



REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 29 JANUARY, 2019

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – MARR AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER 3, 1ST OCTOBER TO 31ST DECEMBER 2018

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 and 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 or 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 October to December 2018

Introduction

From 1st October 2018 to 31st December 2018 there have been 63 reportable incidents within the Marr Area;

- 63 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 0 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 2 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 1 RTC Casualties
- 4 Deliberate Fires
- 14 Accidental Fires
- 4 Non-Domestic Fires
- 9 Special Service Incidents
- 29 False Alarms

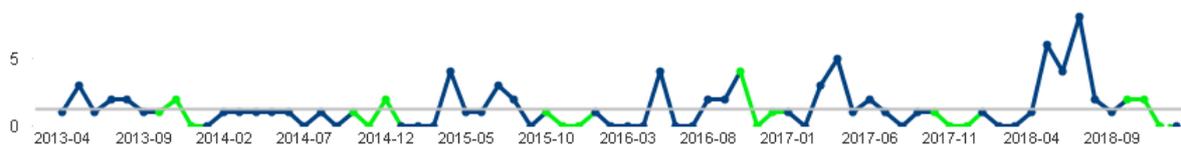
The Aberdeenshire Management Team and staff within the area are committed to working with Communities and Partners to reduce all types of incidents and continue working to make Marr Area a safe place to Work in, Live in and Visit.

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 that we are making progress towards this objective (the sections of the chart coloured green represent October to December from 2013/14 to 2018/19).

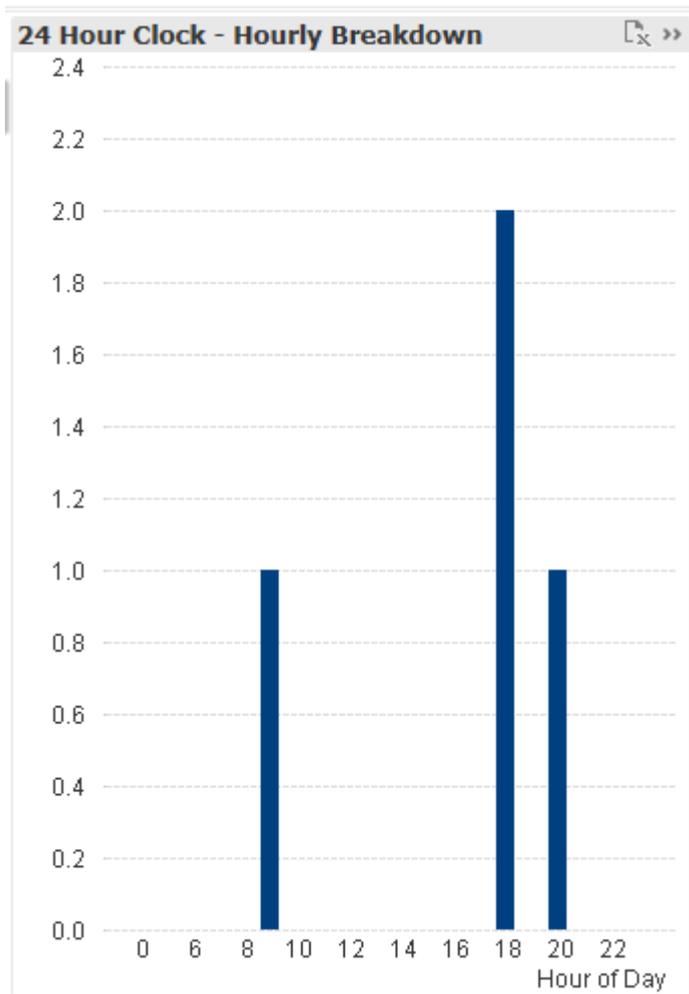
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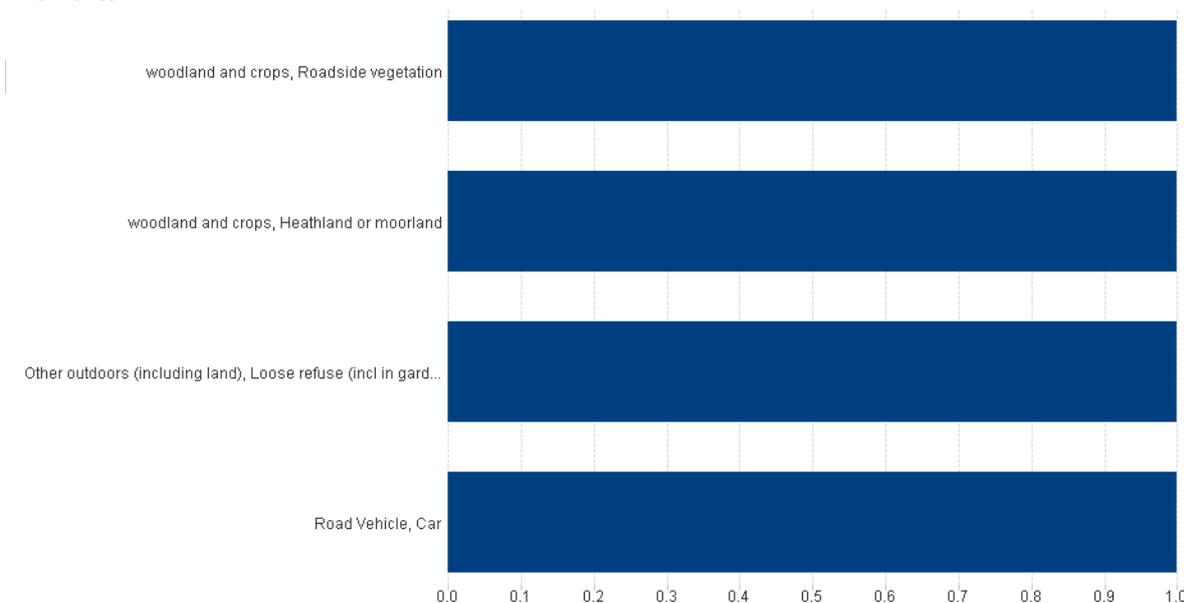
The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Marr Area down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that the majority of deliberate fires over the current period have occurred in the Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford area.

