



REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST, 2019

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – MARR AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 1ST APRIL – 30TH JUNE 2019

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

- 1.1 Acknowledge and discuss the attached performance report relating to the period.**
- 1.2 Acknowledge and discuss any local operational matters arising, together with key resource issues, as detailed within appendices attached to this report.**

2. Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The main purpose of this report is to inform members how the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is performing locally in Marr against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan and Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan.
- 2.2 The summary report (see appendix 1) will provide a regular opportunity for Elected Members to discuss fire and rescue activities, in the local area in order to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Marr
- 2.3 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Their comments are incorporated within the report and they are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3. Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.7 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the Area Committee is authorised to consider the performance of Fire and Rescue in the Marr area and to make any necessary recommendations to the appropriate policy committee or governing body. In this case, comments will be fed back to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

4. Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report is to inform committee on performance and there will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.

- 4.3 There are no direct risk implications for the Council as this report is in relation to the performance reporting of an external organisation for the Committee's acknowledgement and discussion.

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Marr Area Committee 1st April to 30th June 2019

Introduction

From 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019 there have been 80 incidents within the Marr Area;

- 7 Deliberate Fires
- 3 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 17 Accidental Fires
- 3 Non-Domestic Fires
- 17 Special Service Incidents
- 10 RTC Casualties including 2 fatalities
- 23 Unwanted False Alarms (UFAS)

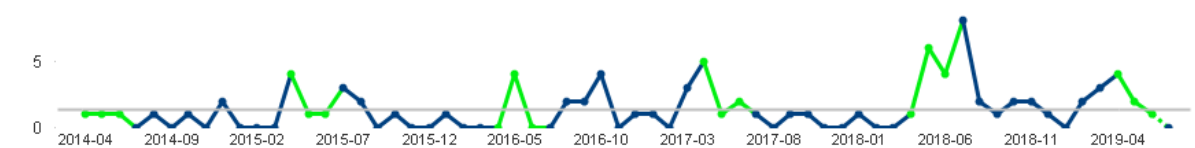
The Aberdeenshire Management Team and staff within the area are committed to working with Communities and Partners to reduce all types of incidents and continue working to make Marr Area a safe place to work, live and visit.

This report provides the Marr Area Committee with an overview of performance within the area and what the service are doing in partnership with both communities and partners to continuously improve performance within the area.

Deliberate Fires

Reducing Deliberate Fires is a priority for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the Marr area. The chart below shows good progress towards this objective (the sections of the chart coloured green represent April to June from 2014/15 to 2019/20).

