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**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT
1st October TO 31st December 2023**

Abstract

The Report contains performance information relating to the third quarter (October - December) 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:

- 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 Three: 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 three (Q3) 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 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>HI 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)</p>  <p>Q3 – 30 Incidents YTD – 108 incidents Annual Target – below 175</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 2 YTD – 7 Annual Target – below 30</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 5 Incidents YTD – 22 Incidents Annual Target – below 37</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 1 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – below 2</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>Q3 – 10 Incidents YTD – 30 Incidents Annual Target – below 41</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 – 0 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q3 - 3 YTD - 8 Annual Target – below 19</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q3 – 178 Incidents YTD – 693 Incidents Annual Target – below 1176</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 34 incidents YTD - 121 Incidents Annual Target – below 63</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q3 – 92 Incidents YTD - 432 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 Q3 2023/24:

Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home

Accidental dwelling fires are down on last quarter and the same quarter last year. Incidents of this type are also below the three-year average and where crews have attended the trend is limited action required with the majority of incidents requiring no fire fighting action. Reporting zero fatal casualties and two non-fatal casualties at one incident, first aid given by Fire Fighters on scene for slight burns but not removed to hospital.

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

There were five non-domestic building fires in Q3 with one being a significant fire sadly resulting in the loss of one life. There was also extensive damage to the shop of origin and adjoining buildings. The other four incidents were limited in damage and firefighting action required.

Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm

There were ten RTC incidents attended by SFRS in the city during Q3, there were no patterns or trends regarding locations. Reporting zero fatal casualties and three non-fatal casualties with only one being extricated from their vehicle.

Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals

Dundee crews mobilized to 172 UFAS during Q3, this is again a welcome reduction meaning there is less disruption to training and planned community events. Information on the types of property and cause are detailed on page 15 of this report. Operational crews and enforcement officers take time to educate duty holders at these incidents to further reduce these unnecessary blue light journeys which present risk to Firefighters and communities.

Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires

There was a welcome reduction from previous quarters with deliberate primary fires in Q3 but the 34 incidents are unfortunately still above the three year average. There were 18 vehicles involved within these incidents.

SFRS attended 92 deliberate secondary fires which is a reduction on both Q1 (222) and Q2 (118) so a positive trend that hopefully indicates the educational work is starting to have an impact.

Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness

Fire Fighters had a busy period over Q3 with significant operational demand over storm Babet and the Halloween and Bonfire season. The preplanning for Halloween and Bonfire night with partners and communities led by Dundee CAT meant that crews were prepared and kept up to date with intelligence led daily briefings. Storm Babet seen crews from all over Dundee deployed across a wide area and crews from across Scotland brought into the city to support at operational incidents and indeed provide cover at Dundee stations during spate conditions.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

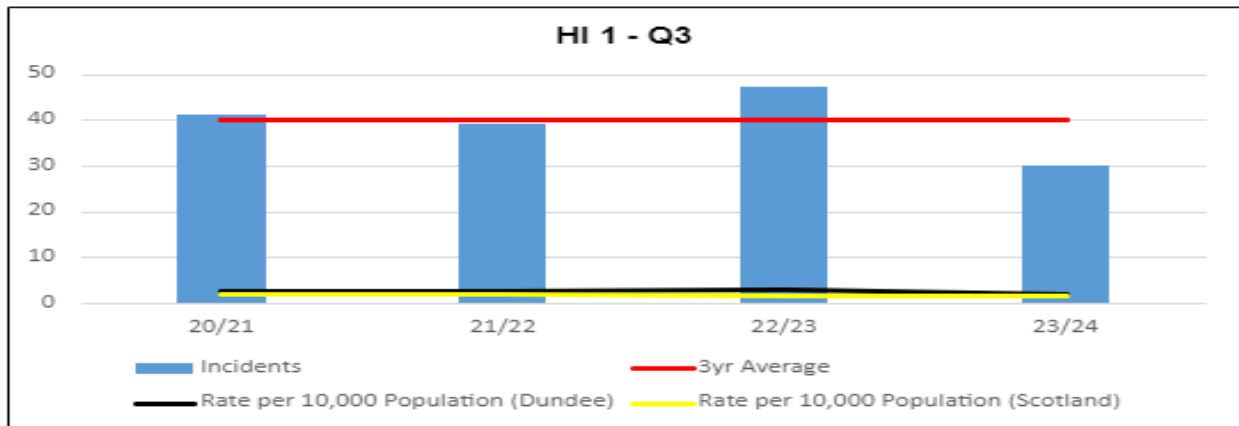


Table 1: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	143	115	126	108	Green	Below 175

