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REPORT TO KINCARDINE & MEARNES AREA COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2019

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – KINCARDINE & MEARNES AREA COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 1 April 2019 – 30 September 2019

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 The main purpose of this report is to inform members how the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is performing locally in Kincardine & Mearns against key performance measures and associated targets, as set out in the Aberdeenshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan and Kincardine and Mearns Multi-Member Ward Plan.

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

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

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

- 3.1 The summary report (see **Appendix 1**) provides the opportunity for the Committee to discuss fire and rescue activities, in the local area in order to achieve good outcomes for the residents of Kincardine & Mearns.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 A verbal update will be provided on the day to advise of matters arising and discuss in more detail the information contained within **Appendix 1**.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		x	
Staffing		x	
Equalities			x

Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Town Centre First			X
Sustainability			X
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			X

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the report is to inform the Committee on performance and there will be no differential impact, as a result of the report, on people with protected characteristics.
- 5.2 There are no staffing and financial implications from this report.
- 5.3 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.

6 Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of B.1.2 of Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance which empowers the Committee to consider, comment on, and make recommendations on any matter or policy which impacts its Area.

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List of Appendices –
Appendix 1 - Summary report.

Appendix 1

Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee April 2019 to September 2019

Introduction

From 1st April to 30th September 2019 there have been 182 incidents within the Kincardine and Mearns Area;

- 182 Incidents
- 0 Fire Fatalities
- 3 Non-fatal fire casualties
- 14 Accidental Dwelling Fires
- 6 RTC Casualties
- 20 Deliberate Fires
- 43 Accidental Fires
- 6 Non-Domestic Fires
- 25 Special Service Incidents
- 75 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 Kincardine and Mearns a safe place to work, live and visit.

This report provides the Kincardine and Mearns 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.

(Information taken from Incident Dashboard in Qlikview)

Deliberate Fires

Reducing Deliberate Fires is a priority for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the Kincardine and Mearns area. The chart below shows that there has been a spike in incidents which is down to an increase in Deliberate fires recorded in the Stonehaven & Lower Deeside area. (the sections of the chart coloured green represent April to September from 2014/15 to 2018/19).