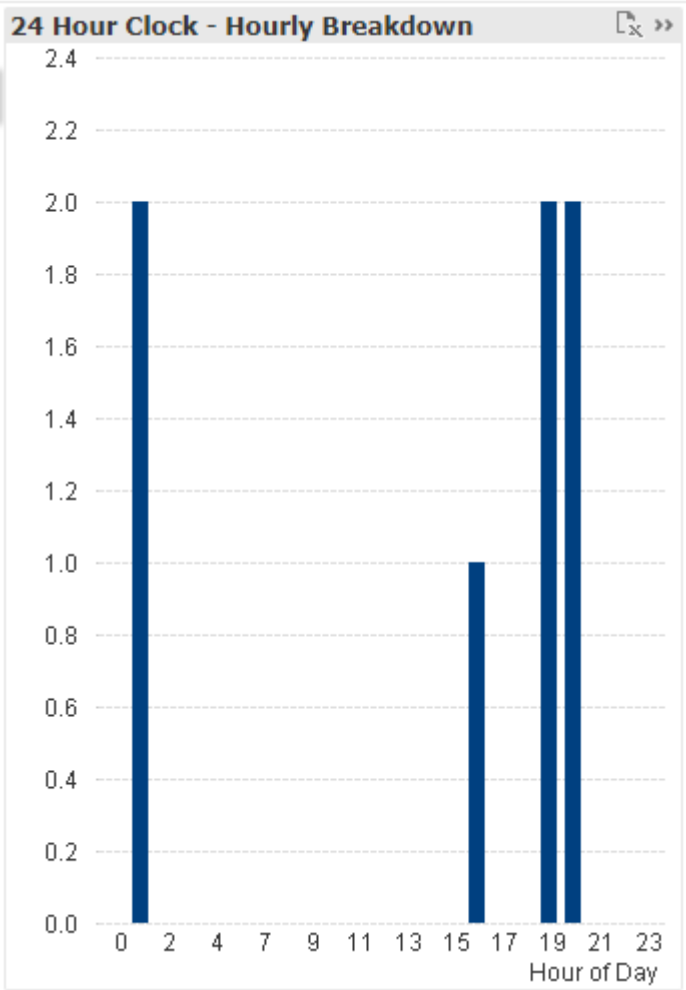
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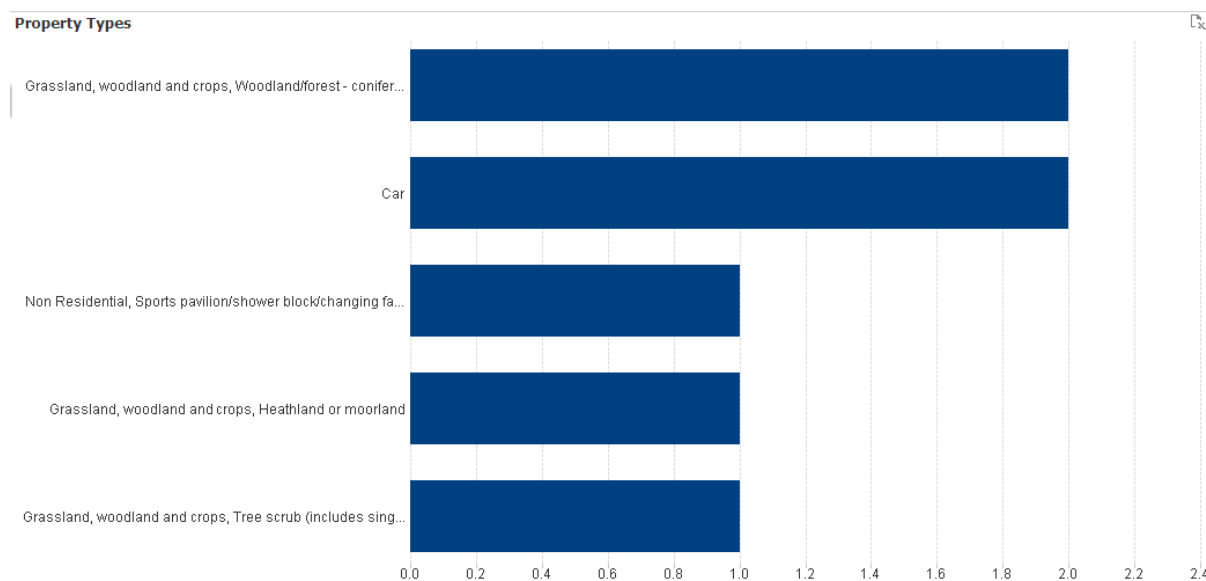
The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Marr area down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that the majority of deliberate fires over the current period have occurred in the Banchory and Mid Deeside area.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	1	0	1	6	1
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	1	1	4	1	4
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	3	4	3	3	4	2
Total	3	6	4	8	11	7

4 out of 7 incidents that have occurred during this period have taken place between 1900hrs and 2000hrs (this can be seen in the figure below).

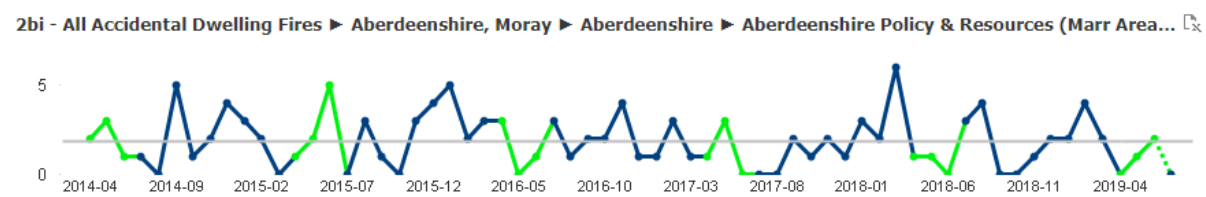


Given the time of day and the types of fires that have occurred then.