Geography/Reporting Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	0	0	0	0	1
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	3	0	1
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	2	3	1	2	1	2
Total	3	3	1	5	1	4

3 out of 4 incidents have occurred during this period have taken place between 1800hrs and 2000hrs (this can be seen in the figure below).



Property Types



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

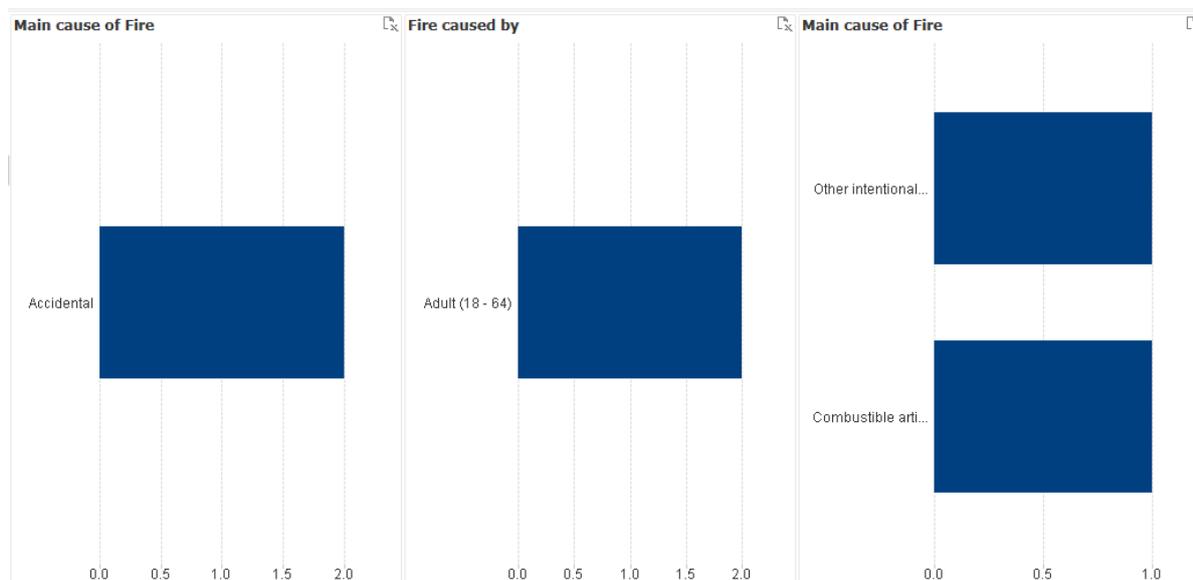
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The table below shows the breakdown of accidental dwelling fires down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that the number of accidental dwelling fires over the current period have occurred in the Banchory and Mid Deeside and Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford Areas.