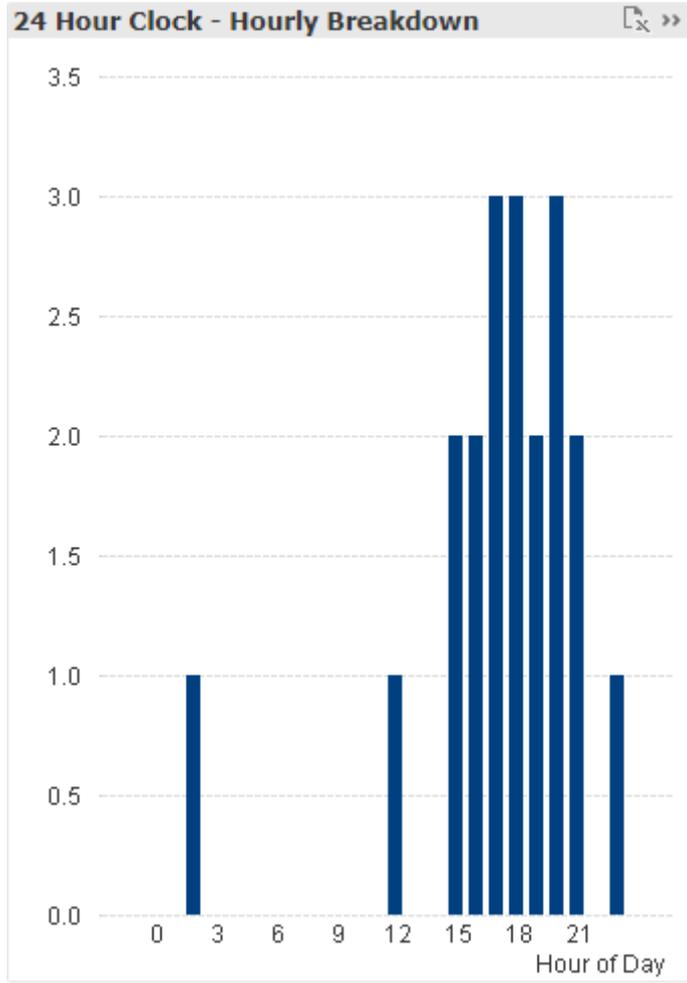
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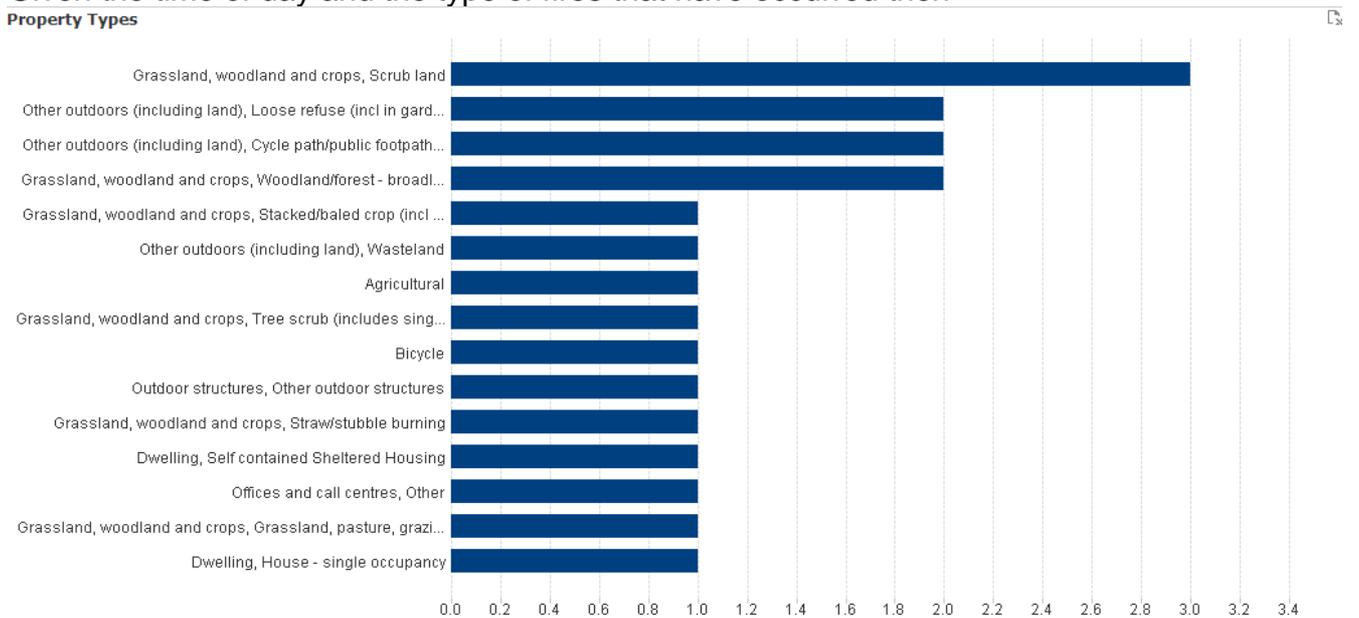
The table below shows the breakdown of Deliberate Fires throughout the Kincardine and Mearns area down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that the deliberate fires over the current period have seen an increase in the Stonehaven & Lower Deeside Area.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Mearns	2	0	4	3	6	2
North Kincardine	4	3	2	5	5	4
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	3	3	10	7	5	14
Total	9	6	16	15	16	20

17 out of the 20 incidents that have occurred during this period have taken place between 1500 – 2100hrs (this can be seen in the figure below).



Given the time of day and the type 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 shown a slight increase over the same period.