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

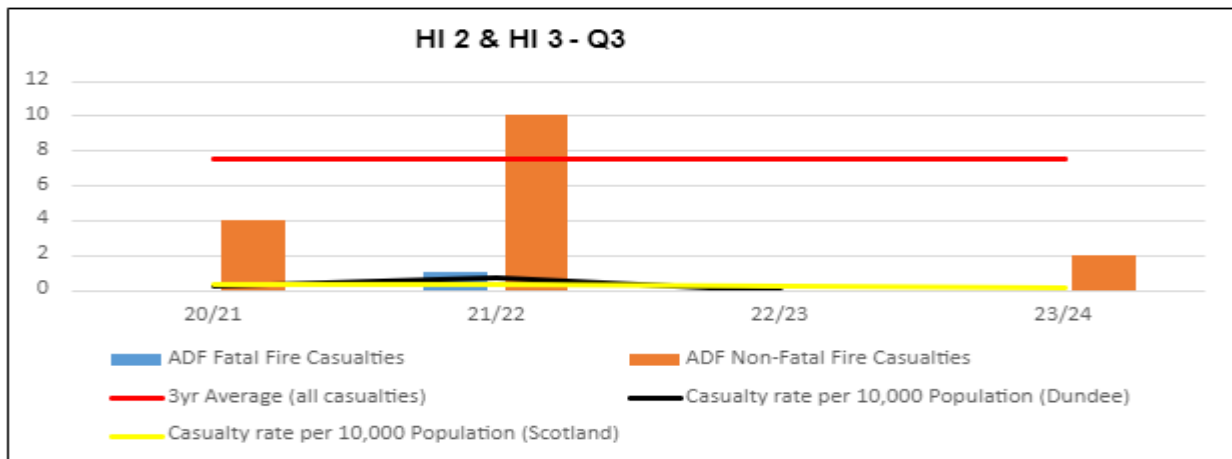


Table 2: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	2	1	2	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	21	24	15	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 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

Both Dundee CAT and operational watches continue to carry out Home Fire Safety Visits in partnership with Dundee City Council Social Work Department and partner agencies in supporting vulnerable people across the city. During the quarter both Dundee CAT and operational watches have carried out a total 315 home fire safety visits to high, medium and low risk individuals across Dundee. Along with Police Scotland and Dundee City Council Community Safety Wardens, Community Safety Advocates held a fire safety, crime reduction and community safety event at Asda Stores Derwent Avenue and at Morrisons Stores Afton Way. As a result of a number of vehicle fires, CAT have liaised with Police Scotland and fitted mail guards and carried out targeted Home Fire Safety Visits in these areas as a part of a safety plan. 12 High rise inspections were also completed in Q3. CAT have worked in partnership with Caledonia Housing at Martingale Gardens and Mulligan Court in order to provide home fire safety advice with further community safety events being planned to enhance safety and reduce false alarms".

