



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Police and Fire and Rescue Committee

A Meeting of the **Police and Fire and Rescue Committee** of North Ayrshire Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE** on **Tuesday, 06 February 2018** at **14:00** to consider the undernoted business.

1 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

2 Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

3 Chair and Vice-Chair Verbal Updates

4 Performance Reports

4.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submit report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on performance in relation to North Ayrshire (copy enclosed).

4.2 Police Scotland

Submit report by Police Scotland on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Police Plan (copy enclosed).

5 HM Inspector of Constabulary Scrutiny Plan 2018-19: Consultation

Submit letter from HM Inspector of Constabulary requesting feedback on proposals for HMICS scrutiny in 2018-19 (copy enclosed).

6 Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

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Donald L Reid (Chair)
John Glover (Vice-Chair)
Todd Ferguson
Ellen McMaster
Davina McTiernan
Louise McPhater
Angela Stephen

Chair:

Apologies:

Attending:

Police and Fire and Rescue Committee
21 November 2017

IRVINE, 21 November 2017 - At a Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Donald L. Reid, John Glover, Todd Ferguson, Ellen McMaster, Davina McTiernan and Angela Stephen.

In Attendance

A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Services; M. Inglis, Senior Manager (Intervention Services) and V. Fitzpatrick, Team Manager (Health and Social Care Partnership); and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance

Chief Superintendent P. Main, Chief Inspector B. Shaw, Inspector B. Skimming and Police Constable A. Fletcher (Police Scotland); and Area Manager J. Scott (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Councillor Donald L. Reid in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Council.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 September 2017 was confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair invited Chief Superintendent Main to make presentations to two Police Scotland Officers, Inspector Brian Skimming and Constable Andrea Fletcher, who, having joined the Force in December 1987 and served predominantly in Ayrshire over the course of their careers, would shortly be retiring from Police Scotland.

The Chair took the opportunity, on behalf of the committee as a whole, to add his own thanks to the officers for their service, wishing them both a long and fulfilled retirement.

Thereafter, the Chair provided a brief verbal report on the following matters arising from his attendance at the COSLA Police Conveners meeting on 10 November and from other meetings attended recently:-

- issues relating to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders and the formation of a working group on this matter;
- liaison with Scottish Police Authority members and the Chair's recent meeting with the SPA Chair;
- the Police Scotland three-year plan, which should be available for circulation by April 2018;
- the localism agenda in Policing and measures to update channels of communication with the public;
- the impending integration of British Transport Police into Police Scotland;
- the role of Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and Special Constables, and that of Young Fire Fighters;
- the recent visit by Committee Members and officers to the Govan Contact, Command and Control Centre;
- public space CCTV and the potential for a Police/COSLA working group on the subject; and
- the importance of benchmarking in helping to ensuring the Committee is fulfilling its scrutiny function.

Noted.

Councillor Glover joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

4. Presentations

4.1 "MADART/MAASH"

The Team Manager (Health and Social Care Partnership), accompanied by the Senior Manager (Intervention Services), provided a presentation on the work of the Multi Agency Domestic Abuse Response Team (MADART) and the Multi Agency Assessment and Screening Hub (MAASH), including:-

- the background to the formation of the MADART joint working arrangements, which became fully operational in 2012;
- the composition of the team, which is based in Kilmarnock Police Station;
- the 2016/17 outcomes, which illustrate the important role played by the team;
- the pattern of domestic abuse incidents in the period between 2003 and 2017;
- a case study showing the positive impact of the team on the circumstances of a service user; and
- the development of the service to incorporate the Multi Agency Assessment and Screening Hub.

Members asked questions, and received further information, in respect of the following:-

- liaison between the team and the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration in cases where referrals are made directly to the Reporter;
- any impact on the workload of the wider Social Services team following the introduction of the team; and
- whether the MADART/MAASH structure had been implemented on a permanent basis and the extent to which the approach had been mirrored elsewhere.

Noted.

4.2 "Doing More for Scotland: Transforming for the Future"

The Area Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, provided a presentation on the Service's transformation journey, which included:-

- contextual information setting out the changing nature of risk faced by the Service;
- the need to re-examine the service delivery model in light of factors such as new technology;
- the financial imperative for transformation of the Service;
- the transformation strategy, which sets out the values and vision of the Service, what it intends to achieve and the planned outcomes;
- the expanding role and duties of firefighters, including work in relation to safety in the home and responding to acts of terrorism;
- a proposed new recognition package for firefighters; and
- plans for wider public consultation on the transformation proposals.

Members discussed the Chair's attendance at meetings of the Scottish Police Authority and the value of seeking to arrange similar attendance, by the Vice Chair, at meetings of the Scottish Fire Service Board.

The Committee agreed (a) to write to the new Chair of the Scottish Fire Service Board with regard to the Vice Chair's proposed attendance at meetings of the Board; and (b) that the Vice Chair provide a short update to the Committee on the outcome of such meetings in due course.

5. Performance Reports

5.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which provided an update on progress against the North Ayrshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 and gave other key Fire and Rescue updates. A copy of the North Ayrshire Performance report from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017 was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The report identified a 3% increase in activity levels across North Ayrshire compared with the corresponding period in 2016, and an 8% increase in terms of the preceding three years average. False alarms accounted for 51% of all activity within North Ayrshire, with fire related activity and special service activity accounting for 39% and 10% respectively. Review of performance against the six agreed performance indicators noted that four indicators were above the three year average due to a rise in activity, two had seen a reduction in their respective three year averages and one indicator was trending with a reduction of more than 5%. Section 3 of the report also provided a number of Service updates and provided links to key reports.

The Chair made reference to the excellent presentation provided by representatives of the Kilmarnock Fire Safety Community Action team at a recent Age Concern Scotland conference.

Members asked questions, and received information, on the various methods used by the Service to recruit retained and whole time firefighters.

Noted.

5.2 Police Scotland

Submitted report by Police Scotland on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Police Plan for the period from 1 April 2017 to 5 November 2017.

Chief Superintendent Main reported that North Ayrshire continued to perform well in terms of sustained reductions in crime levels. He provided further contextual information in respect of robberies, housebreaking and road safety and, for the purposes of comparison, contrasted current statistics in these areas with the number of incidents reported historically. Among the other elements of the report which were highlighted, was Exercise Border Reiver (which took place in October 2017 and was based on a Marauding Terrorist Firearms Attack), Ayrshire Police Mental Health Triage (a pilot to improve responses to people with mental health problems who present Police or emergency departments), the work of the Ayrshire College Campus Liaison Officer, and the recent Ayrshire Division Recognising Excellence Awards.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- local concern regarding road safety in the light of a number of recent incidents;
- a proposed initiative which, subject to approval of the project, might allow community groups to become involved in Community Speed Watch activity;
- the mechanisms in place for considering and introducing traffic calming measures and the circumstances in which a detailed engineering response might be considered;
- whether there were any housebreaking trends apparent in terms of the time of date incidents took place or the method of entry used; and
- the anticipated impact of the introduction of minimum pricing of alcohol.

The Committee agreed to note that (i) a briefing would be provided at a future meeting of the Committee on the subject of serious and organised crime and (ii) a report providing more detailed information on complaints would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and (b) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

6. North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020

Submitted Police Scotland's Local Police Plan for North Ayrshire for 2017 to 2020, which outlined how Policing services would be delivered over the next three years in pursuit of locally identified policing priorities and how Police Scotland would work closely with partner agencies through the Community Planning process to improve safety and security in North Ayrshire. The Plan also described how Police Scotland would contribute to the Community Planning Partnership's 'Fair For All' strategy and help to seek to reduce inequalities in North Ayrshire.

The Committee agreed to endorse the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan 2017-20.

The Meeting ended at 4.05 p.m.

Police & Fire and Rescue Committee – 6th February 2018

Subject	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report and Service updates
Purpose	To advise members of the Police and Fire Committee as to progress against North Ayrshire's local fire and rescue plan and to provide committee members with other key Fire and Rescue Service updates
Recommendation	For members to note the information contained within this report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On the 3rd October 2016, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service laid before the Scottish Parliament its new Strategic Plan for the period 2016 – 2019. As a result of this publication, the Service was legally obliged to review its existing local fire and rescue plans for the 32 local authorities across Scotland. On the completion of this review a new local fire and rescue plan for North Ayrshire was developed and following a public consultation was presented to the Police & Fire and Rescue Committee for approval on the 5th September 2017.

2. Performance Summary

- 2.1 Review of operational responses within North Ayrshire for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st December 2017 identified a 5% decrease in activity levels across the local authority area from the corresponding activity period 1st April 2016 to 31st December 2016. Review of the preceding three years average in respect of current activity levels within North Ayrshire indicated a 7% increase in overall operational activity over the nine month period. In reviewing operational activity on a broad level, false alarms accounted for 52% of all activity within North Ayrshire, with fire related and special service activity accounting for 37% and 11% respectively.
- 2.2 For the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018, progress is being monitored across six indicators, utilising the three year rolling average as basis of measuring performance. Year on year and the rolling five year average figures are also being used to review short and longer terms changes in demand and trends.
- 2.3 Utilising the defined approach in Section 2.2, review of performance against these six indicators identified four indicators were above the three year average due to a rise in activity. One indicator has seen a reduction in its respective three year average of more than 5% and one indicator currently unchanged in terms of activity over the rolling three year average. Further analysis of this performance is provided in the associated performance report.