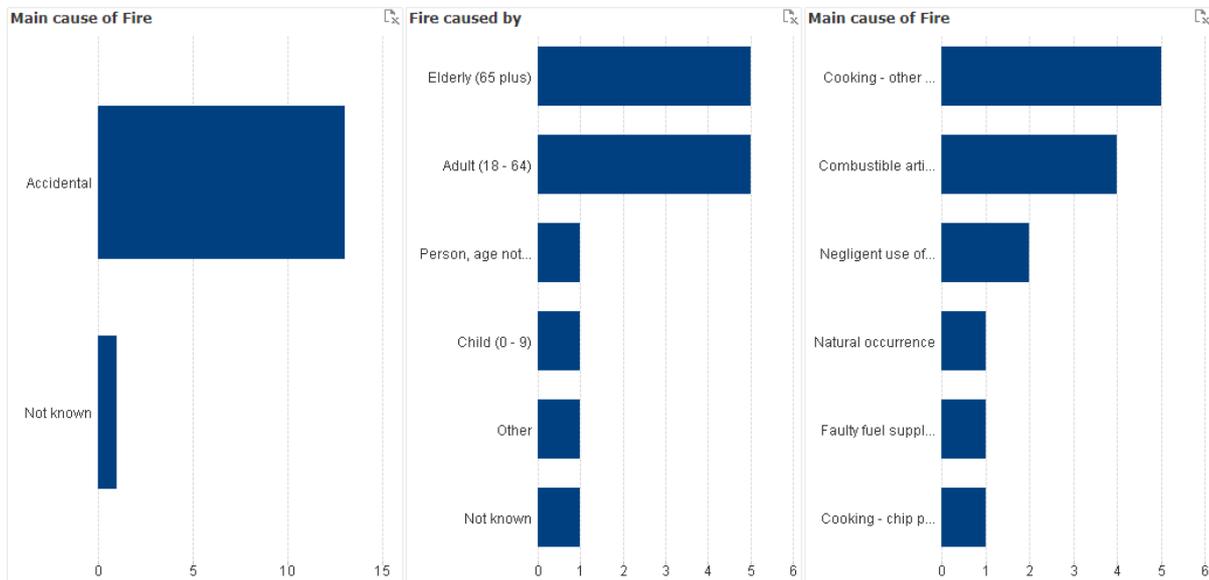
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The table below shows the breakdown of accidental dwelling fires down to ward level. It can be seen from the table that 11 out of the 14 accidental dwelling fires over the current period have occurred in the Stonehaven & Lower Deeside Area and North Kincardine.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Mearns	4	5	5	2	2	3
North Kincardine	4	1	4	5	2	5
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	3	3	8	7	7	6
Total	11	9	17	14	11	14

It can be seen from the chart below that 6 out of the 14 accidental dwelling fires that occurred resulted from cooking. Fire Service staff who undertake Home Fire Safety Visits ensure that people are aware of the risks involved in the kitchen.



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

Area	Total Visits	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Mearns	47	13 (36%)	24 (41%)	10 (10%)
North Kincardine	64	5 (14%)	17 (29%)	42 (42%)
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	83	18 (50%)	18 (30%)	47 (48%)
Totals	194	36 (19%)	59 (30%)	99 (51%)

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 delivering these visits to the people that are most in need.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties

During this reporting period there have been 3 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						
Mearns	0	1	0	0	2	0
North Kincardine	0	1	0	0	0	3
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	0	0	4	1	0	0
Total	0	2	4	1	2	3

Although the number of casualties remains low, they are showing an upward trend in the past three years so we will continue to refine our Home Fire Safety Visit process to ensure casualty numbers are minimised.