Geography/Reporting Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	2	1	4	2	1	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	2	0	0	1	1
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	3	4	3	5	2	1
Total	5	7	7	7	4	2

It can be seen from the chart below that the two accidental dwelling fires that occurred resulted from other intentional burning going out of control and combustible articles to close to the heat source.



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	7 (23%)	3 (19%)	1 (17%)	3 (38%)
Banchory and Mid Deeside	11 (37%)	3 (19%)	3 (50%)	5 (62%)
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	12 (40%)	10 (62%)	2 (33%)	0
Totals	30	16 (53%)	6 (20%)	8 (27%)

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. This is a critical piece of work as delivering these visits to the people that are most in need.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

During this reporting period there has been no casualties as a result of accidental dwelling fires. The table below shows how this compares to the previous five years.

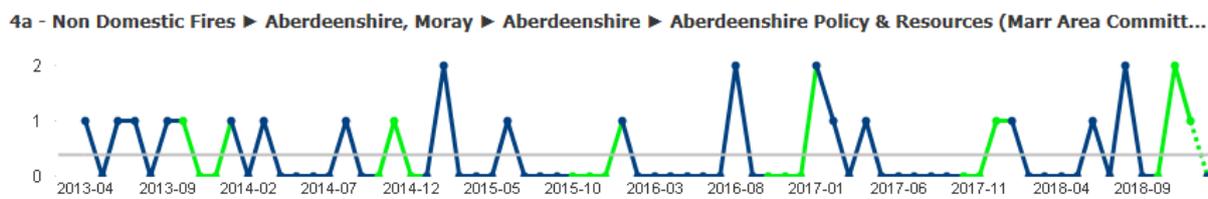
Geography/Reporting Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	0	0	0	0	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	0	0	0	0	0

Although the number of casualties are low we will not become complacent and will continue refining our HFSV process to ensure casualty numbers are minimised.

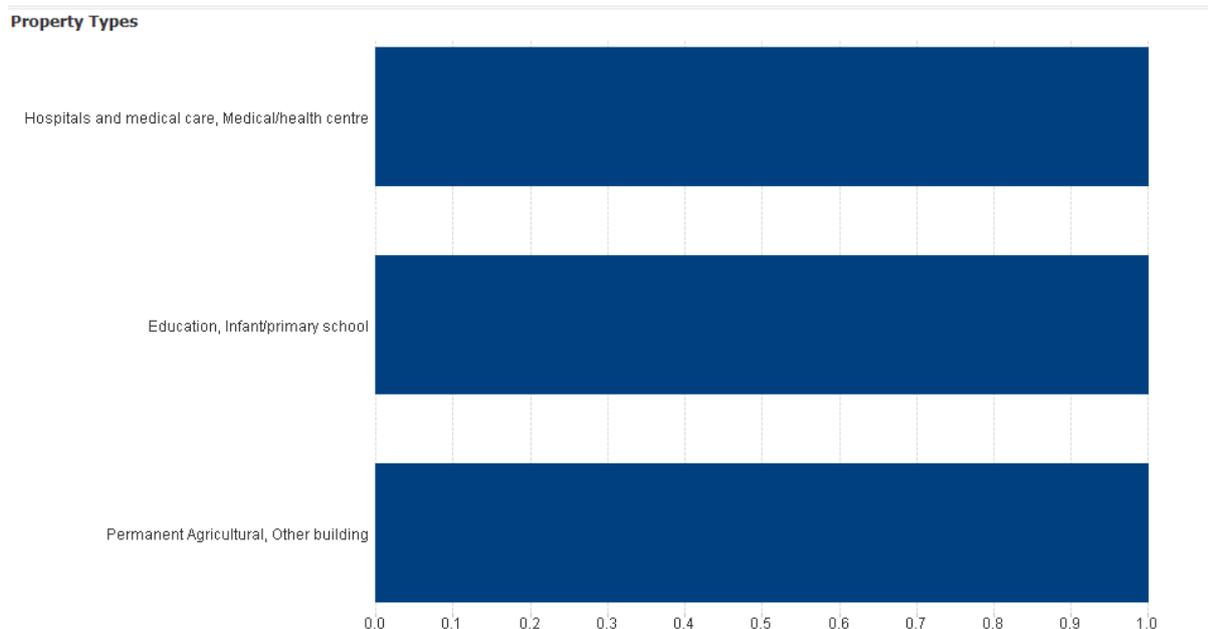
Non Domestic Fires

During this reporting period there has 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	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	0	1	0	0	1	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	0	0	0	0	1
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	1	1	0	0	1	3