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

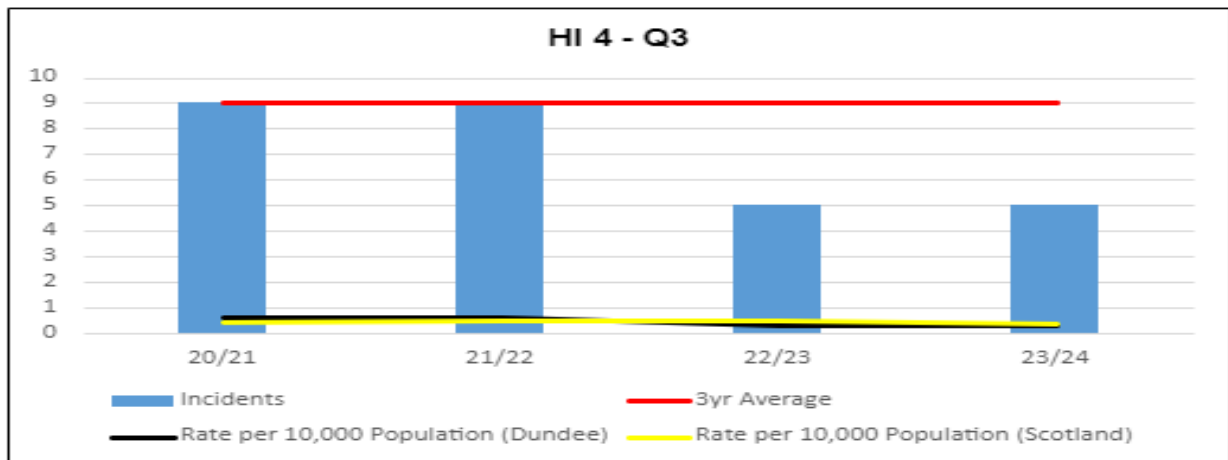


Table 3: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	31	30	29	22	Green	Below 37

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

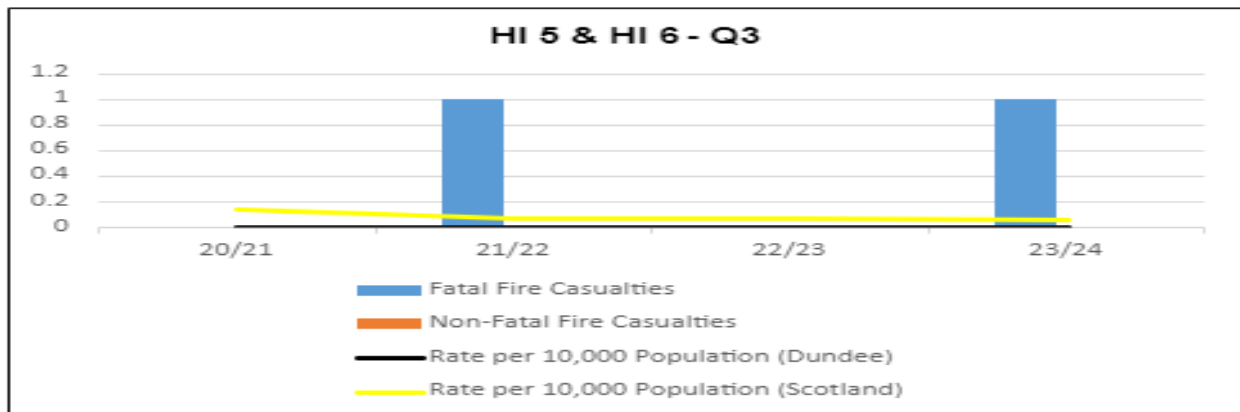


Table 4: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	1	Red	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;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe;
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Performance Management

Audit Activity

During Q3 a total of 106 premises that fall within the scope of the Act were audited. The breakdown of these are as follows: 73 HMOs; 20 care homes; 3 hotels; 2 self-catering premises; 1 school; 1 B&B; 1 licensed premises; 1 nightclub; 1 Hospital (short post fire); 1 Hostel; 1 Convent; 1 Monastery. Of these, 1 was a Short Post Fire Audit to provide support and guidance following an incident. 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.

Short Term Lets

A total of 50 Short Term Let applications were submitted to SFRS from Dundee City Council in Q3. 3 of these resulted in audits. The majority of work with STL's involves SFRS consulting with applicants before and following registration and application.