3. Proposal

It is proposed that members of the Police & Fire and Rescue Committee ...

- i. Note the content of the performance summary and associated report for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st December 2017.

4. Implications

- 4.1 No implications have been identified at this time in respect of service delivery within North Ayrshire.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Fire and Rescue Service activity is subject to regular monitoring and review and the local fire and rescue plan priorities identified within the local fire and rescue plan forms part of this reporting process. Members of the Police & Fire and Rescue Committee will be kept up to date as to progress against the local fire and rescue plan and to any future fire and rescue service updates as they arise.

Area Manager Jim Scott
Local Senior Officer
East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

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**North Ayrshire Performance Report
1st April 2017 - 31st December 2017**



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North Ayrshire Performance Report

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Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan Priorities

The Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan has been developed to set out the priorities and objectives within North Ayrshire and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely with our partners in North Ayrshire to ensure we are all **“Working Together for a Safer Scotland”** through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.


The plan has been developed to complement key activity embedded across North Ayrshire's Community Planning Partnership. Through partnership working we will seek to deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.


The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for North Ayrshire identified six areas for demand reduction and is subject to regular monitoring and reporting through the Police & Fire and Rescue Committee. A summary of the priorities and current activity is detailed below with further detail and analysis contained within this performance report.


	Total Activity	Year on Year Change	3 Year Average	3 Year Average Change	5 Year Average	5 Year Average Change
Accidental Dwelling Fires	109	 -11%	119	 0%	113	 0%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties	8	 -43%	17	 -14%	16	 -4%
Unintentional Injury and Harm	88	 11%	86	 8%	75	 12%
Deliberate Fire Setting	516	 -7%	499	 10%	469	 -1%
Non-Domestic Fire Safety	31	 19%	32	 8%	29	 4%
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	464	 -6%	440	 10%	419	 5%

About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They 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 a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

 Activity levels have reduced by more than 5%

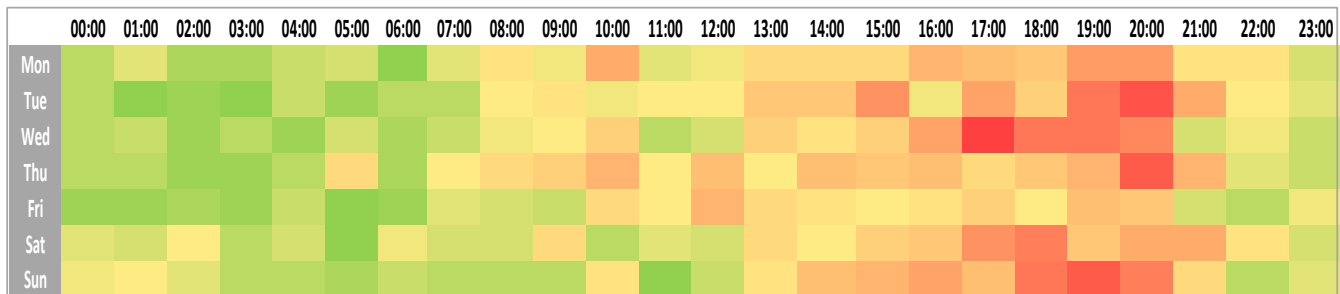
 Activity levels have reduced by up to 5%

 Activity levels have increased overall

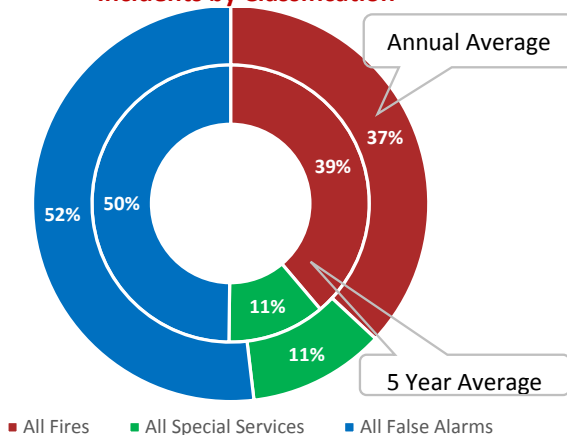
North Ayrshire Activity Summary



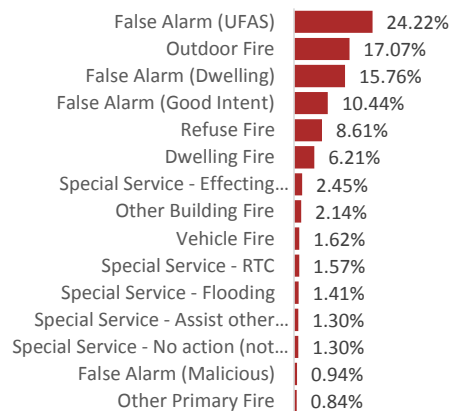
Activity by Time of Day



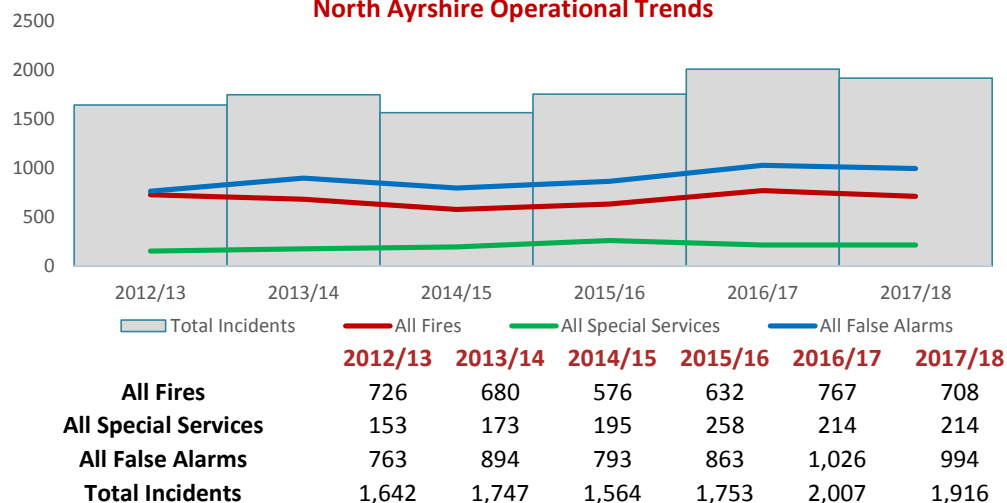
Incidents by Classification



Top 15 Incident Types by % of Total Incidents



North Ayrshire Operational Trends



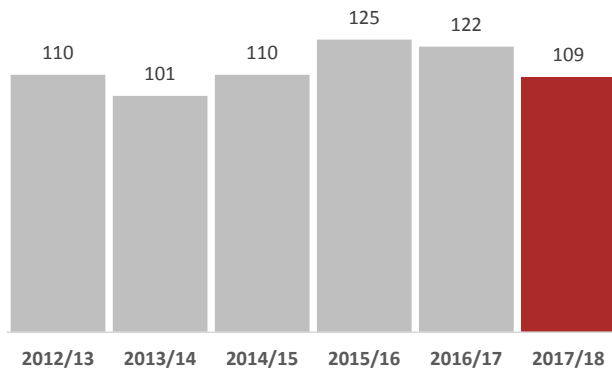
Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fires



