

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION COMMITTEE****REPORT NUMBER – 165-2023****12th June 2023****Report by Area Commander Jason Sharp, Local Senior Officer,
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**SUBJECT: FIRE AND RESCUE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT
1st January 2023 – 31st March 2023****Abstract**

The Report contains performance information relating to the fourth quarter (January - March) of 2022-2023 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in support of Member scrutiny of local service delivery.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide information for the Committee regarding the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service against the priorities, outcomes and performance measures detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020–2023, to facilitate local scrutiny.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

Note, scrutinise and question the content of this report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023 was approved by the Community Safety and Public Protection Committee on 16th November 2020. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, twelve headline indicators are utilised as performance measures and form the basis of quarterly monitoring reports.
- 4.2 The priorities and outcomes contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan reflect 'place' and the contribution of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026.

4.3 In summary the following priorities are detailed within the plan:

- Priority 1 – Improving Fire Safety in the Home
- Priority 2 – Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community
- Priority 3 – Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm
- Priority 4 – Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
- Priority 5 – Reducing Deliberate Fires
- Priority 6 – Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness

4.4 Appendix 1 attached to this report provides a detailed breakdown and analysis of all data collected during the reporting period. In addition, further sections are included to provide Members with an overview of a range of community safety engagement events and partnership working.

4.5 Appendix 2 Highlights any notable incidents and events.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 Not applicable.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

7 SUMMARY

7.1 The attached report updates members regarding significant community safety engagement activities and gives context to the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Dundee area against headline indicators and performance measures.

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QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

*Covering the activities and performance in
support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for
Dundee 2020-2023*

Quarter Four: 2022-23

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ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report 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 differences in the period totals quoted in our reports after original publication which result from revisions or additions to the data on our systems.

From 2015-16 onwards responsibility for the publication of end-year statistical data transferred from the Scottish Government to the SFRS. This change of responsibility does not change the status of the figures quoted in this and other SFRS reports reported to the Committee.

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INTRODUCTION

This is the quarter four (Q4) monitoring report for 2022/23, covering the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023, namely:

- Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home
- Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community
- Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm
- Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals
- Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires
- Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness

As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Dundee Partnership as set out in the City Plan for Dundee 2017-2026.













The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Dundee area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.

The Community Safety and Public Protection Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dundee 2020-2023 on 16 November 2020. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, 12 headline indicators and targets have been set and form the basis of this quarterly monitoring report.




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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of 2022/23 Q4 activity and year to date (YTD) performance against headline indicators and annual targets. It aims to provide at a glance, our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

<p>HI 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)</p>  <p>Q4 – 40 Incidents YTD – 166 incidents Annual Target – below 175</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 2 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 5 YTD – 20 Annual Target – below 30</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 10 Incidents YTD – 42 Incidents Annual Target – below 37</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 1 Annual Target – below 2</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>Q4 – 7 Incidents YTD – 47 Incidents Annual Target – below 41</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 - 2 YTD - 18 Annual Target – below 19</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q4 – 348 Incidents YTD – 1332 Incidents Annual Target – below 1176</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 24 incidents YTD - 127 Incidents Annual Target – below 63</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 157 Incidents YTD - 691 Incidents Annual Target – below 512</p>

Year-to-Date Legend

	Below headline target
	Less than 10% above headline target
	More than 10% above headline target

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for Q4 2022/23:

Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home

The number of accidental dwelling fires is down on last quarter, the same quarter last year and the 3 year trend. Non fatal fire casualties is also down on the same quarter last year and also the 3 year trend. These were mostly cooking related incidents with limited damage where fire detection raised the alarm leading to evacuation prior to arrival of the fire service.

Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community

Q4 seen an increase in non domestic building fires, despite this being lower than last years Q4 and pushing the total number for the year just beyond the target figure. Fire damage was low impact at these incidents with limited action required by fire crews. This is reflected in the 0 fatal and non fatal casualties for Q4 with an alarm system being present in all properties.

Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm

There were 7 RTC incidents within the city attended by SFRS in Q4, this is lower than last year and the three year average but does take the total number for the year to above the target figure. These incidents did not require firefighters to extricate any persons and resulted in two non fatal casualties both with minor injuries attending hospital for precautionary checks.

Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals

There were 348 UFAS incidents over Q4, most alarms were due to cooking or accidental activation due to contaminants or human behavior. Details of the property type for the top five are detailed on page 15 of this report.

Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires

There were 24 deliberate primary fires in Q4, this is a reduction on Q3 but the overall number for the year is above the target set.

The number of deliberate secondary fires in Q4 was 157, this is lower than the same quarter over the past two years but this takes the total for the year above the target set.