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

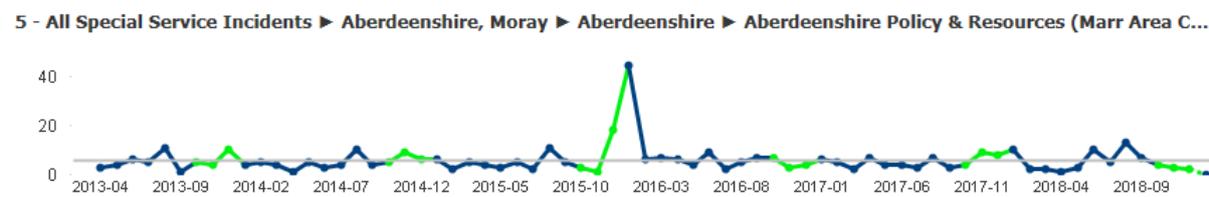


Non-Fire Emergencies

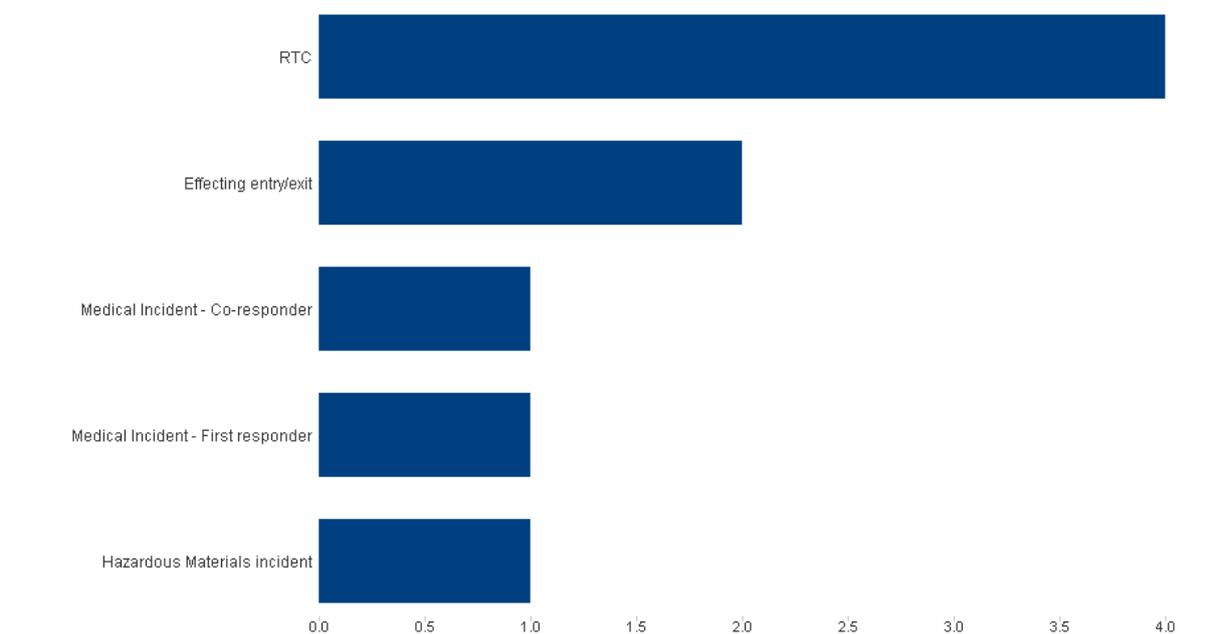
The modern Fire and Rescue Service attends many incidents that are not fires. This section provides information in relation to Non-Fire Emergencies to allow members to see both how we are progressing in this area and the variety of Non-Fire Emergencies that crews within the area deal with.

The table chart below show how we are progressing in comparison with the previous five years.

Geography/Reporting Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
↑ Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	6	8	15	6	9	5
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	4	2	3	7	2
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	13	8	5	5	5	2
Total	19	20	22	14	21	9



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

It is pleasing to note that there have been no Fatal Casualties as a result of Road Traffic Collisions during this reporting period.