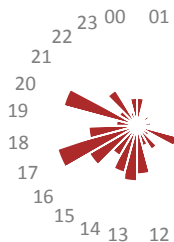
Performance Summary

Year on Year **-11%** 3 Year Average **0%** 5 Year Average **0%**

Accidental Dwelling Fires to Date



Accidental Dwelling Fires by Time of Day



Human Factors

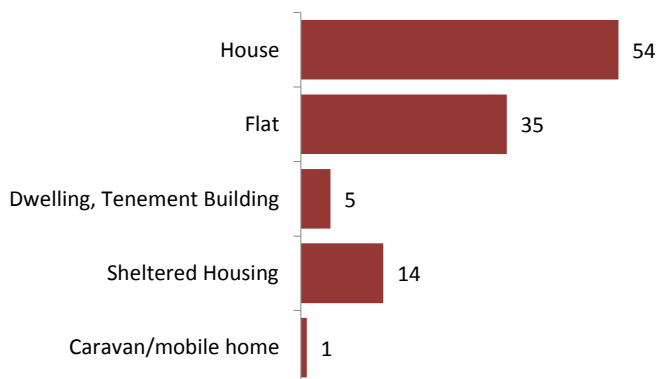


Distraction
34%

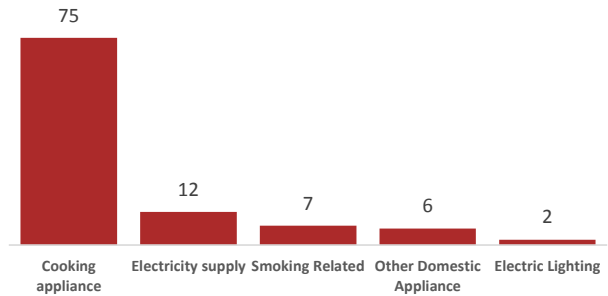


Alcohol/Drug Impairment
17%

Property Types



Top 5 Main Source of Ignition



Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires



No Firefighting Action
48%



Direct Firefighting
15%



No Heat/Smoke Damage
48%



No Fire Damage
53%

Automatic Detection & Actuation

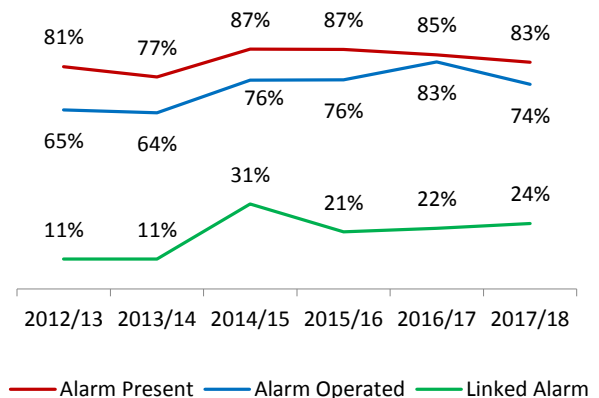


Detection Present
83%



Detection Actuated
61%

Calls Made via Linked Alarms
24%



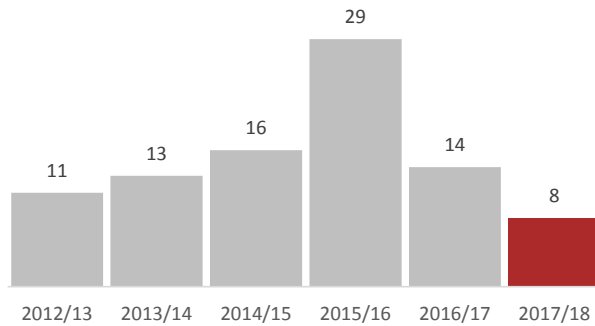
Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties



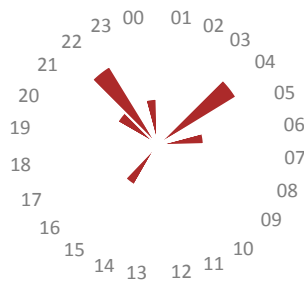
Performance Summary

Year on Year **-43%** 3 Year Average **-14%** 5 Year Average **-4%**

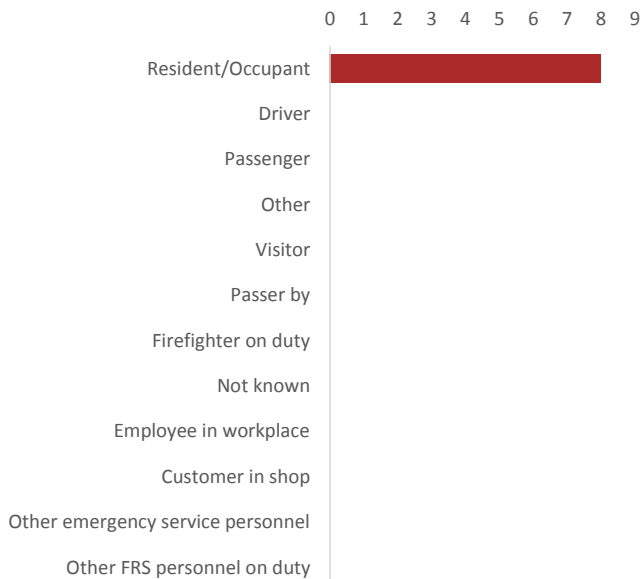
Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties Year to Date



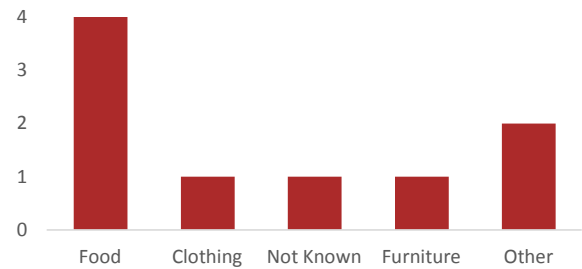
Fire Casualties by Time of Day



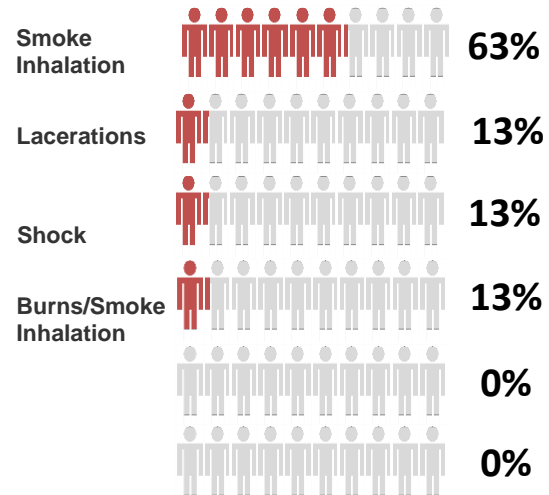
Role of the Casualty



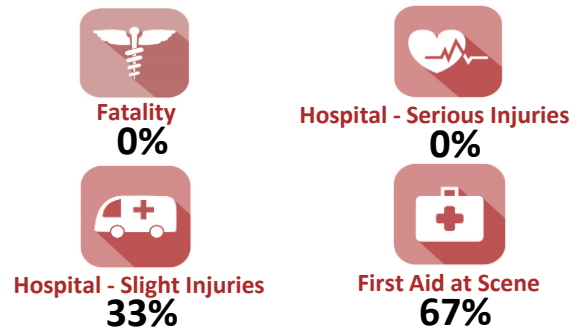
Main Sources of Ignition



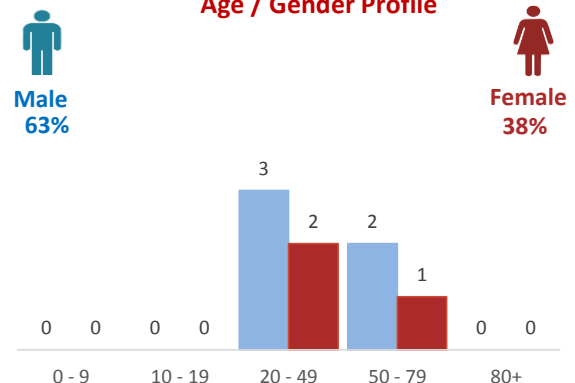
Nature of Injury



Extent of Harm



Age / Gender Profile



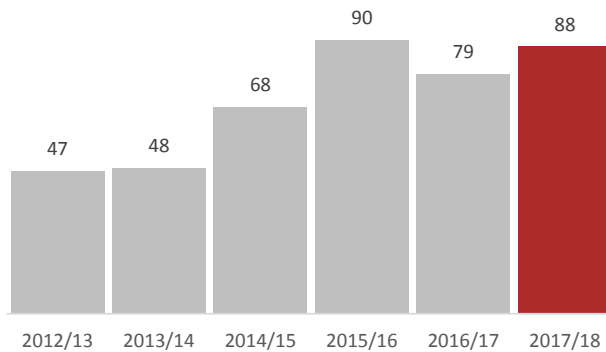
Unintentional Injury or Harm



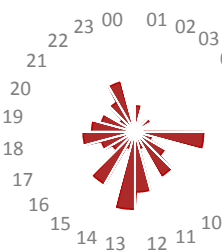
Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
11%	8%	12%

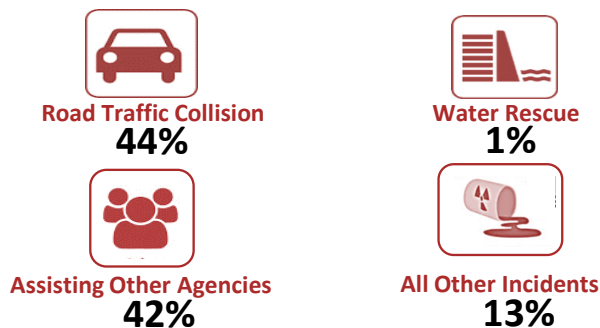
Non-Fire Casualties Year to Date



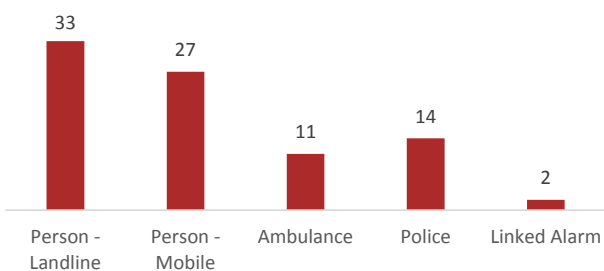
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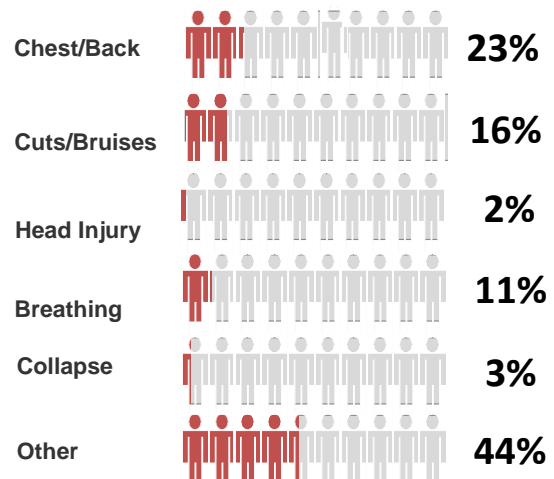
Non-Fire Emergency Activity