Other Work

Fire Safety Enforcement Officers worked with partner agencies to carry out a sports ground inspection of Dens Park and help plan and prepare for Asylum Seeker Accommodation in the city. In addition to this, other work included 12 high rise inspections or consultations; 10 fire engineering consultations; and a number of 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

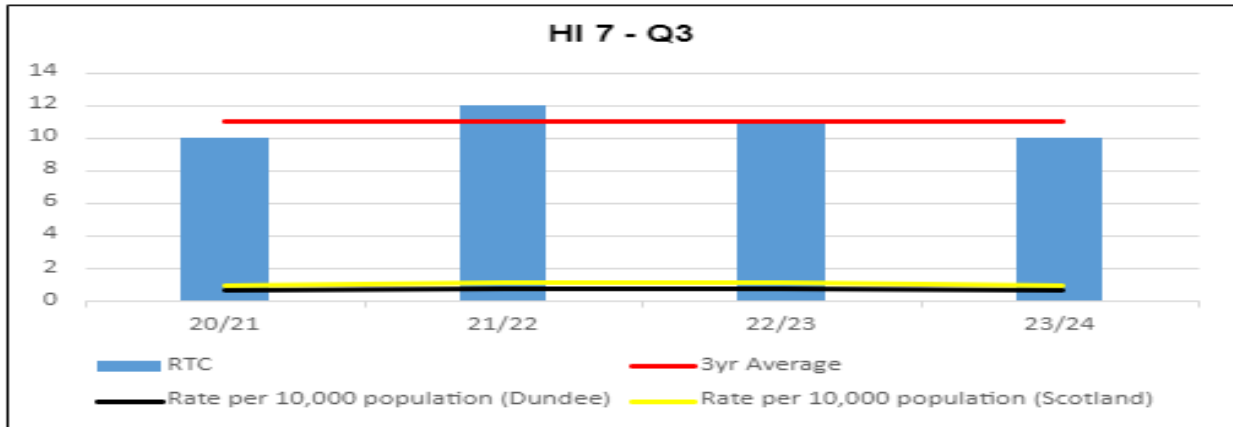


Table 5: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	25	35	40	30	Green	Below 41

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

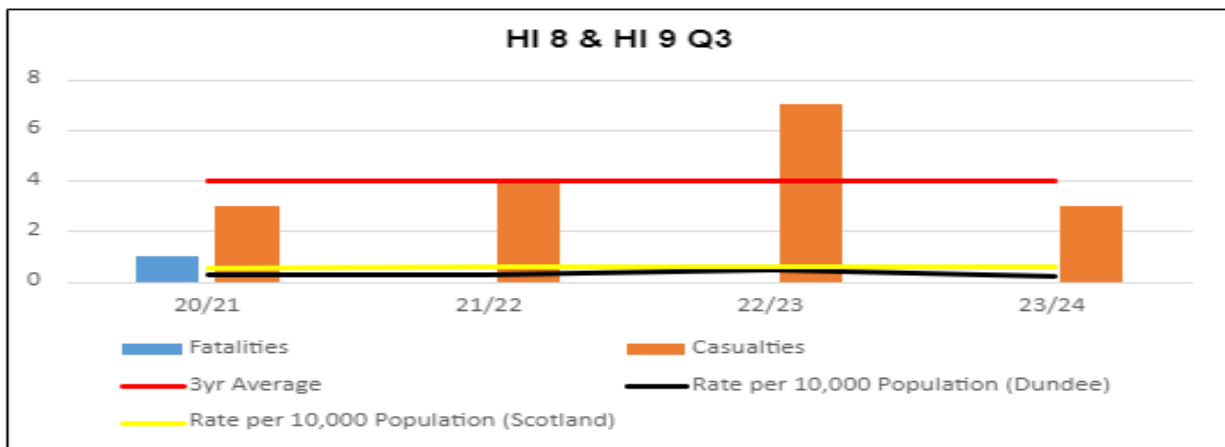


Table 6: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	1	0	0	1	Red	0
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	7	20	18	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 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:

- 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
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- Our communities will be safe and feel safe

Performance Management

During Q3 the focus was around preparedness for Halloween and Bonfire night and so crews and the CAT worked with partners across Schools and local community events to deliver the messages and educate our young people on the dangers and consequences of fire related anti-social behaviour.

In the lead up to Bonfire Night and the potential anti-social behaviour Dundee Community Action Team (CAT) worked with a wide range of partners to reduce the fire related anti-social behaviour with school talks being arranged by CAT and operational watches to provide pupils with bonfire night safety messages. Daily briefings were sent to all partners to enhance shared situational awareness and were well received.

There is also a focus on water safety and the dangers of entering water courses and CAT are working with partners to enhance warning signage around known risk sites in Dundee and are planning face to face engagement with pupils across Dundee to educate our young people on the dangers of water and ice.