Details of the reduction strategy for both of these incident types are detailed on page 17 of this report and within Appendix 1.

Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness

Details of activity on page 18 of this report.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

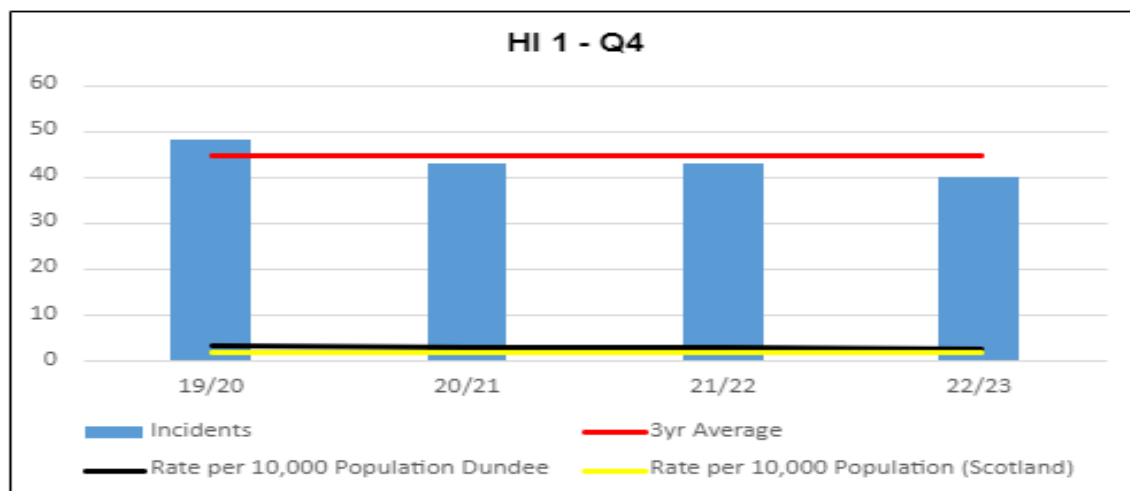


Table 1: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	175	186	158	166	Green	Below 175

HI 2 - ADF Fatal Casualties & HI 3 - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

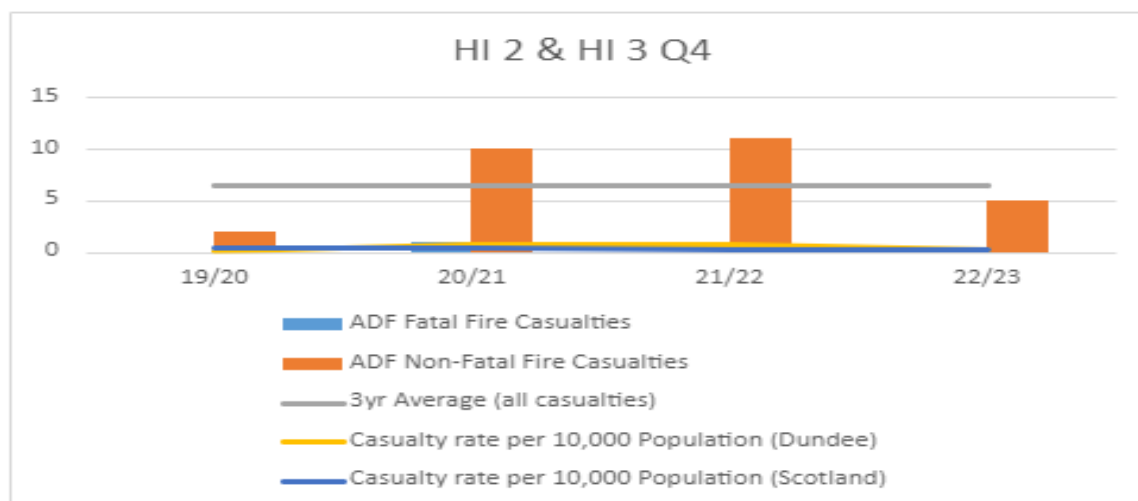


Table 2: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	3	1	2	Red	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	25	33	35	20	Green	Below 30

Indicator Description

The largest single type of primary fire in Dundee is accidental fires in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's by keeping these incidents below 175, during 2022/23.

HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator concentrates on members of the community for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is not identified as the cause of death, are not included within these figures.

As a headline target, the optimum aim is to always strive to have zero ADF Fatal Casualties in Dundee City.

HI 3 – ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks.

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home by keeping fire injuries below 30, during 2022/23.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Improving Fire Safety in the Home*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Our people will be better educated and skilled within a city renowned for learning and culture;
- Our children will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included;
- People in Dundee will be able to live independently and access support when they need it;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe.