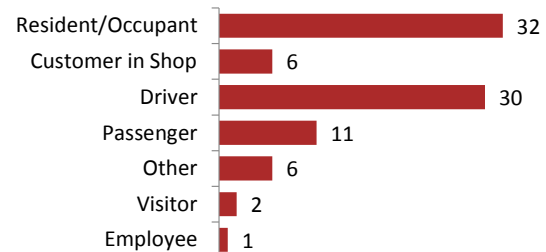
Origin of Call



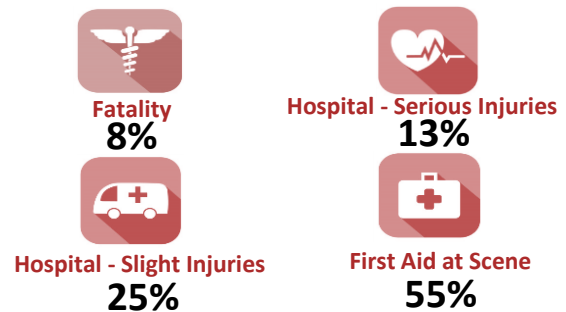
Nature of Injury



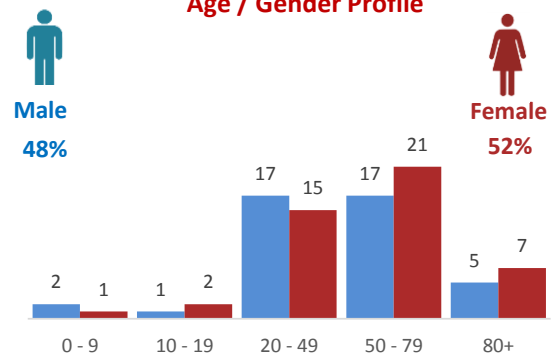
Role of the Casualty



Extent of Harm



Age / Gender Profile



Deliberate Fire Setting

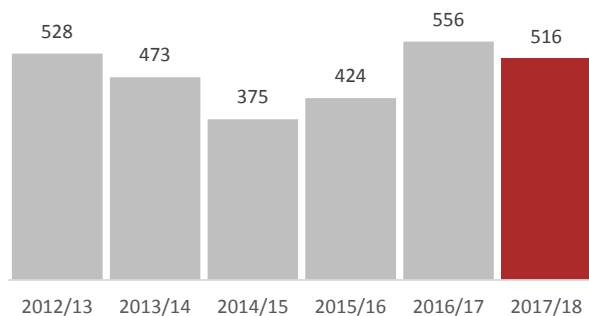


Performance Summary

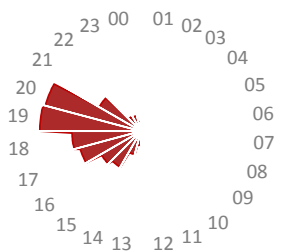
Year on Year 3 Year Average 5 Year Average

● -7% ◆ 10% ▲ -1%

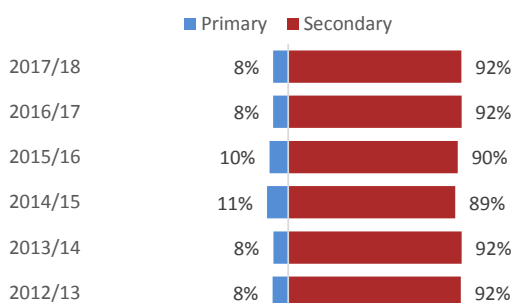
Deliberate Fires Year to Date



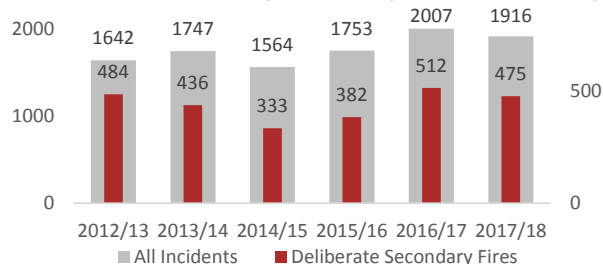
Deliberate Fires by Time of Day



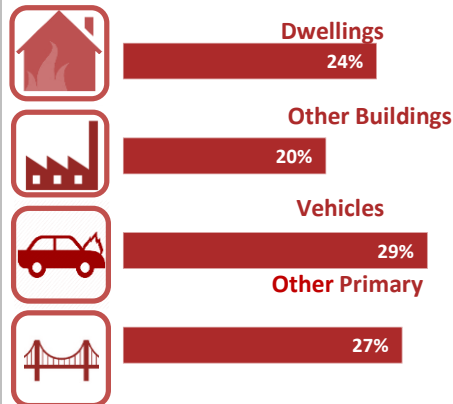
Deliberate Fires by Classification



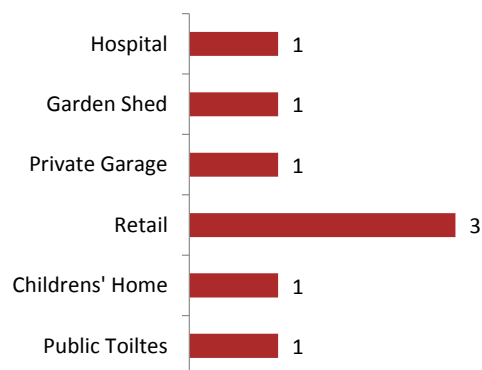
Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity



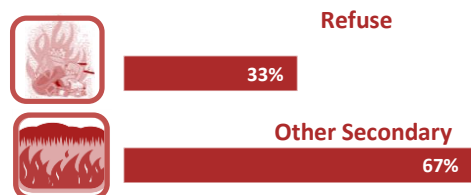
Primary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



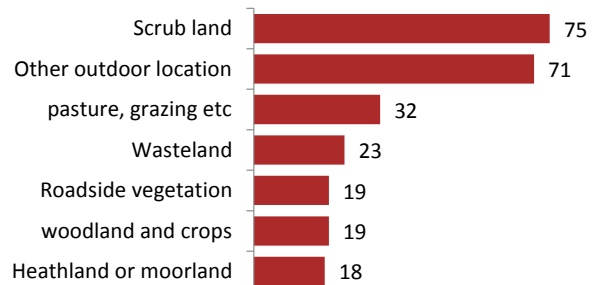
Deliberate Other Building Fires



Secondary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



Most Common 'Other' Secondary Fires



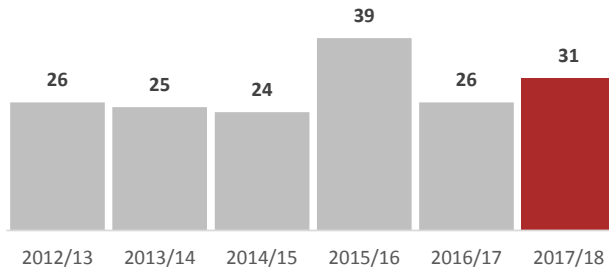
Non Domestic Fire Safety



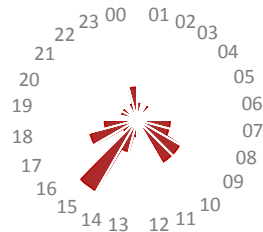
Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
19%	8%	4%

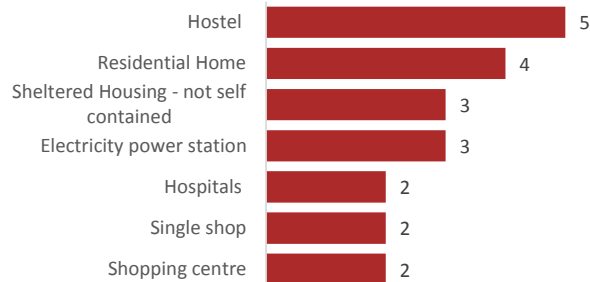
Non-Domestic Fires Year to Date



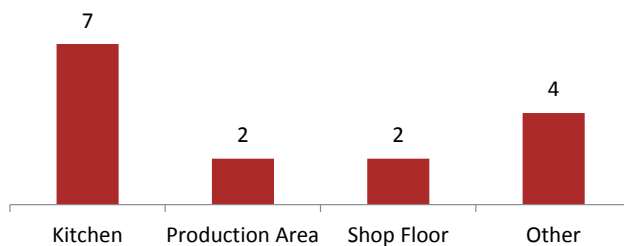
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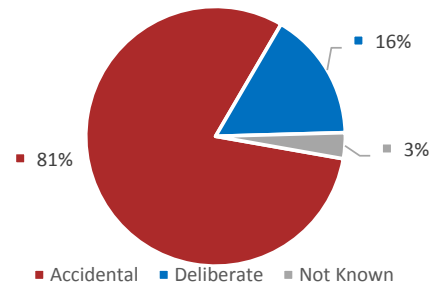
Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