Road safety educational initiative delivered at Dundee High School in December in partnership with Road Policing Unit. This initiative is being scheduled for all High Schools in Dundee over 2024.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

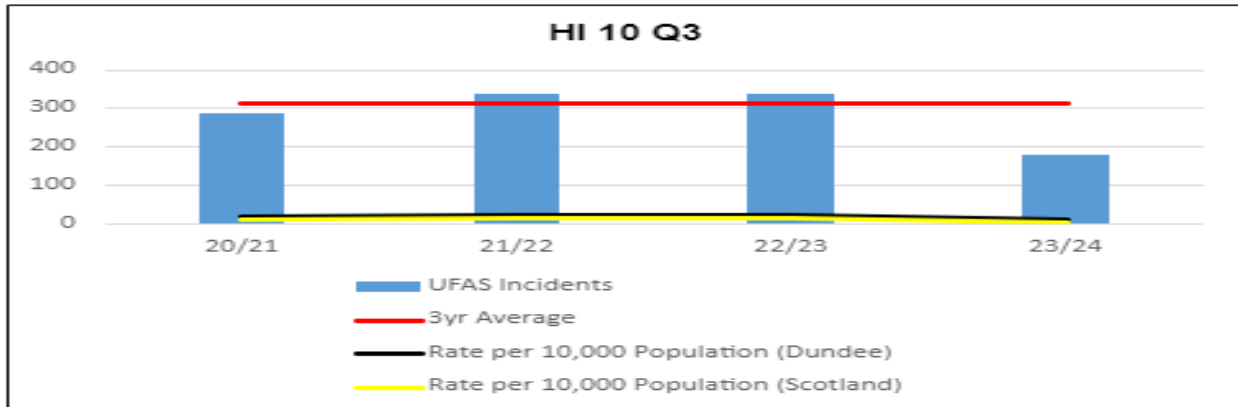


Table 7: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	704	855	984	695	Green	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 Q3, SFRS were called out to 178 UFAS incidents in the city of Dundee compared to 346 in the same quarter last year. With the UFAS reduction strategy now being implemented we expect to see a drop in these numbers for the remainder of the year. This means less unnecessary blue light journeys, increased appliance availability for real 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 Q3.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Residential - Student Halls of Residence	56
Hospitals/Medical Care	56
Residential – Nurses Doctors accommodation	18
Residential – Care homes	12
Residential – Sheltered housing	9

These incidents spike around mealtimes with the cause trend being either cooking, human behaviour or testing without following correct procedures. On a positive there was a steady decrease across the quarter dropping from 69 in October to 46 in December but this may be due to occupancy factors in these types of property and holidays.

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 following the UFAS Time for Change implementation on 1st of July 2023.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