Performance Management

1088 home fire safety visits were completed by CAT and operational firefighters in Q4 with 526 of these in High Risk properties. These visits were initiated either through operational activity, referrals or a request by the homeowner.

Dundee CAT have also carried out Home Fire Safety Visits in partnership with Dundee City Council to refugees from Ukraine, continued to liaise with Dundee City Council Social Work department and partner agencies in supporting high risk vulnerable people across the City.

As a result of the Fire Fatality reviews Dundee CAT continue to deliver risk recognition inputs and benefits of HFSV referrals to carers and Housing Associations.

PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

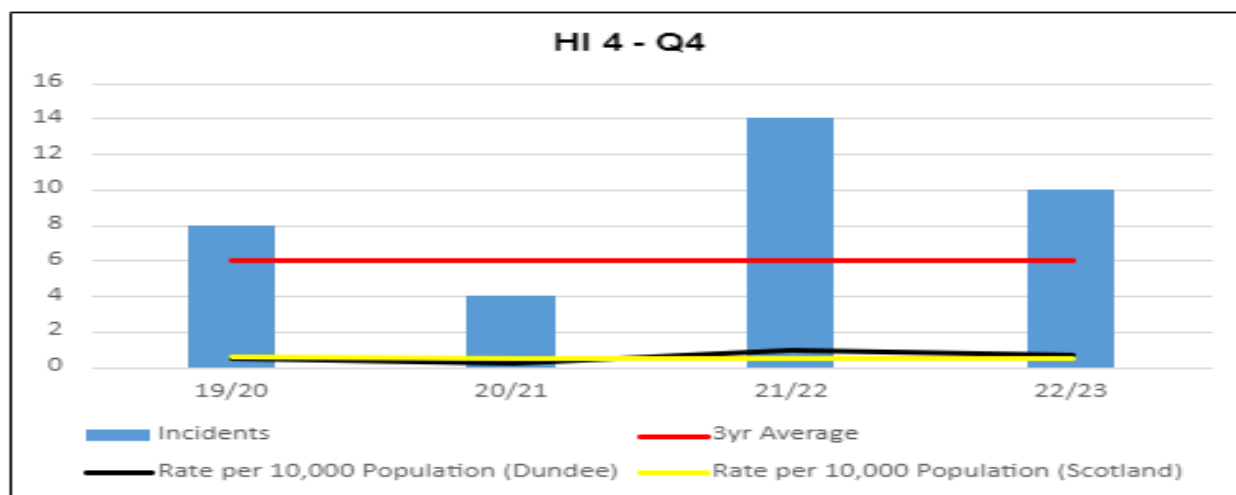


Table 3: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	41	35	47	42	Red	Below 37

HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings & HI 6 – Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings

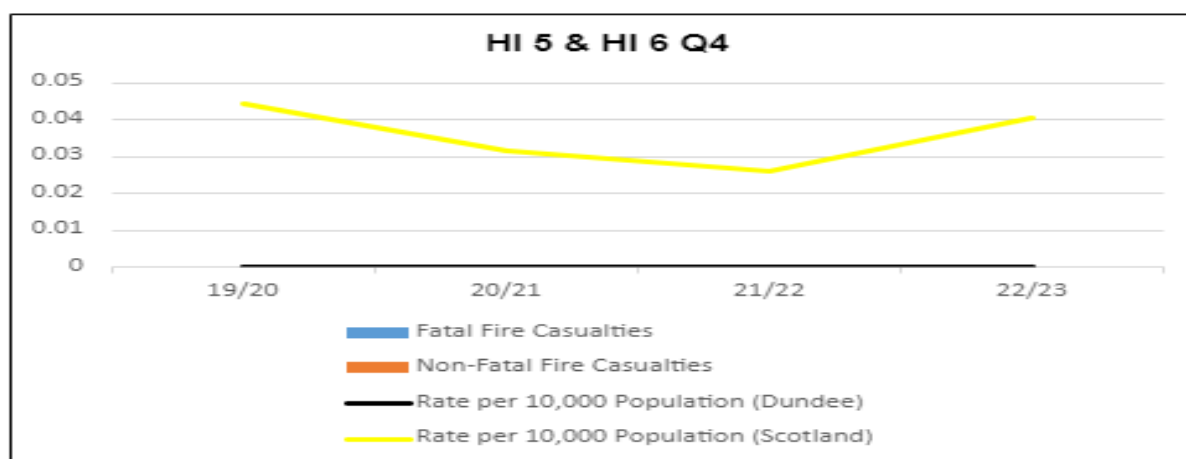


Table 4: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	1	2	1	Green	Below 2

Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets cover the types of non-domestic buildings applicable to Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ('The Act') (e.g. care homes, hotels and hospitals) and is designed to reflect the effectiveness of fire safety management in respect of these types of buildings.

HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of accidental fires in non-domestic buildings (where 'The Act' applies), by keeping these fires below 37 in Dundee during 2022/23.

HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have zero Fatal Fire Casualties in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Dundee during 2022/23.

HI 6 – Non-fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in non-domestic buildings, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce risk of injury from fire in non-domestic buildings, by keeping fire injuries at one in Dundee during 2022/23.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe;
- Our people will live in strong, popular and attractive communities.

Performance Management

Our dedicated Fire Safety Enforcement Officers continue to audit relevant premises that fall within the scope of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 to ensure compliance with their statutory responsibilities. During Q4 a total of 54 premises were inspected that fall within the scope of the Act. The break down of these are as follows: 22 care homes; 15 within hospitals; 14 HMOs; 2 licensed premises; 1 prison; 1 school; 1 hotel.

Of these, 4 were Post Fires Audits to provide support and guidance following an event (Prison, School, Shop, Take Away/Restaurant).

No patterns or trends were identified across these premises and support and guidance were given to improve fire safety management in the work place in relation to the cause of the incident.

Ongoing UFAS engagement with partners, local premises & Duty Holders including management audits to support and educate repeat offenders to reduce unnecessary blue light journeys and also inform and educate ahead of [UFAS Time for Change implementation on 1st July](#).

Ongoing work with Dundee City Council to consult with and support the licensing of Short Term Lets throughout the city has been established and is underway.

All framework premises for Dundee i.e. audits in hospitals, care homes, prisons, post fires and up to 30% of HMO licenses have been completed.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

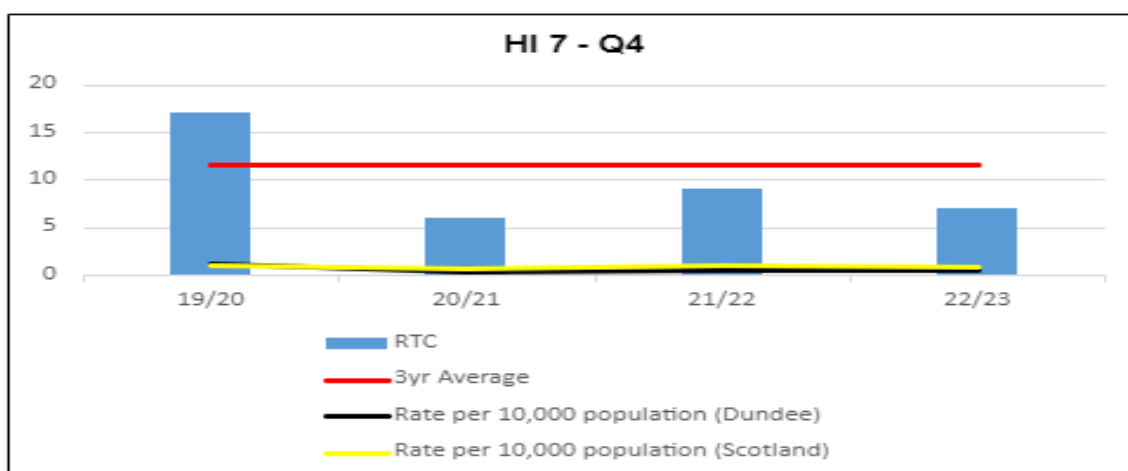


Table 5: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	54	31	44	47	Red	Below 41

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & HI 9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casualties