We have seen a decrease in the number of Non-Fatal Casualties from RTC's during this period and the table below provides information for comparison over the previous 5 years;

Geography/Reporting Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	1	2	1	0	5	0
Banchory & Mid Deeside	0	3	1	0	3	1
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	10	5	3	1	3	0
Total	11	10	5	1	11	1

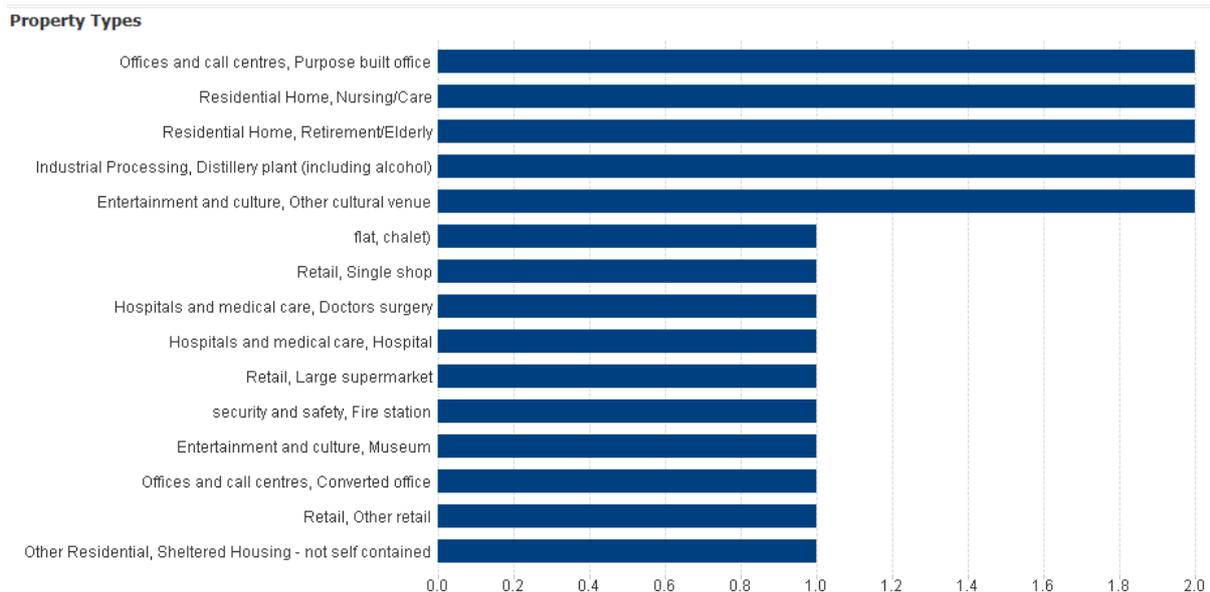
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

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 reducing the interruption to businesses and the wider community by reducing Road Risk through the reduction in the number of 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 and the progress can be seen in the table below;

Geography/Reporting Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19
† Ward						
Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside	8	12	7	19	14	9
Banchory & Mid Deeside	4	6	1	8	6	3
Huntly, Strathbogie & Howe of Alford	7	11	11	11	15	8
Total	19	29	19	38	35	20

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 and Establishment	Current Establishment Figures
Aboyne 10	10 - Full establishment
Balmoral 10	8 - Two under establishment
Ballater 20	17 – Three under establishment
Braemar 10	9 – One under establishment
Strathdon 10	7 - Three under establishment
Alford 10	10 – Full establishment
Huntly 20	13 – Seven under establishment
Banchory 20	19 – One under establishment

Additional Information

Crews from Huntly fire Station were one of two teams representing Scotland in the United Kingdom Rescue Organisation Extrication Challenge which was held in Cardiff at the end of September.

This event sees teams from across the United Kingdom and guest teams from around the world compete over two days testing their skills in Road traffic collision scenarios. The team from Huntly did themselves proud and came a respectable 19th out of 32 teams that entered.

A “Crash Live” event took place at the Gordon Schools in Huntly at the end of October. This is now an annual event and is very well received by staff and pupils at the school.

Crews at Banchory fire station have now received their Level 2 water rescue training and are now classed as a Level 2 water rescue station. There are now three level 2 water rescue stations in Marr: Ballater, Huntly and Banchory.

A pilot initiative is taking place the week commencing the 28th January in partnership with Marr community Libraries. This initiative involves inviting members of the public to participate in CPR training within their local libraries. Sessions are planned for Banchory, Aboyne, Alford and Huntly libraries.