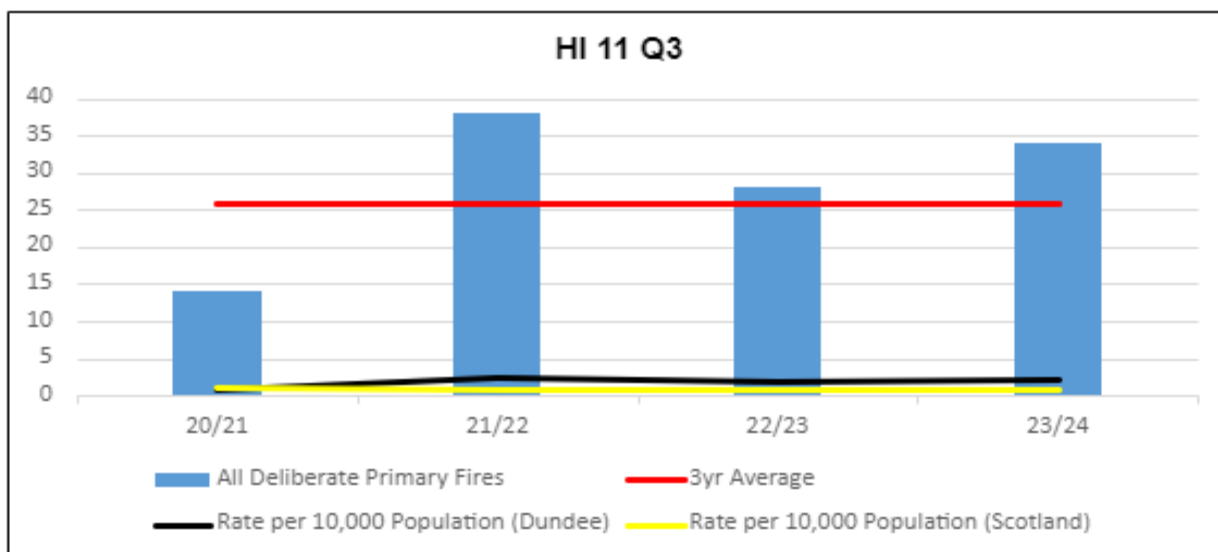


Table 8: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	57	88	103	121	Red	Below 63

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

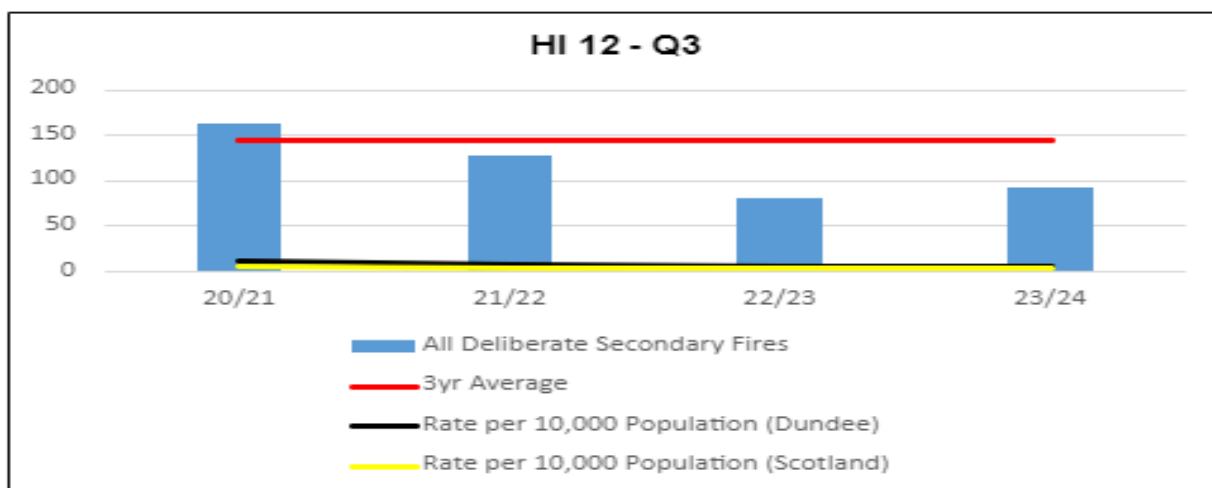


Table 9: Year to Date Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	399	520	534	432	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:

- 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;
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Performance Management

A massive amount of work by SFRS staff and partners went into Q3 and the preparation for Halloween and Bonfire night. There is an SFRS report available detailing the work across the period, highlights are;

All Community Action Teams will work to reducing unofficial bonfires that are occurring in the lead up to and including Bonfire night, Dundee in addition also has a significant risk within the Kirkton area on Halloween which has led to significant public disorder and anti-social behaviour.

Dundee SFRS led on the Fire Related Anti-Social Behaviour Group (FRASB) which was established a number of years ago and consists of Police Scotland, Dundee City Council (DCC) Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Wardens, Private Sector Services Team, Waste Management, Trading Standards and Environmental Compliance Team.

SFRS operational watches, Community Action Team and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers delivered business letters which provided local businesses advice on the storage of bins and combustible waste in order to prevent any deliberate fires. Feedback has been positive and SFRS are looking into replicating this from a Fire Perspective in Dundee.

