Scotland Public Order teams to a number of secondary fires during this incident. No Fire Fighter injuries were reported but Crews were offered Post Incident Support.



SFRS has taken part in a structured debrief facilitated by Police Scotland looking at the pre-planning, preparedness, operational response and lessons learned.

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