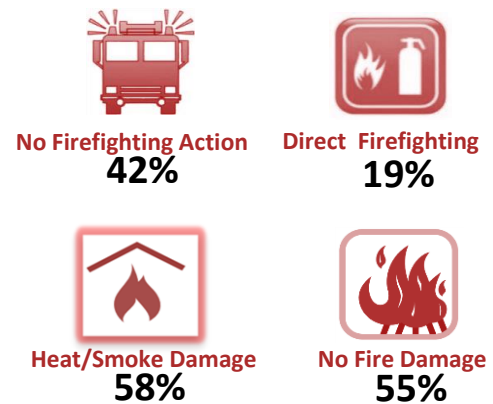
Most Common Locations of Fire Starting



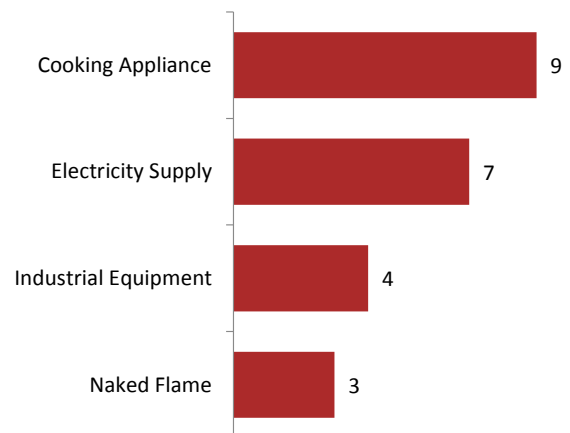
Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



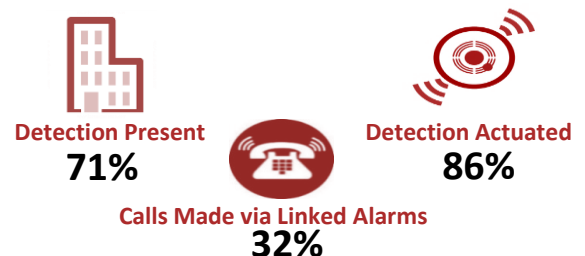
Severity of Non-Domestic Fires



Most Common Source of Ignition



Automatic Detection and Activation



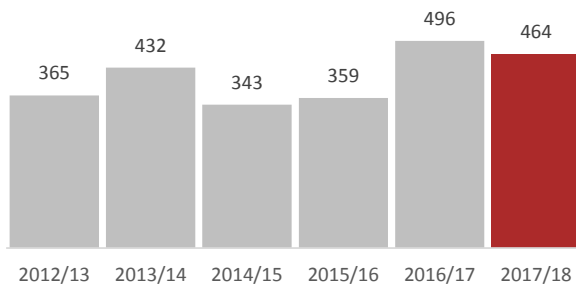
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



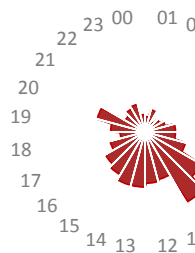
Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
-6%	10%	5%

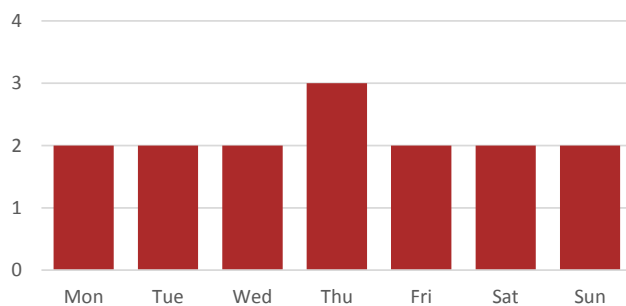
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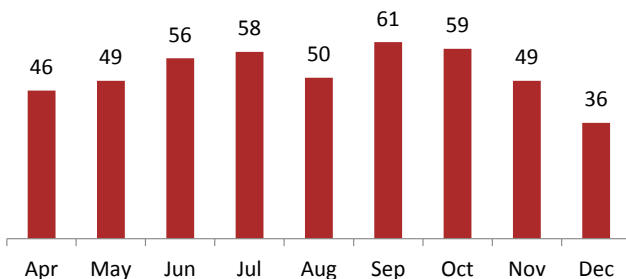
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by Time of Day



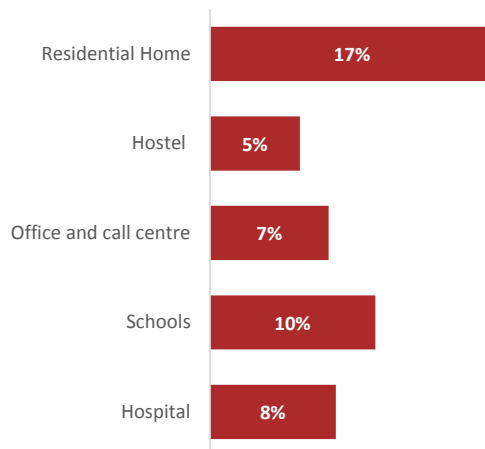
Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Day



Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Month



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Activity Ratios



UFAS Percentage Against all Incidents

24%



UFAS Percentage Against all False Alarms

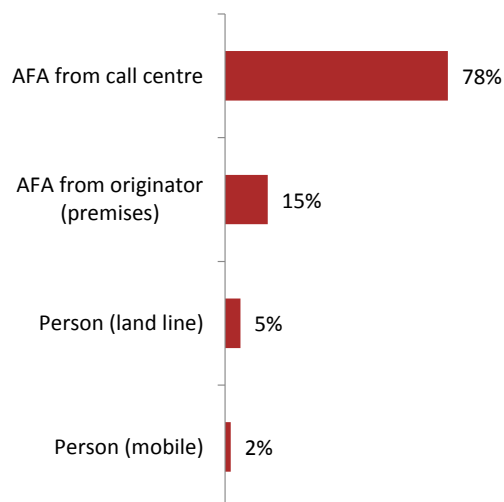
47%



Human Influence and UFAS Activations

42%

Origin of Call



Retained Duty System

Appliance Availability	Mon - Fri (08:00 - 18:00)	Mon - Thu (18:00 - 08:00)	Weekend (Fri 18:00 - Mon 08:00)	Total	Total Mobilisations	Total Time Deployed	No. of Personnel	Contracts
Ardrossan	56.69%	95.54%	90.39%	83.02%	232	116:43	7	550%
Dreghorn	73.28%	98.48%	93.25%	89.08%	293	148:28	13	1000%
Dalry	29.41%	93.42%	80.77%	69.78%	109	65:06	8	675%
Beith	69.21%	98.49%	97.20%	89.36%	171	106:01	12	1025%
Kilbirnie	52.58%	94.59%	96.07%	82.73%	176	103:10	11	1000%
Largs	97.60%	99.91%	97.59%	98.36%	130	85:50	12	950%
Skelmorlie	57.45%	99.31%	90.69%	83.72%	88	56:12	13	1000%
Millport -1	97.58%	99.71%	99.34%	99.01%	31	17:32	12	1050%
Millport - 2	7.21%	47.47%	10.42%	21.73%				
Brodict	99.59%	100.00%	98.13%	99.18%	56	28:51	9	900%
Lamlash	100.00%	100.00%	99.37%	99.77%	82	43:48	9	900%
North Ayrshire	67.33%	93.36%	86.66%	83.25%				
Ayrshire	64.98%	93.68%	86.26%	82.43%				

Prevention & Protection



Total Number of
Home Fire Safety
Visits Carried Out
1,375

Smoke Detectors Fitted
During Home Fire
Safety Visits
995

Number of High Risk
Home Fire Safety Visits
Carried Out
24%

Visits Carried Out
Following Attendance
at an Incident
25%



Fire Safety
Audits Carried
Out
128



New Audits
90%



Re-Audits
1%



Post Fire Audits
7%



Complaint Audits
2%



Broadly Compliant **13**



Areas of Improvement **126**



Notification of Deficiencies **4**



Enforcement Notice



Prohibition Notice

Glossary of Terms

Term - What it means

ADF

Accidental Dwelling Fire

CSET

Community Safety Engagement Toolkit is a internal IT system used to record home fire safety visits and community safety activities

FSET

Fire Safety Experiential Training is a bespoke training programme developed by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Ayrshire and delivered to community planning partners to raise awareness of fire safety within the domestic environment

HFSV

Home Fire Safety Visit

PDIR

Post Domestic Incident Response, a term used by Prevention and Protection Directorate to indicate actions taken following attendance at a fire or other incident in the home. PDIRs include amongst things the offer of a free follow-up home fire safety visit

Primary Fires

These include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fires attended by five or more appliances

RDS

Retained Duty System. Professional on call firefighters who may have other primary employment responsibilities outside the Fire and Rescue Service but respond to emergency calls within their local area as and when required

RTC

Road Traffic Collision

Secondary Fires

These are the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires unless they involve casualties or rescues, property loss or fire or more appliances attend. They include fires in single derelict buildings

Special Service

Calls to incidents which are not fires or false alarms such as RTCs, rescues, flooding, incidents involving hazardous materials or the provision of assistance to other agencies

UFAS

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals. When an automatic fire detection and alarm system is activated as a result of anything other than an actual fire the activation is classed as a false alarm. If an attendance is made to such an event by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, then the event is recorded as an UFAS incident

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Agenda Item 4.2



**POLICE
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Keeping people safe

Total Crime



5.5%



9,098 crimes

Incidents
Recorded

1.8%



33,381

Common Assault

14.8%



1,004

Overall Dishonesty

3.7%



2,211

Domestic Abuse

4.6%



791

Overall Violent
Crime

14.0%



1,101

Sexual Crime

10.8%



175

Road Traffic
Casualties

11.8%



160

Disorder
Complaints

1.9 %



5,209

Missing People

12.2%



448

Counter Terrorism



The threat level from INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM remains at SEVERE meaning an attack
is highly likely.