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
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Activity

Training

During Q3 2023/24, we delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

- Compartment Fire Behaviour (B.A.)
- RTC - Extrication
- Casualty Care
- HAZMAT
- Safe working at height
- Tactical Ventilation

Advanced modules

Hoarding awareness
Environmental Protection
Firefighting in Buildings

Gathering and updating operational intelligence

Crews continue to visit properties to gather, amend and update information that can then be accessed by Incident Commanders at incidents and allow safe systems of work to be put in place that take consideration of information specific to the property and contents involved. Specific information on derelict buildings in the area has been shared with crews and work is ongoing with partners to mitigate the risks.

Community Safety - Educational Events

Crews were heavily involved in the preplanning, community, and educational events in the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire night.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Halloween and Bonfire Night Partnership Working.

Dundee CAT have the lead in Fire Related Anti-Social Behaviour Group (FRASB) and this is set up prior to Bonfire night along with the potential for anti-social behaviour seen in the Kirkton area on Halloween the group held a range of meetings at the start of October 2023.

The Group consists of SFRS, Police Scotland, Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Wardens, Waste Management, Trading Standards, Environmental Compliance, Tenancy & Estates and Children and Families Department.

As part of the partnership approach daily briefings were held as this would allow for any intelligence to be shared, acted upon and recorded.

Also, as part of the Group SFRS and Police Scotland carried out reassurance visits to local schools and nurseries to provide advice in relation to waste management.

As part of a joint initiative with Police Scotland and Community Safety Wardens a Fire Safety/Crime reduction and Community Safety was held at Asda Stores Derwent Avenue this was followed up with a similar event at Morrisons Supermarket.



This allowed Dundee CAT to continue to be proactive in working with partner agencies to reduce the number of deliberate set fires that we attend this has included joint school talks across all ward areas and continued work via Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) where all aspects of fire related and other associated anti-social behaviour is discussed.

Operational watches and CAT also carried out Bonfire night safety talks at schools across all Dundee City Wards

Secondary fires are reported daily to partner agencies Information regarding deliberate set fires and this is also fed into the Multi-Agency and Tasking Co-ordination Group (MATAC) so that a joint approach can be taken in reducing the number of deliberate set fires.

Dundee CAT in partnership with Dundee City Council Waste Management and Environmental Compliance to ensure that combustible materials are removed to prevent deliberate set fires.

Christmas Toy Appeal Fundraising and donations

Christmas presents from Kingsway community Fire Station are handed to the NHS health and inclusion department on station. Presents delivered to Mid Craigue, Linlathen and Whitfield community hubs to disadvantaged/vulnerable children.



In total 89 presents were provided for children across Dundee, support and donations were gratefully received from the Dundee Bairns by advertising and Toy Master for discounted prices on toys. Support also received form Evelyn (Kingsway station cleaner), Card shop and Gift Gallery (James Hay's Mum), James Russell's First Aid, Last One Standing Competition, and various other donations.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE INCIDENTS & TRAINING EVENTS

Storm Babet

Crews from across all Dundee Stations were deployed to numerous incidents due to Storm Babet over a three-day period.

The Met Office had issued various warnings including Red “Danger to Life” across the country with the Northeast of Scotland being worst affected.

These crews were supported by the national resilience that is provided by the Scottish Fire and Rescue service not only at the incidents in and around Dundee, but operational Fire Cover at Dundee stations was also provided by appliances from the East and West of Scotland.

The Incident Support Room at McAlpine Road was stood up and Flexi Duty Managers were mobilised and recalled to duty to support Control Room Colleagues during spate conditions predominantly caused by rain and floodwater.

Local Resilience Partnerships were also supported by senior managers to ensure partners were aware of the incidents attended and the resources deployed across the area.



Familiarisation of the inshore lifeboat and its equipment with RNLI:

RNLI crew informed SFRS of locations/areas we may be likely to co-respond together.

There was a combined exercise which involved carrying out a search and rescue around Tayport harbour. With casualties located at height, on jetties and in the water.

SFRS demonstrated ladder pitches from the boat, a technique not used by RNLI.

The exercise also allowed for the new VHF licence holders to communicate with partner agencies in the RNLI and the coastguard.

Water safety advice delivered to Dundee Community Wardens at Monikie:

A demonstration on Swiftwater Rescue Techniques (SRT) skills and opportunity for Community Wardens to practice using throw bags was delivered by crews from Kingsway Community Fire Station.

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