Non Domestic Fires

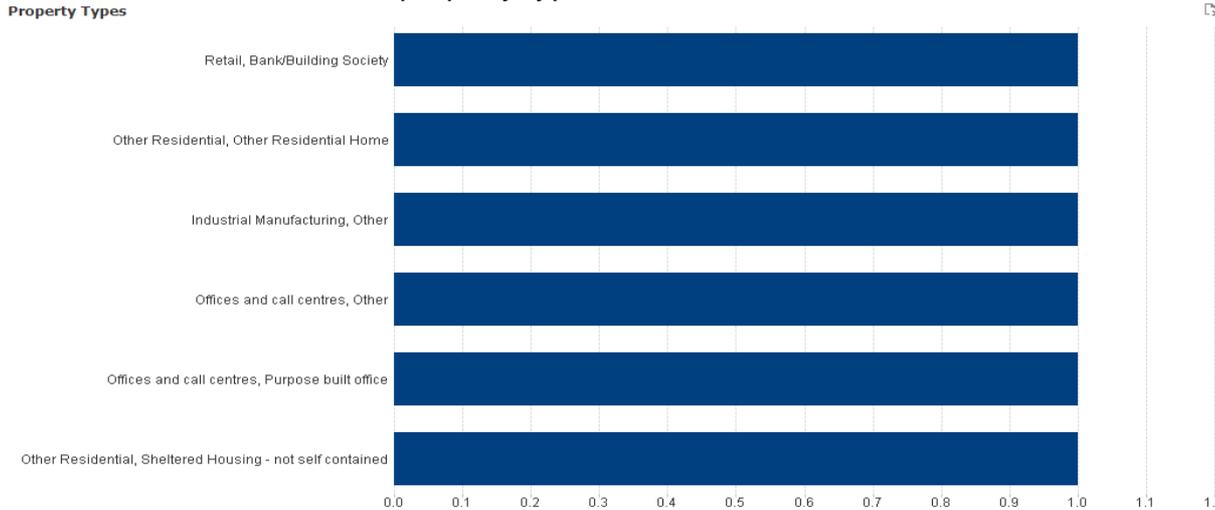
During this reporting period there have been 6 non-domestic fires in the area which is the same as previous year. The table and chart below allows for comparison with this and the same reporting period for the previous 6 years.

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Mearns	4	1	3	1	1	0
North Kincardine	4	1	1	4	2	1
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	1	3	7	5	3	5
Total	9	5	11	10	6	6

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

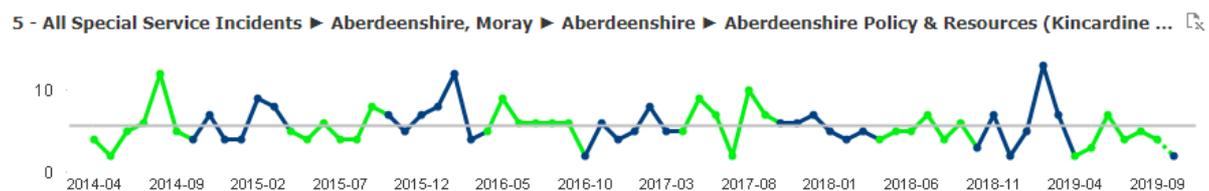


Non-Fire Emergencies

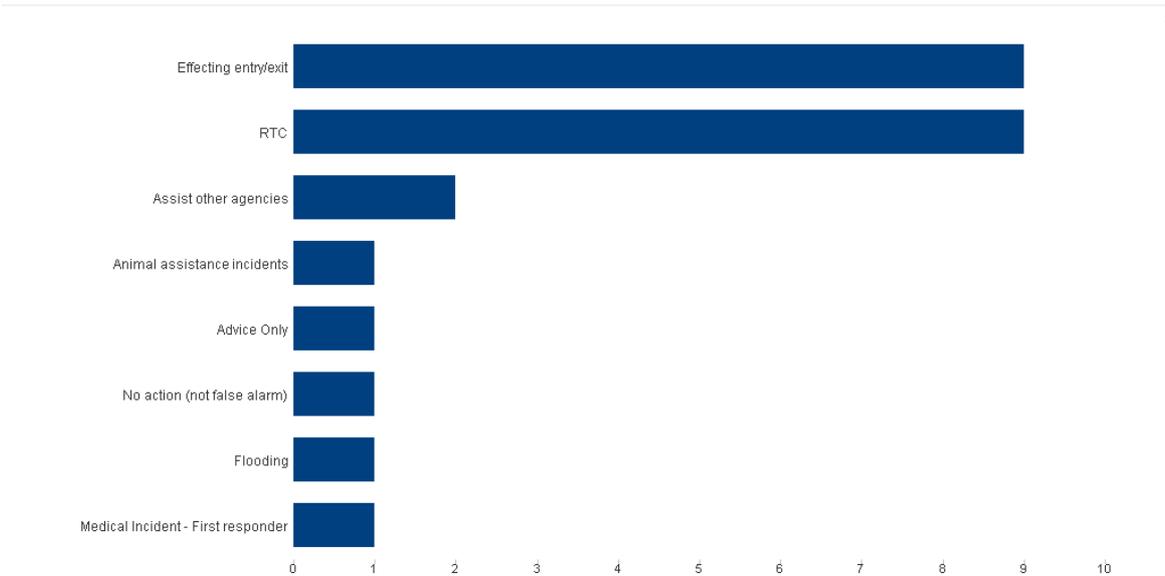
The modern Fire and Rescue Service attends many incidents that are not fires. This section provides information in relation to Non-Fire Emergencies to allow members to see both how we are progressing in this area and the variety of Non-Fire Emergencies that crews within the area deal with.

The table and chart below show how we are progressing in comparison with the previous 6 years;

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Mearns	5	8	5	18	11	9
North Kincardine	13	11	10	11	8	5
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	16	12	23	11	12	11
Total	34	31	38	40	31	25



The chart below shows the number and different categories of Non-Fire Emergencies that the Service have responded to in the Kincardine and Mearns 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

There have been no Fatal Casualties as a result of Road Traffic Collisions during this reporting period.

We have also seen an increase in the number of Non-Fatal Casualties from RTC's during this previous year however the figure is still much reduced from 3-5 years previous. The table below provides information for comparison over the previous 6 years

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
↑ Ward						
Mearns	9	7	2	2	3	3
North Kincardine	4	6	5	3	1	1
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	6	8	4	2	0	2
Total	19	21	11	7	4	6

We continue to provide Road Safety Initiatives with partners in the area and during this reporting period we have delivered Road Safety events aimed at young adults, however, we are also looking to target seasonal foreign workers in the agricultural industry as well as older people in our local communities through already established forums.

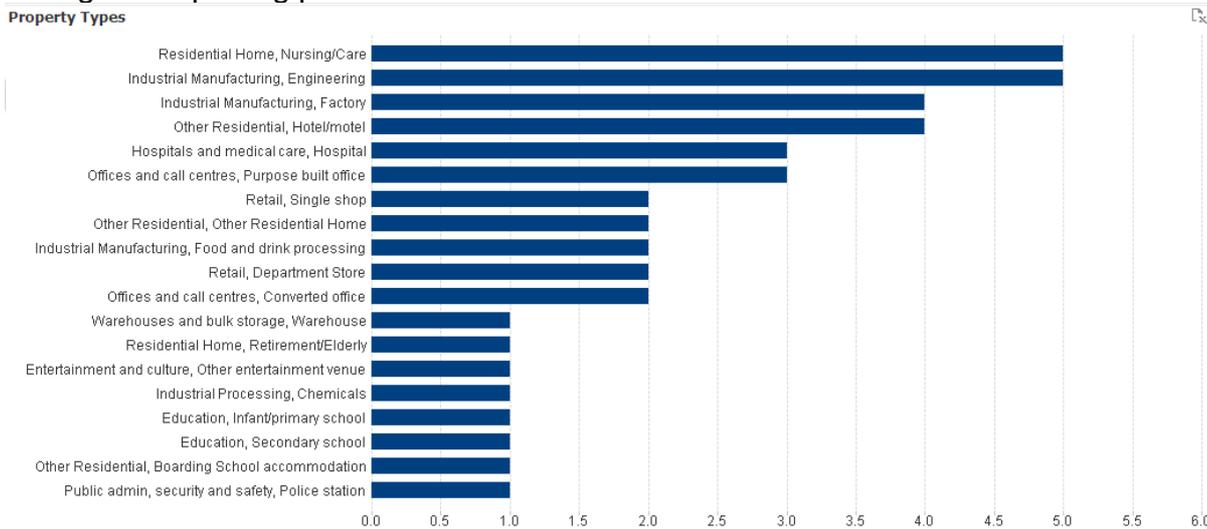
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

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 and sharp progress can be seen in the table below;

Geography/Reporting Year	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
† Ward						
Mearns	11	10	13	14	17	14
North Kincardine	19	28	22	23	21	19
Stonehaven & Lower Deeside	21	24	10	23	18	9
Total	51	62	45	60	56	42

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 –Kincardine and Mearns Area

Station	Establishment Figures
Inverbervie (Optimum Est. 10)	11
Laurencekirk (Optimum Est. 10)	11
Stonehaven (Optimum Est. 22)	17 (+ 2 on recruitment pathway) (2 Awaiting Interview)