Housebreaking

4.2%



250

*All data provided is for the period 1 April - 31 Dec 2017 unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 03/01/2018.



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North Ayrshire

Performance Summary Report

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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration.





The report covers the first 9 months of the year and the performance picture is a very positive one, both in terms of the reduction in overall crime and continued decreases in specific areas such as violent and domestic crime.

As ever, I would welcome the Committee's views on any information that it would wish to be included in future reports.

Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise numerical comparisons relate to the same period in the previous year to date.

NORTH AYRSHIRE POLICING PRIORITIES 2014-2017

- 1 Drug dealing and misuse
- 2 Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
- 3 Dishonesty
- 4 Road Safety

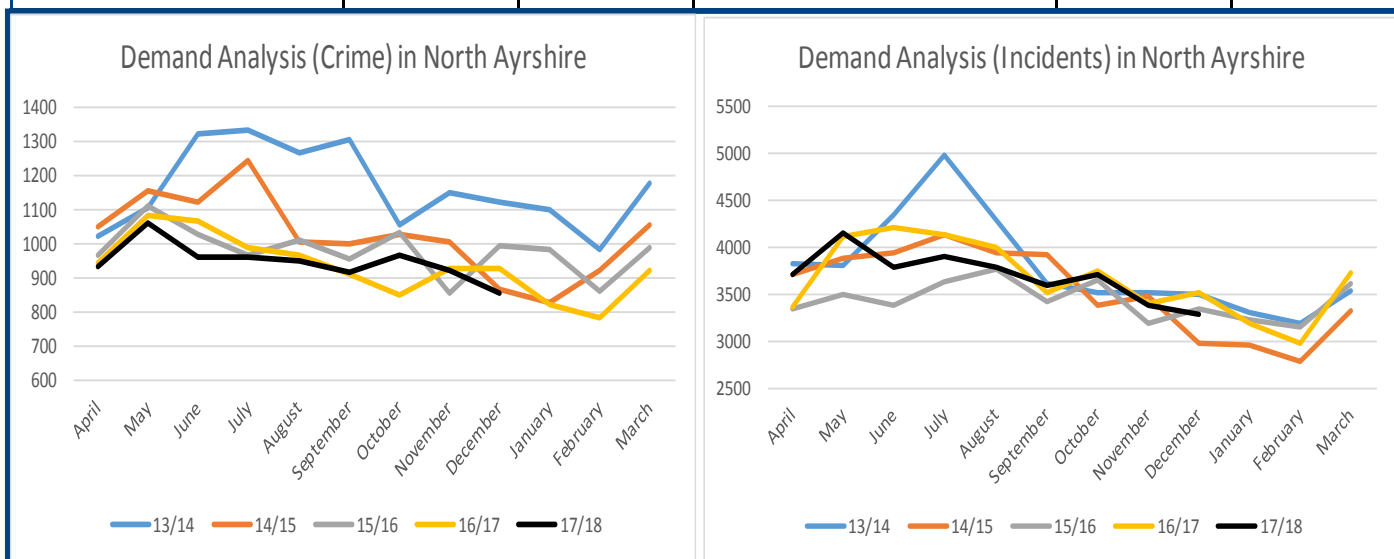
PRIORITY AREA	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Drug supply and misuse 	<p>The number of detections for drug supply offences has increased compared to last year and is a reflection of the extent of police activity in this area. Over the past 3 months in particular, there have been a number of successful operations targeting Organised Criminals, which have come to fruition. Local Policing Teams continue to build strong relationships within communities and intelligence continues to be gathered through this enhanced engagement.</p>
Violence, Disorder & ASB 	<p>The reduction in violent crime has been sustained which is very pleasing given the challenging position being experienced nationally. We had seen slight increases in disorder and anti-social behaviour in the first half of the year, but levels are now below those experienced last year.</p>
Dishonesty 	<p>Crimes of dishonesty have risen slightly this year, primarily due to an increase in shoplifting and online fraud. Additional town centre patrols and analytical work have been undertaken to combat this and small improvements are being seen. Housebreaking and vehicle crime reductions are being maintained.</p>
Road Safety 	<p>The overall position on North Ayrshire roads this year shows a reduction of 27 in the number of people injured, however, there have been 2 more fatalities and 3 more serious injury casualties. Road Policing maintain a high visible presence on the priority locations where accidents are occurring.</p>

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 2017-18

- 1 Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
- 2 Serious Organised Crime
- 3 Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism
- 4 Protecting People at Risk of Harm

DEMAND ANALYSIS

CRIME	PYTD *	CYTD *	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	9,629	9,098	Total number of incidents	34,009	33,381

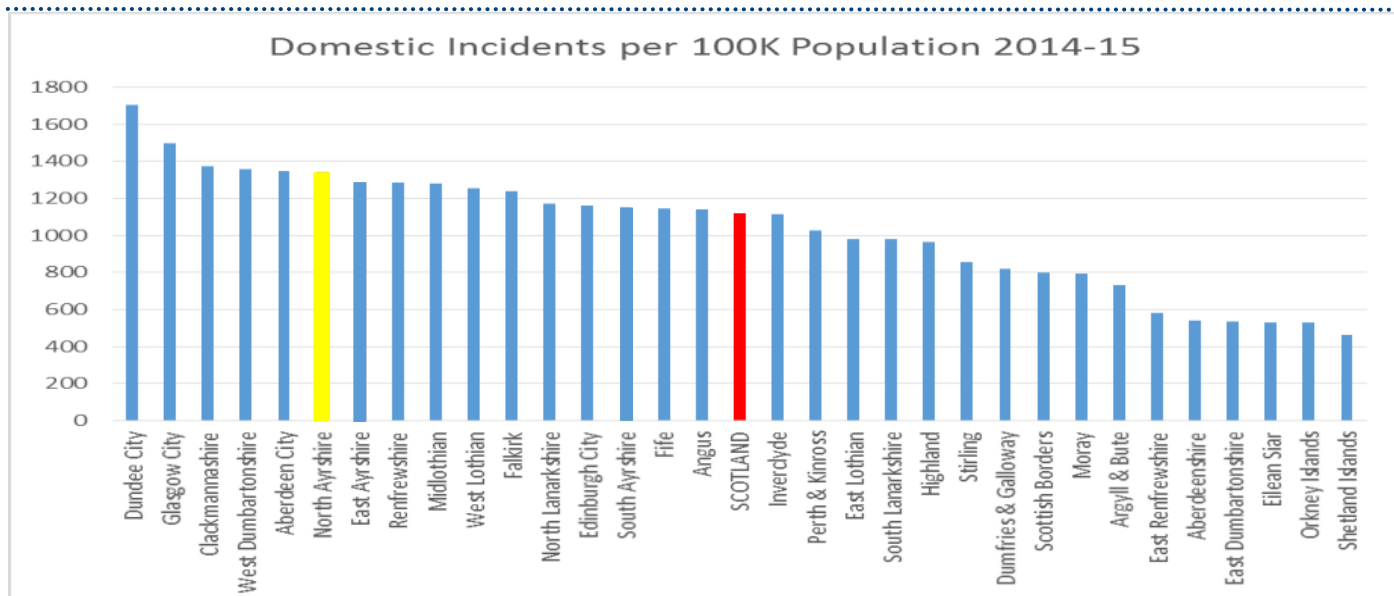


The graphs above show the numbers of crimes and incidents recorded in North Ayrshire from 2013/14 to the current year. There are clearly fluctuations throughout the course of any year but, in broad terms, crime has decreased over the period, whilst the number of incidents reported has increased.

As society changes, the nature of that growing demand changes too, with an increasing need to accurately identify and address vulnerabilities in society. Police Scotland's 2026 strategy recognises that, in order to meet the evolving needs of Scotland's communities, the Service must create the capacity to focus on prevention and prioritise protection based on threat risk and harm in public, in private and in the 'virtual' environment.


Since January 2017 a twice weekly message has been circulated on Social Media outlining demands on the police across 96 Hours from Monday morning to Friday morning and the 72 hours from Friday morning to Monday morning. This can be viewed on our Facebook and Twitter accounts: www.twitter.com/ayrshirepolice www.twitter.com/ayrshirepolice

DOMESTIC ABUSE - DATA OVERVIEW



* PYTD - Previous Year To Date. CYTD - Current Year To Date.