Unintentional Harm and Home Safety

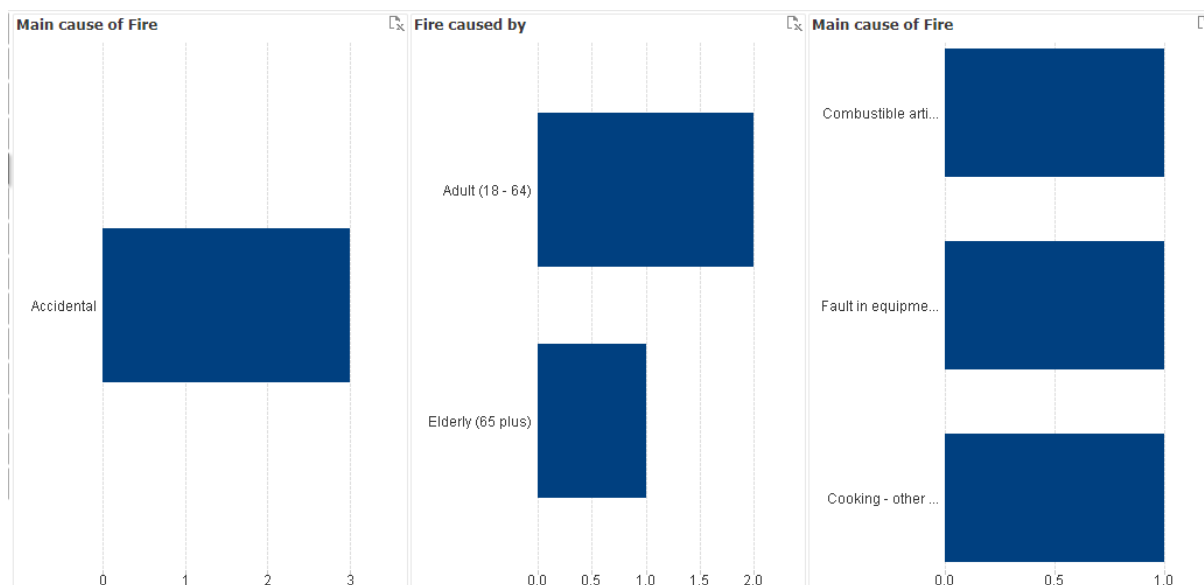
Reducing unintentional harm and improving home safety remain a priority for the SFRS. The chart below shows that the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires within the area have remained relatively static over the period.



The table below shows the breakdown of Accidental Dwelling Fires down to ward level.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	2	1	2	1	2
Banchory & Mid Deeside	1	1	1	1	1	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	4	5	2	1	0	1
Total	6	8	4	4	2	3

The main causes of the Accidental Dwelling Fires are shown below:



Home Fire Safety Visits continue to be our primary method for reducing accidental dwelling fires. During this period, we have delivered the following HSFV's:

Area	Total Visits	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	27	7 (26%)	9 (33%)	11 (41%)
Banchory and Mid Deeside	20	4 (20%)	10 (50%)	6 (30 %)
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	41	13 (32%)	10 (24%)	18 (44%)
Totals	88	24 (27%)	29 (33%)	35 (40%)

We are continuing to work with our Partners through Local Community Planning arrangements and the Health and Social Care Partnership to increase the number of High Risk Referrals made for Home Fire Safety Visits. Delivering these visits to the people most in need is a critical piece of work.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

During this reporting period there have been no casualties as a result of Accidental Dwelling Fires. The table below shows how this compares to the previous five years.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0

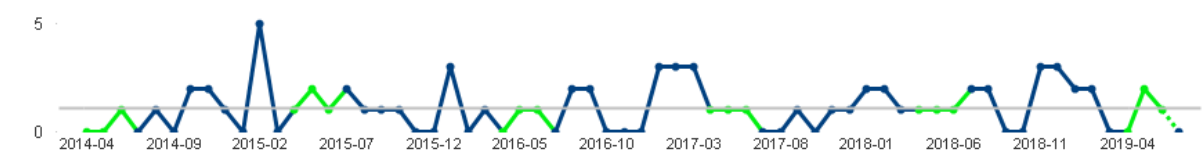
We continue to refine our HFSV process to ensure casualty numbers continue to be low or at zero.

Non Domestic Fires

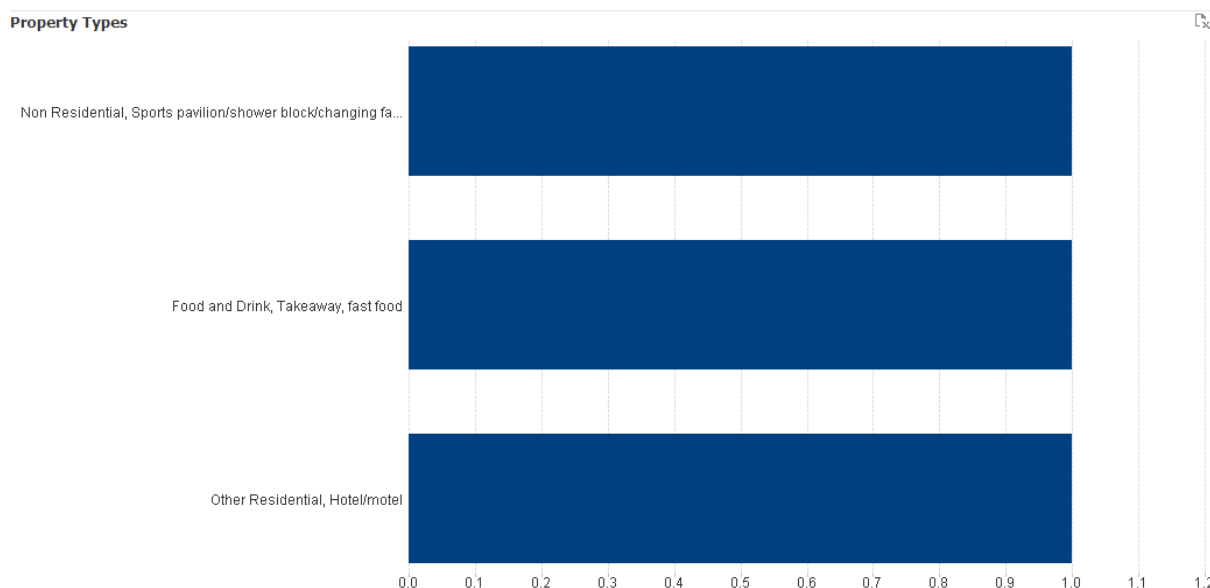
During this reporting period there have been 3 non-domestic fires in the area. The table and chart below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous five years.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	2	1	2	2	1
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	1	1	1	0	1
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	1	0	0	1	1
Total	1	4	2	3	3	3

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The chart below shows the property types where these incidents occurred.

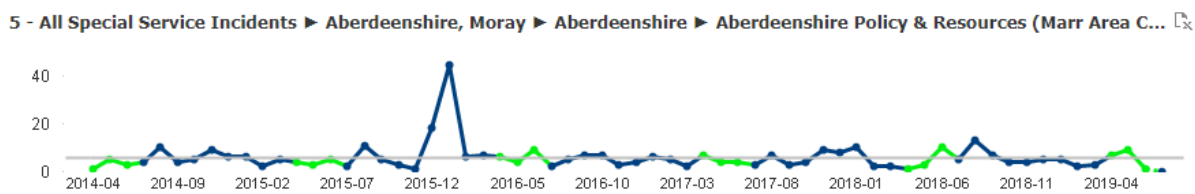


Non-Fire Emergencies

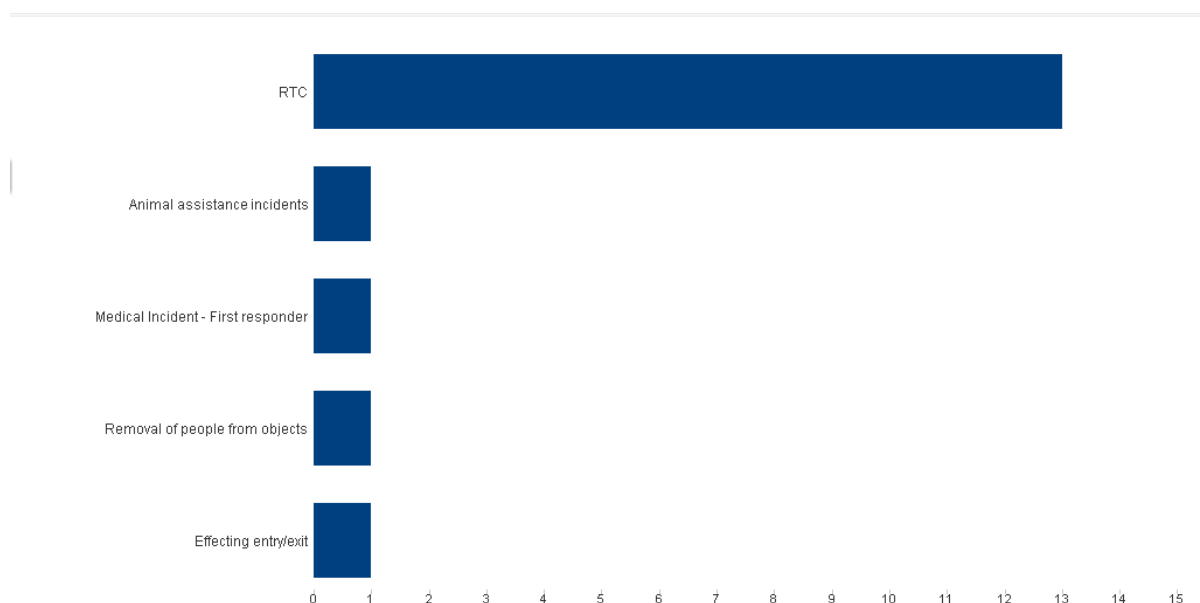
The modern Fire and Rescue Service attends many incidents that are not fires. This section provides information in relation to Non-Fire Emergencies to allow members to see both how we are progressing in this area and the variety of Non-Fire Emergencies that crews within the area deal with.

The table chart below shows information and comparison with the previous five years.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	5	10	6	11	9
Banchory & Mid Deeside	2	4	3	3	1	3
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	6	3	6	6	2	5
Total	9	12	19	15	14	17



The chart below shows the number and different categories of Non-Fire Emergencies that the Service have responded to in the Marr area during the reporting period;



We continue working with both Partners and Local Communities to reduce the number of Non-Fire Emergencies in the area and to ensure that there is an effective response when an incident does occur.

Casualties resulting from Road Traffic Collisions

Unfortunately, there have been 2 Fatal Casualties as a result of Road Traffic Collisions during this reporting period and the number of Non-Fatal Casualties has increased.

The table below provides information for comparison over the previous 5 years for Non-Fatal Casualties from RTC's during this period;

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	3	2	0	5	1	3
Banchory & Mid Deeside	1	2	0	1	1	2
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	4	3	3	2	0	3
Total	8	7	3	8	2	8

We continue to provide Road Safety Initiatives with Partners in the area.

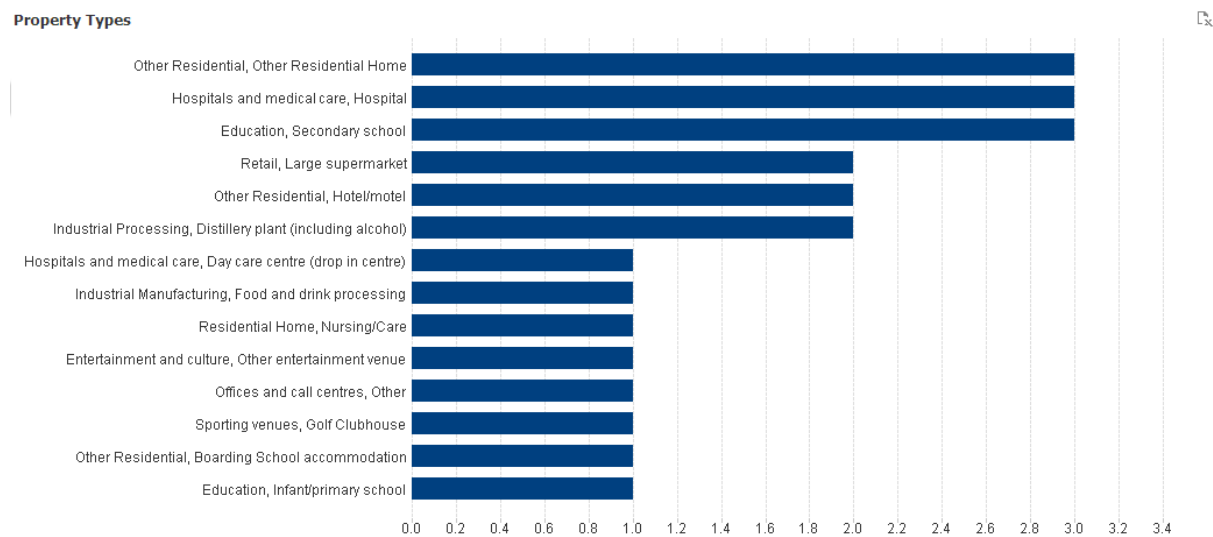
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

Reducing the number of unwanted fire alarm signals is a priority for the area. Reducing this type of incident has a positive impact on local employers by decreasing the interruption to businesses and the wider community. This also reduces road risk in relation to blue light journeys made while responding to incidents that turn out to be a false alarm.

We continue working on this priority with business owners and occupiers however the number have increased over the reporting period as can be seen in the table below;

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	8	13	11	10	8	6
Banchory & Mid Deeside	3	4	3	5	1	4
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	8	5	8	9	9	13
Total	19	22	22	24	18	23

The chart below shows the property types where UFAS Incidents have occurred during this reporting period



In line with our policy for Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, all operational crews provide advice and guidance to occupiers/owners every time that they attend an Unwanted Fire Alarm. In cases where there is no improvement we provide occupiers/owners with additional advice from our specialist Fire Safety Enforcement Officers to assist them in resolving the issue.

Establishment – Marr Area

Station	Establishment Figures
Aboyne 10	10 - Full establishment
Balmoral 10	8 - Two under establishment
Ballater 20	17 – Three under establishment (2 recruits)
Braemar 10	8 – Two under establishment
Strathdon 10	7 - Three under establishment
Alford 10	10 – Full establishment
Huntly 20	13 – Seven under establishment (2 recruits)
Banchory 20	19 – One under establishment (3 recruits)

Additional Information

Our current Local Senior Officer (LSO), Ian Findlay has now retired and has been replaced in the role of LSO for Aberdeenshire and Moray by Area Manager Martin Tait.

Martin started his career with Fife Fire and Rescue Service in 1995 before transferring to Tayside Fire Brigade in 1998 and has worked in various departments throughout his career. Since the formation of the Service he has been Group Manager within Dundee with the responsibility for co-ordinating the delivery of the Prevention, Protection and Response services within the area. He also had a long-term temporary promotion as Area Manager within People and Organisational Development.

A “Crash Live Event” was held at Aboyne Academy on the 19th June 2019. This event was presented to the 4th year students at the Academy and very constructive feedback has been received from both the students and teachers.

Crews from Huntly Retained station will once again be representing Aberdeenshire in this years Scottish Road Traffic Extrication event being held at Cambuslang Glasgow on the 24th August. The winners of this event will then go on to represent Scotland at the UK event being held in Derby at the end of September.