

## **REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – MARR AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**FOR Q3 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

#### **1 Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Area Committee:**

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

#### **2.0 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 2014-17 and Marr Multi-Member Ward Plan 2015-16.

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.

- 2.2 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.

#### **3.0 Scheme of Governance**

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.8 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.

#### **4.0 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications**

4.1 This report is principally designed to advise Members of the performance of the Fire and Rescue Service for the relevant quarter. An equality impact assessment is not required because there will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.

4.2 There are no specific staffing or financial implications arising from this report.

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**Director of Communities**



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# Area Committee/Ward Forum Report

## Aberdeenshire & Moray LSO Area

**Local Authority Area:** Marr  
**Area Committee:** Marr Area Committee  
**Manager:** Station Manager Colin Westwood  
**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Local Briefing

#### Recruitment

Recruitment and retention of retained (RDS) staff within the area remains a priority and Station Manager Westwood along with personnel from local stations are working to increase and maintain establishment levels throughout the area.

Current Station Establishments within the area are:

Banchory – 19 which is 1 under establishment  
Aboyne – 10 which is full establishment  
Ballater – 17 which is 3 under establishment  
Balmoral – 9 which is 1 under establishment  
Braemar – 8 which is 2 under establishment  
Alford – 7 which is 3 under establishment  
Strathdon - 8 which is 2 under establishment  
Huntly - 16 which is 4 under establishment

The recruitment campaign for RDS staff is now open year round and the next retained initial course will take place in early March. This course will see one new recruit for Huntly, two for Ballater and one for Alford which will strengthen our establishment figures for the stations within Marr even further. There are also 4 candidates for Huntly, 3 for Banchory, 1 for Ballater and 1 for Alford who are currently progressing through the selection process and hopefully will add to our establishment figures. Anyone wishing to join the retained service can apply by visiting MyJobScotland and selecting the emergency services section.

## Community safety

We will continue to promote the Winter Season Thematic Action Plan. Our website contains detailed information and advice on winter safety in the home, at work, the use of electric blankets, chimney/wood burning stove safety and the use of portable heaters. The muirburn season is well underway and we will continue to work closely with our estates and landowners to ensure they adhere to the muirburn code and reduce the dangers of wildfire in the area.

The free Home Fire Safety Visit activity continues to be carried out across the area with positive results.

**For a free home fire safety visit contact the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:**

Freephone: 0800 0731999

Visit: [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

## CPR Training

Following the successful launch of the European Restart a Heart Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 fire stations across the Marr area and indeed across Scotland have now been provided with CPR training kits provided by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and can provide CPR training to members of their community. This initiative, launched by the Scottish Government is fundamental to increasing survival rates and its aim is to train 500,000 members of the public in CPR so that bystander CPR becomes more frequent.

The training in CPR will be carried out at local fire stations and involves a 30 minute DVD presentation followed by a practical session in how to perform CPR.

Please contact your local fire station (or me) if you know of any organisations, groups or clubs who would be interested in taking up the offer of CPR training.

All stations are continuing with their involvement with the BHF Partnership project, and all stations in Marr have undertaken several sessions for members of the public.

We are also highlighting the [Sandpiper Wildcat Project](#) to our station personnel, to assist the project in achieving their aim of having Defibrillators available in locations across the area. We are supporting our staff who may wish to volunteer in their spare time.

Looking forward, Marr Community Planning Group are attending a CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) training event on the 2nd of February at Alford Fire station where the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will be leading the training.

The training will be provided to local councillors, representatives of Aberdeenshire Council and partner organisations, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action (AVA), Marr Area Partnership (MAP), NHS, and Police Scotland.

### [Grampian Cardiac Rehabilitation Association \(GCRA\)](#)

The Grampian Cardiac Rehabilitation Association (GCRA) have established a new exercise class in Huntly. SFRS are delighted to work in partnership with this organisation and have provided a venue at Huntly fire station for these exercise classes which take place every Wednesday afternoon.

As you may be aware the GCRA provide fitness classes to those people who have suffered a cardiac arrest, stroke or suffer from other debilitating illnesses such as arthritis. These fitness classes are designed to provide low impact exercises to individuals to aid them through their recovery and improve their quality of life by adopting a healthier lifestyle. The cornerstone of such a lifestyle being the participation of the individual in regular safe exercise programmes. The first class took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and it is hoped that many more people will come along to these very worthwhile fitness classes.

### [Ballater Resilience Plans](#)

Local resilience plans for the Ballater and Crathie areas have been developed with the assistance of Police Scotland, SFRS and Aberdeenshire council. A table top exercise took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November to test the plans in the event of a significant flood or other significant event in the Ballater/Crathie area.

### [Look Forward](#)

#### [Crash Live event](#)

A road safety event is planned to be held at Banchory Academy on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017, where over 140 fourth year students will attend. This event is organised in conjunction with Police Scotland and involves a hard hitting road safety presentation to pupils and includes a live scenario involving a one car Road Traffic Collision with one person trapped. A member of the teaching staff will be acting as the casualty on the day and enhanced the overall outcome of the event by providing a very personal account of their experience inside the vehicle and of being cut free.

The purpose of the event is to highlight the dangers of careless and reckless driving, and the consequences of Road Traffic Collisions as well as the role of the Emergency Services

A Crash Live event is also planned for Aboyne Academy and will take place in early spring 2017.

## Performance

This section provides an overview of Performance for October - December 2016 inclusive, extracted from SFRS Ward Analysis Reports.

### Accidental Dwelling Fires

There was no change in the number of accidental dwelling fires during this reporting period for Marr.

We plan to continue reducing accidental fires through education, HFSV and continuing to develop our partnerships.

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	3	5	+2
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	4	2	-2
Banchory and Mid Deeside	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

### Non Fatal Fire Casualties (Excluding Precautionary check ups)

There have been no non-fatal fire casualties within the Marr Area during this reporting period.

We will work towards maintaining this figure by continuing to carrying out case studies for all dwelling fire casualties, and delivering targeted approach to Home Fire Safety Visits.

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	0	0
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0	0
Banchory and Mid Deeside	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### All Fatal Fire Casualties

We are pleased to report that there have been no fatal fire casualties within the Marr Area during this reporting period.

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	0	0	0
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0	0
Banchory and Mid Deeside	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Special Service Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's)

During this reporting period we have seen a decrease in RTCs attended from 6 to 5. We will continue to work towards reducing these types of incident by maintaining our commitment to Safe Drive Stay Alive as well as supporting and developing other safety initiatives such as Crash Live.

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	3	3	0
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	2	1	-1
Banchory and Mid Deeside	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-1</b>

### Deliberate Fires

During this reporting period we have seen an increase in this type of incident. We continue to work to reduce these types of incident through partnership working with the local policing teams and community engagement.

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	1	2	+1
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	0	0
Banchory and Mid Deeside	0	2	+2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>+3</b>

### False Alarms

The number of False Alarms within the area has increased for this reporting period. Personnel within the area continue to work with occupiers to reduce this type of call further.

	2015-16	2016-17	Variance
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	20	23	+3
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	13	24	+11
Banchory and Mid Deeside	4	12	+8
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>+22</b>



## Response & Resilience

The final piece of external works at Ballater Community Fire Station have now been completed.