DOMESTIC ABUSE - DATA OVERVIEW

Total Crimes & Offences in domestic abuse incidents	PYTD	CYTD
 4.6%	829	791

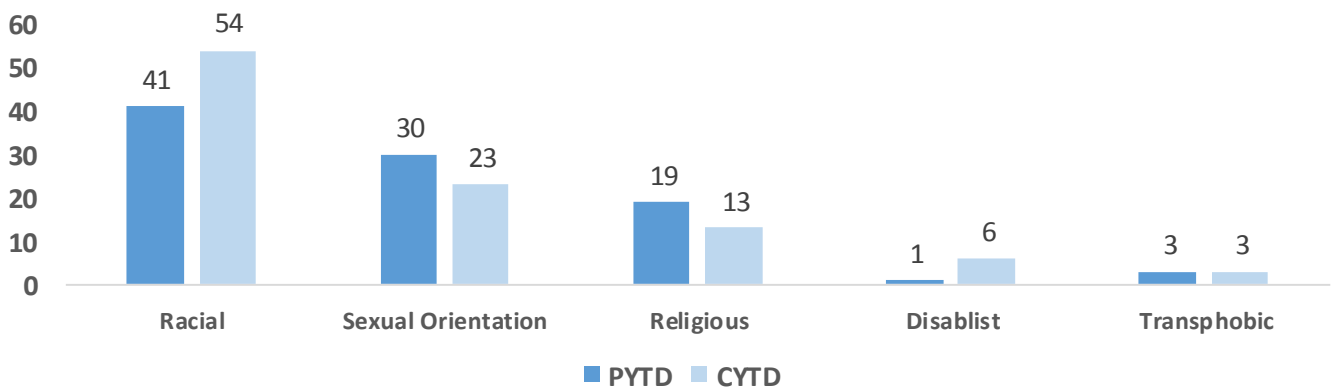
CONTEXT:

There has been a 4.6% reduction in the number domestic abuse crimes this year so far which demonstrates our continued commitment in this priority area. Partnership working remains at the forefront of our approach to tackling this type of behaviour and it is very pleasing to see these reductions being sustained.

HATE CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

Hate Crime Detection Rate	PYTD	CYTD
	73.2%	76.1%

Hate Crime - categories of reported crime



Note: Where a victim is exposed to more than one category of hate related crime in one incident, each category of hate crime is counted.

CONTEXT:

The number of hate crimes recorded has fallen by 8 and the detection rate has risen slightly when compared to last year. Tackling Hate Crime is a priority area for all officers in North Ayrshire and the highest level of scrutiny is given to each crime to ensure all investigative opportunities are undertaken.

Local Community Safety officers working in partnership are arranging bespoke "I AM ME" training inputs for schools which seeks to address issues around disablist crimes.

VIOLENCE, DISORDER & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - DATA OVERVIEW

1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 DEC 2017 - OBJECTIVE: Reduce the number of victims of violent crime



179

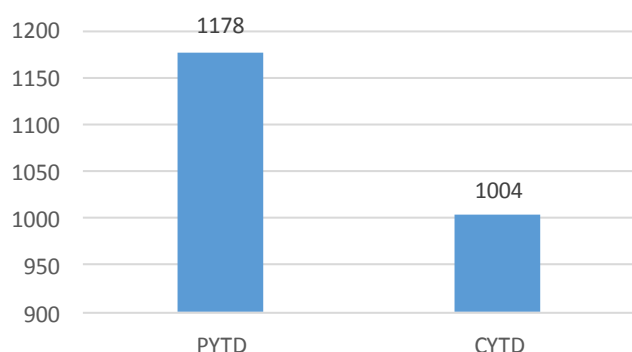
Fewer victims of violent crime

The reduction in violent crime has been sustained throughout the third quarter of the year, which can be a very challenging period. Crimes of this nature almost invariably have a significant impact on victims, their families and friends and the services dealing with the aftermath, so a reduction of 179 victims of violence is substantial. It is also pleasing to see that the detection rates for the most serious violent crimes have increased slightly.

LOCALITY	Robbery				Serious Assault			
	PYTD	CYTD	Det	% Det	PYTD	CYTD	Det	% Det
Irvine	10	12	8	67%	23	28	24	86%
Kilwinning	3	6	3	50%	8	4	1	25%
Three Towns	14	5	4	80%	18	21	19	90%
Arran	0	0	0		0	1	1	100%
North Coast Cumbraes	2	0	1		11	11	6	55%
Garnock Valley	1	1	1	100%	10	5	3	60%
TOTAL	30	24	18	71%	70	70	54	77%

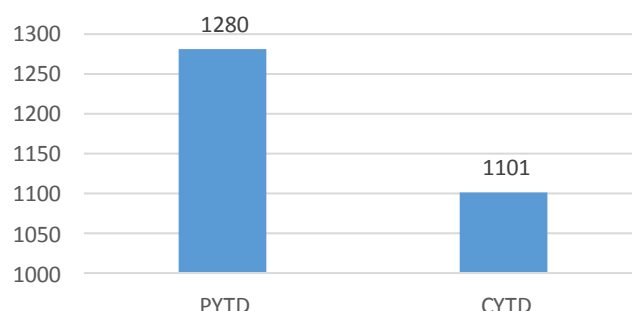
NB figures to 31 Dec 17

Common Assault



NB figures to 31 Dec 17

Total Number of Victims of Violence

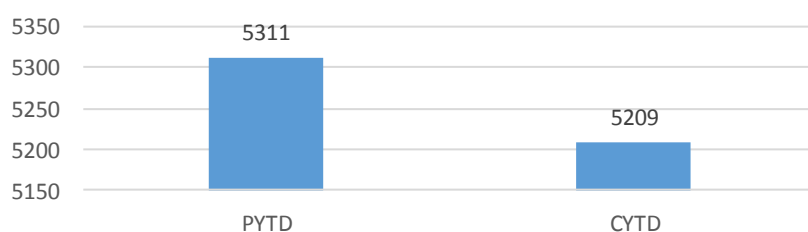


OBJECTIVE: Tackle rowdy and drunken behaviour in public places

Disorder
1.9%





Complaints regarding Disorder



NB figures to 31 Dec 17

UPDATE: Levels of disorder have decreased in recent months, which has helped to balance out the modest increase seen earlier in the year. Our partnership working through the Prevention 1st group continues to target problematic areas and individuals in an effort to reduce this type of behaviour and robust action plans were implemented over the festive period in and around our town centres. These plans were supported by some additional funding received from North Ayrshire Council Community Safety Fund.

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

Drug Supply, production & cultivation	PYTD	CYTD	Drugs possession	PYTD	CYTD
11.1% 	90	100	12.1% 	446	392

CONTEXT:



The number of detections for drug supply has now increased beyond that of last year. Several high level operations targeting serious and organised criminals have been carried out and came to a successful conclusion with several arrests made. Operations of this nature and scale, require a considerable amount of planning and resource commitment, so it is particularly rewarding when they have such positive outcomes.

Our Locality Policing Teams and School Liaison Officers continue to engage with young people in and outside of school and college to inform and influence their life choices in respect of substance abuse.

TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM



CONTEXT: The UK threat level remains at SEVERE, which means an attack is highly likely and the current threat level for Northern Ireland related terrorism in Britain is SUBSTANTIAL, meaning an attack is a strong possibility.

PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK FROM HARM - DATA OVERVIEW

Number of Sexual Crimes	PYTD	CYTD	Sexual Crimes detection rate	PYTD	CYTD
 10.8%	158	175	 4.8%	58.9%	61.7%

CONTEXT: The investigation of sexual offences is a key priority for Police Scotland and the continued reporting of non-recent crimes maintains our belief that public confidence is higher than ever in this area. All sexual crimes are robustly investigated by specialist officers and victims are dealt with the highest degree of sensitivity. A victim centred approach is always taken and support is always at the forefront of our engagement with victims, directly or through the strong partnerships we have with other agencies. The investigation of non-recent crimes can present particular challenges, so it is very pleasing to see a small increase in detection rate.

HOUSEBREAKING - DATA OVERVIEW

Theft by housebreaking	1 Apr 16 - 31 Dec 16	1 Apr 17 - 31 Dec 17	CONTEXT
 4.2 %	261	250	The reduction in overall housebreaking in North Ayrshire is being sustained with year on year decreases in crime. This is very encouraging and an area where much focus has been given.
Theft by housebreaking detection rate	1 Apr 16 - 31 Dec 16	1 Apr 17 - 31 Dec 17	CONTEXT
 8.5%	25.7%	17.2%	Our detection rate for Housebreaking has decreased since our last report and is an area where we are looking to improve upon.

NB figures to 3 Jan 2018 LOCALITY	Crimes PYTD	Crimes CYTD	Detected	Dwelling House	Non-dwelling domestic	Other
Irvine	76	65	14	21	8	36
Kilwinning	33	33	7	13	7	13
Three Towns	66	68	15	31	16	21
Arran	1	2	0	0	0	2
North Coast Cumbraes	40	48	6	24	10	14
Garnock Valley	45	34	1	15	6	13
TOTAL	261	250	43	104	47	99

LOCALITY POLICING IN NORTH AYRSHIRE

CONTEXT:

Locality Policing continues to be the bedrock of our community engagement and partnership working approach. The model is now well established and is approaching 2 years in situ. The success of the approach has been reviewed by both South and East Ayrshire, who are following the North Ayrshire lead and are intent on delivering a similar approach over the coming months.