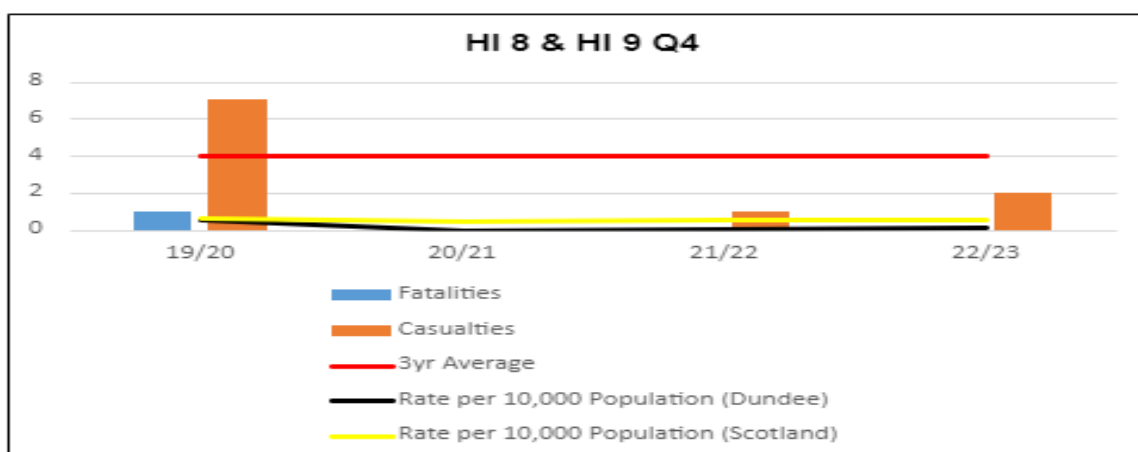


Table 6: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	1	1	0	0	Green	0
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	24	7	21	18	Green	Below 19

Indicator Description

The SFRS has become increasingly involved in more non-fire related prevention work, in support of its role in promoting the wider safety and well-being of its communities, including minimising the impact of unintentional harm. The headline indicators and targets reflect the fact that most of non-fire related casualties attended by the SFRS in Dundee are at RTC Incidents.

HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them below 41 during 2022/23.

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Dundee, by keeping the number of fatal RTC casualties at 0 during 2022/23.

HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Dundee, by keeping non-fatal RTC casualties below 19 during 2022/23.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Our people will be better educated and skilled within a city renowned for learning and culture
- Our children will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included
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- Our communities will be safe and feel safe

Performance Management

The seven incidents in Q4 resulted in zero extrications by Fire Fighters, over the year there were 47 incidents with seven incidents where occupants required to be released by firefighters using hydraulic tools. This indicates low impact collisions and is further evidenced by the relatively low injury numbers with 13 occupants being removed to hospital and 11 of these classed as minor injuries. No trends or areas identified for concern regarding locations.

RTC training is a core competency skill that is maintained by operational crews to ensure safe, quick delivery of casualties to definitive care when required. This is being enhanced by the provision of fully battery powered rescue equipment across the city onto all appliances meaning crews can get to work more quickly and with less risk to themselves and casualties.

CAT are engaging with colleagues in Police Scotland and are looking to support a new road safety initiative for secondary school pupils. This is in the early stages of planning but SFRS CAT and operational crews will be made available to support this initiative to educate our young adults in safe and responsible behaviors as they become drivers and passengers of other new drivers.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

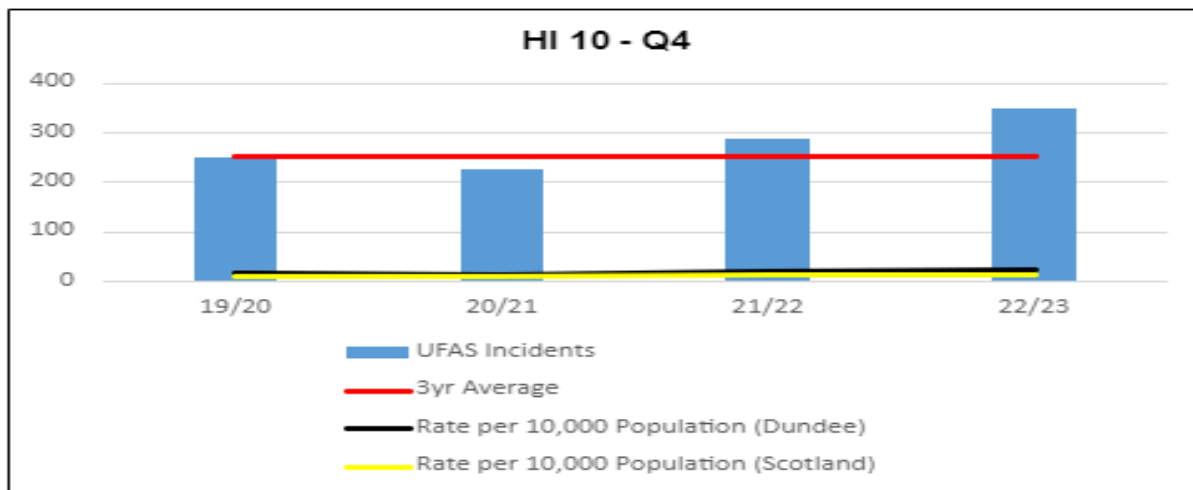


Table 7: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	1148	928	1141	1332	Red	Below 1176

Indicator Description

Automatic Fire Alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

As a headline target, the aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings to less than 1176 during 2022/23.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people;
- Our people will be better educated and skilled within a city renowned for learning and culture;
- Our children will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe.

Performance Management

In Q4, SFRS were called out to 348 UFAS incidents in the city of Dundee. This is an increase on the same quarter last year with the total number of UFAS for the year at 1332 exceeding the target set.

The table below lists the top five property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during Q4.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Education – Student Halls of Residence	45
Hospitals/Medical Care	39
Education – Secondary Schools	29
Education – Primary Schools	22
Residential – Care Homes	22

SFRS has been providing information sessions to educate duty holders on measures and action to reduce the false alarms within their properties leading up to the change in policy [UFAS Time for Change](#) due to go live on the 1st July. Operational crews also take the opportunity to educate where possible at false alarm activations. A large number of these activations are caused by careless cooking and human behaviours which through education and awareness can be reduced. The Dundee CAT are looking to engage directly with educational facilities around the induction phase for students and raise awareness of the consequences of false alarms either accidental or malicious in an attempt to reduce unnecessary blue light journeys which place fire fighters and the community at risk.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

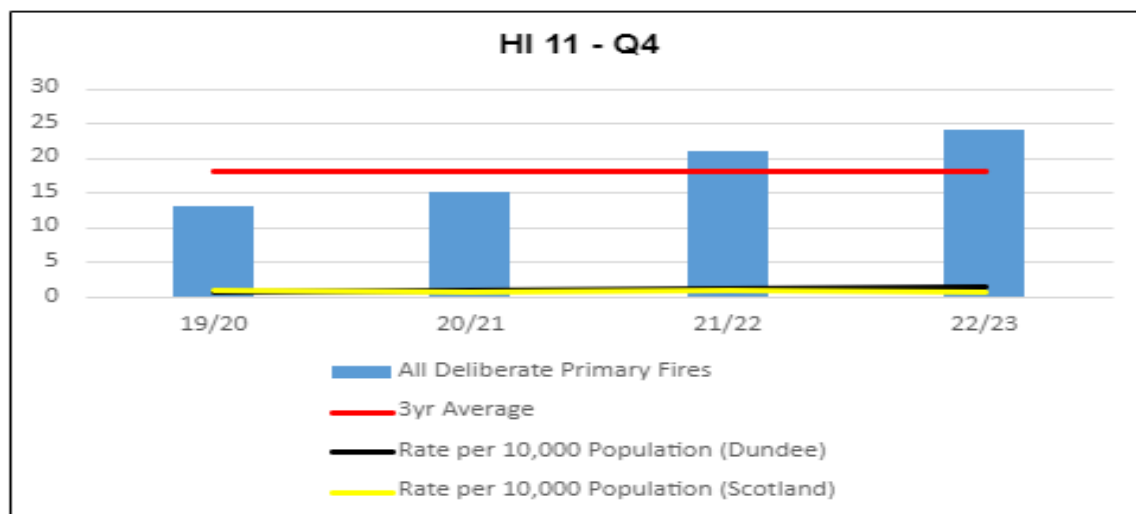


Table 8: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	53	72	109	127	Red	Below 63

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

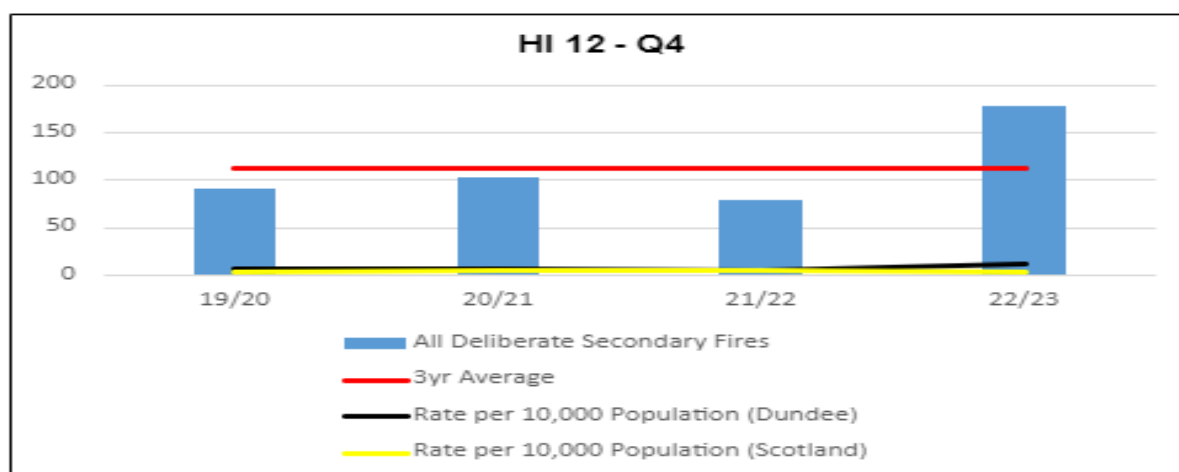


Table 9: Year to Date Performance

	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	391	579	682	691	Red	Below 512

Indicator Description

These headline and indicator targets account for all types of fire that are believed to have been started intentionally, and are categorised as Deliberate Primary Fires and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the following types:

- Fires in the home
- Fires in non-domestic buildings
- Fires in motor vehicles

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate primary fires in Dundee by keeping these fires below 63 during 2022/23.

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires and include fires in derelict buildings, but not chimney fires. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Dundee by keeping these fires below 512 during 2022/23.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, meeting the headline targets will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people;
- Our children will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included;
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe;
- Our people will live in strong, popular and attractive communities.

Performance Management

Dundee CAT have worked with internal and external partners both proactively and in a reactive way to drive down incidents of this type. Areas where repeat incidents occurred were targeted by carrying out an Environmental Visual Audits at Mill O Mains Primary School as a result of a number of fires within the school grounds. Derelict building risk information has also been gathered and shared with partners.

Dundee CAT are also working with Operational Watches to reduce the number of deliberate set fires which has resulted in leaflets drops being carried out and information being shared with Police Scotland, Dundee City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Community Safety Wardens and Community Officers from Dundee City Council

Dundee CAT launched a Schools Competition in order to reduce deliberate set fires and fire related anti-social behaviour with one of the aims to rebuild the relationship between schools and local community fire stations following the gap in engagement activities – see Appendix 1.

Dundee CAT have also carried out a number of Fire Safety Support and Education inputs aimed at youths who have been charged in connection with Wilful Fire Raising.

PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Description

Risk Management and operational preparedness is a key area of work for the SFRS. In Dundee, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Dundee and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being equipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities will also support the long-term ambition of the City Plan for Dundee and supports achievement of the following local outcomes:

- Dundee will be an internationally recognised city at the heart of a vibrant region with more and better employment opportunities for people
- Our communities will be safe and feel safe
- Our people will live in strong, popular and attractive communities

Activity

During Q4 2022/23, we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

- | | |
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| • Compartment Fire Behaviour | • Knots and Lines |
| • Tactical Ventilation | • Cybersecurity |
| • High Rise Procedures | • Casualty Care |
| • Incident Command | • RTC Extrication |

Home Fire Safety Visits – Fire Fighters completed 1088 visits in the quarter with 526 delivered to High Risk properties.

Gathering and updating operational intelligence – Operational crews have completed visits across the city to update or gather new information on emerging risks. This ensures Firefighters have relevant information on risks at the point of service delivery and allows firefighters the opportunity to visit properties for familiarisation of property layout, water supplies etc.

Exercise Ashgrove

High Rise inspections and familiarisation visits across Dundee as part of the new High Rise Procedures for evacuation and crews from Blackness supported an exercise held in Aberdeen remotely through Command Support Unit remote connection

Exercise Thomas

A multi-agency emergency response exercise took place at Bridge of Dun Railway Station, Montrose, to improve multi-agency working involving officers and crews from McAlpine road

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APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES/NOTABLE EVENTS

Dundee Community Action Team Q4

Winter TAP

As part of the Winter Thematic Action Plan the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will have set objectives to reduce accidental dwelling fires, promote carbon monoxide detection in the home, promote chimney safety, promote road safety and to promote water safety.

Dundee Community Action Team were proactive in working in partnership with Police Scotland Preventions, Interventions and Partnership Team within Dundee, Dundee City Council Social Work Department and have carried out Home Fire Safety Visits across all Council Ward areas of Dundee to identified high risk individuals to provide advice.

Water Safety Partnership

During the cold weather seen earlier in the year which resulted in local reservoirs/ponds within Dundee becoming frozen, resulted in children/youths going onto the ice and as part of partnership working with Police Scotland and Dundee City Council Community Safety Wardens passing attention was provided to these areas and engagement took place with the children/youths who were advised about the dangers of this activity. CAT are looking to provide thematic summer water safety education programmes with partners to highlight open and flowing water risks within local education facilities including Abertay University and Baldrigon.

Work Experience

Dundee CAT have also engaged with schools and have run a work experience course. These are run over a few days and give participants exposure to Operations Control work and practical on station work routines including operational training and testing of equipment and appliances. The opportunity to educate on the impact of false alarms and deliberate fire raising is also taken during the course to encourage positive behaviour on return to schools.

Derelict Buildings Risk Control

Derelict Buildings continue to be identified and monitored with safety briefings issued to operational crews and shared situational awareness with partner agencies carried out, this also includes joint site visits.

Operational crews have conducted site visits to establish accesss and egress routes as well as water supplies. Making sure these propertys are secure must be treated as a priority to reduce the risk they present to our communities and the frontline emergency workers called upon in the event of an incident within.

Dundee Schools Competition

During the Q4 reporting period Dundee CAT launched a Schools Competition in order to reduce deliberate set fires and fire related anti-social behaviour with one of the aims is to rebuild the relationship between schools and local community fire stations.

Community Safety advocates along with operational personnel have volunteered to assist delivering this programme across Dundee Stations and the duty crews have also assisted where possible on a weekly basis as the duration of the initiative was 12 weeks.

Participants were between the ages of 12 and 16 and come from a range of different backgrounds and have a range of abilities (care experienced, ASN etc). The high schools involved were Harris Academy, Braeview Academy, Baldragon Academy and Craigie High.

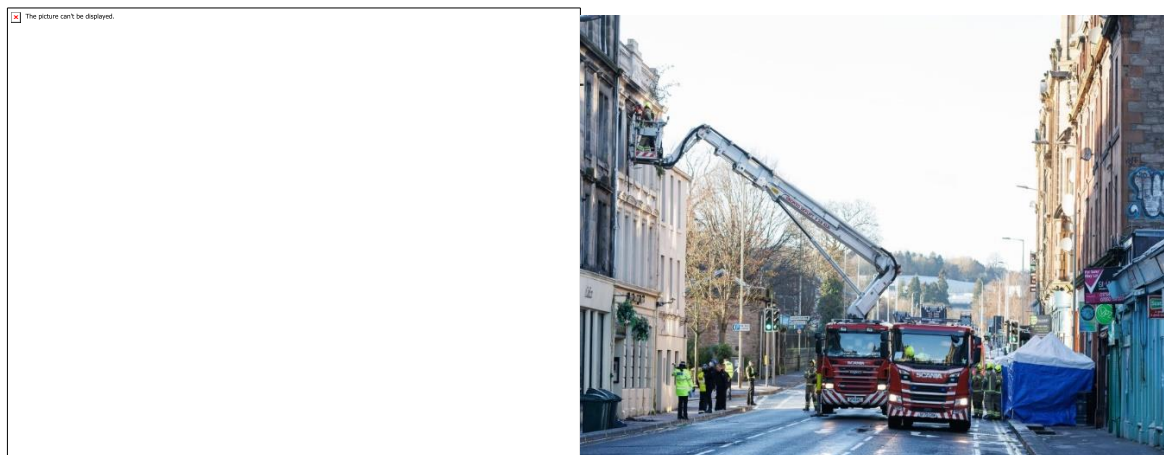


On the 12th May the competition was held at Blackness Community Fire Station, supported by Operational Fire Fighters on and off duty from across Dundee, CAT and judged by our very own Ex Chief Officer Alisdair Hay awarding the 1st place prize to the Harris Academy team. This was a well publicised event attracting local and national press coverage.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE INCIDENTS AND TRAINING EVENTS

Operational crews and officers from all Dundee stations were in attendance at both the New County Hotel and Shore Terrace incidents in Perth.

New County Hotel, Dundee Officers and crews from Blackness Road and Kingsway Fire Stations assisted with operations. Blackness crews attended in a Command support capacity with the Command unit and Kingsway crews assisted with Firefighting operations.



An internal structured debrief has taken place regards New County Hotel and post incident support has been offered to personnel involved at both of these incidents.

Shore Recycling, Crews from Blackness assisted with Command operations and also with firefighting operations utilising the high reach appliance. Crews from Kingsway assisted with water supplies, utilising the High Volume Pump to draw water from the River Tay and supply the incident ground. Crews from Macalpine road assisted with firefighting operations and relief crew duties.



Kingsway crews supported a joint exercise with the Clinical Skills Department at Ninewells in an Immersion Centre.



Balmossie Operational crews supported University of Dundee and A&E Ninewells with a trial for casualty removal from RTC. Confirmation exercise with SAS to review if increased damage from self extrication of casualty from RTC versus extrication and delivery into definitive care. This was measured using Bluetooth sensors which are attached to the casualty and sit under the clothing. This would measure head, neck and thoracic spine rotation comparing people self extricating from a car versus being classically turned and slid by rescuers.