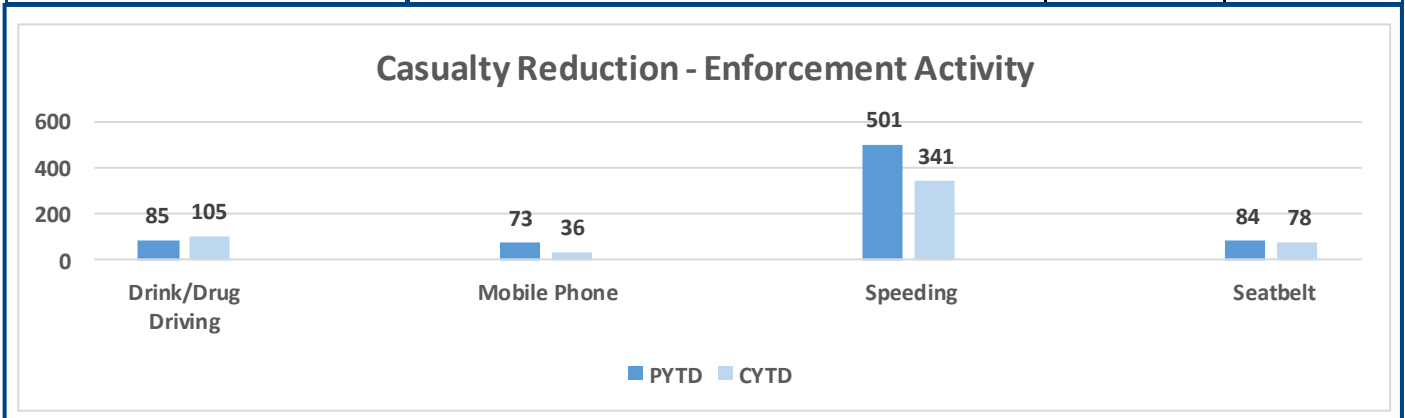
The Teams are overseen by a dedicated Sergeant for each Locality and 2 Community Inspectors have responsibility for 3 teams. The recent position vacated through the retirement of Inspector Brian Skimming has now seen the recruitment of Inspector Colin Convery who is an experienced Inspector with significant local knowledge.

I anticipate that North Ayrshire Locality Policing Teams will continue to develop strong partnerships and be at the forefront of tackling the issues of concern to local communities.

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD CRIME - DATA OVERVIEW

PRIORITY: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED ON OUR ROADS

Road Traffic Casualties		01/04/16 - 31/12/16	01/04/17 - 31/12/17
	Number of persons killed on our roads	2	4
	Number of persons seriously injured	25	30
	Number of persons slightly injured	157	126
	Number of children seriously injured	6	3




PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

Data from 1 April 2017 – 31 December 2017

Number of Complaints about the Police			Number of Complaints per 10,000 Police Incidents
83			24.9
On Duty Allegations	Off Duty Allegations	Quality of Service Allegations	Total Number of Allegations
77	0	19	96

The following provides a list of incidents that have been referred to the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC). When the PIRC investigation is complete, it can be expected that recommendations will be placed in the public domain and these will be reported to the South Ayrshire Police, Fire and Rescue Committee.

PIRC Referrals	Incident
	No new referrals during this reporting period.

POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS



POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (PSYV) IN AYRSHIRE

PSYV was established in 2013, with five groups introduced across Scotland. Four groups were set up in the major cities and one group was introduced in Cumnock, East Ayrshire, based at Dumfries House. The programme has expanded quickly and there are now over twenty groups across Scotland and I am delighted that plans to introduce a new group in North Ayrshire in 2018 are well advanced.

The PSYV programme is designed for young people aged 13-18yrs and its primary aims are to:

- inspire young people to participate positively in their communities;
- encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship;
- promote a practical understanding of policing amongst all young people; and
- support local policing priorities through volunteering.

The groups are embedded in and reflect the diversity of their communities, although they have a distinctly Scottish identity. The young people volunteer for a number of hours per month and take part in a wide range of local activities and events. For example, they can assist with community based crime prevention measures; and assist with the operation of regional and national events such as the Open Golf Championship, the Scottish International Airshow and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

When working in their communities the youth volunteers participate in activities such as helping the elderly and giving out public safety information, all whilst supporting local policing and community safety priorities. The PSYV are also involved with peer to peer and intergenerational education programmes, providing information and delivering inputs to their peers and the public on important themes such as 'No Knives Better Lives' and internet safety.

Recruitment:

The groups are run by adult volunteers who are recruited locally, and these volunteers are supported by 'Police coordinators' (two officers in Ayrshire). The young people themselves are aged from 13-18yrs, with initial recruitment aimed at those between 13-15yrs (i.e. S3); the programme particularly seeks to engage young people who might not routinely have the opportunity to engage with groups like PSYV. The programme runs for a period of three years and it gives each volunteer the opportunity to develop their skills and personal qualities by completing three PSYV awards.



Additional officers to be trained in Taser use and Armed Response Vehicle roles extended.

Police Scotland is increasing its use of Taser by equipping around 500 specially trained officers in local policing divisions. The move, which was given approval at the Scottish Police Authority Board on Tuesday 19 December, is designed to improve the safety of the public and police officers.

It comes after an increase in the number of incidents in which police officers have been confronted by people with bladed weapons and an increase in assaults on officers. By mid December 2017, 969 officers have been assaulted, compared with 764 in 2016.

Police Scotland has been carrying out an extensive programme of engagement with the Scottish Police Authority, national and local politicians, and other key stakeholders to explain the plan to increase the deployment of Taser (correctly known as Conductive Energy Devices) before the specially trained officers (STOs) are in place.

The STOs will be deployed in urban and rural areas across the country, including Ayrshire, giving local policing commanders access to enhanced security and protection for their communities. The total number of STOs will equate to just under 3% of the force establishment.

Training of the STOs will start in May and some officers will be deployed as soon as their training is complete. All STOs are expected to be operational by August 2018. They will be equipped with the Home Office-approved Taser X2.

Taser allows officers to maintain a safer distance from a subject, decreases the risk of injury, prevents escalation and enables safer and quicker resolution to an incident. Every time a Taser is discharged a report is sent to the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner to independently assess the incident.

Police Scotland also announced that it would be extending the role of Armed Response Vehicle (ARV) officers to allow them to be deployed to more non-firearms calls. The removal of the current restrictions was also presented to the Scottish Police Authority on 19 December with planned implementation early in the New Year.

ARVs currently deploy to firearms incidents, threat to life incidents or deal with anything they come across during the course of their patrols using their professional judgement.

They will now support colleagues and the public by responding to a wider range of incidents with an emphasis on public protection, vulnerability and speed of response. They will also support local and national campaigns, such as drink-driving and speed awareness activity.

The change comes as Police Scotland completes an uplift in the number of dedicated firearms resources, which was announced in June 2016.

The increase of 124 officers includes 99 specifically dedicated to ARVs and was completed on Monday 27 November when the final three officers transferred into their new roles.

Mr Derek Penman QPM

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary

COSLA

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9 January 2018

Dear Sally

Consultation on HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2018-19

HM Inspectorate for Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) is established under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and has wide ranging powers to look into the 'state, effectiveness and efficiency' of both the Police Service of Scotland (Police Scotland) and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA).

We have a statutory duty to inquire into the arrangements made by the Chief Constable and the SPA to meet their obligations in terms of best value and continuous improvement. We have a requirement to prepare a plan setting out our inspection priorities for the year ahead and to consult with relevant stakeholders in preparing our plan. If necessary, we can be directed by Scottish Ministers to look into anything relating to the SPA or Police Scotland as they consider appropriate.

HMICS is committed to an improvement agenda, and our inspections aim to help Police Scotland improve the service it delivers to the public. In planning for the 2018-19 scrutiny year, which begins on 1 April 2018, we have undertaken strategic engagement with the Force Executive and Divisional Commanders between November 2017 and January 2018. This engagement is important to HMICS to maintain a good understanding of current issues affecting policing and to achieve an enhanced situational assessment in order that our future scrutiny activity is focused on the right issues in the right areas.

We have been working closely with the new Chair and Interim Chief Officer of the SPA since they took up appointment in late 2017. The Chair has highlighted her commitment to focus on turning the SPA outwards, while the Interim Chief Officer has been tasked with looking inwards to strengthen the capability, capacity and the systems, practices and culture within the SPA. HMICS will support this work over the next scrutiny year and draw on our on-going scrutiny to identify improvement and provide expertise to deliver the necessary change.

As an important stakeholder in policing, I would welcome your views and proposals to address any topical, high risk or emerging areas in policing which you consider would benefit from scrutiny by HMICS during 2018-19. Your feedback will be collated against the responses from other stakeholders and assessed against our scrutiny risk process to help inform our forthcoming scrutiny plan.

A response by Friday 2 February 2018 would be appreciated and should be emailed to hmics@gov.scot. If you have any queries or wish to discuss your response in advance of sending, then please do not hesitate to contact us

Yours sincerely

Derek Penman

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary