



QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

Covering the activities and performance in support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus



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INTRODUCTION

This is the quarter one monitoring report covering the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus, 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 Angus, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Angus Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Angus Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Angus 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 Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus on 22 September 2017, covering the 3-year period from 01 October 2017 to September 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.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of 2018/19 quarter one activity and year to date (YTD) progress, based on annual targets set against headlines indicators. It aims to provide – at a glance – our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

Q1: All Incidents Attended - 432		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 20 Incidents YTD – 20 Incidents Annual Target – below 86</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 1 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 6 YTD – 6 Annual Target – below 21</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 3 Incidents YTD – 3 Incidents Annual Target – below 16</p>	<p>HI 5 Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 6 Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>
<p>HI 7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTC)</p>  <p>Q1 – 8 Incidents YTD – 8 Incidents Annual Target – below 62</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – below 4</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 3 YTD – 3 Annual Target – below 36</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q1 – 104 Incidents YTD – 104 Incidents Annual Target – below 360</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 5 Incidents YTD – 5 Incidents Annual Target – below 26</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 43 Incidents YTD – 43 Incidents Annual Target – below 85</p>

YTD Performance, Based on Annual Target

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

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for quarter one 2018/19:

- There was **one ADF Fatal Casualty** during quarter one. This occurred at Woodley Farm Residential Caravan Park, Arbroath during April. Following this tragic incident, a considerable amount of effort was spent by fire crews, reassuring residents, conducting Home Fire Safety Visits, and working with partners to consider longer term actions and support the wider community.
- The number of **Non-domestic Building** during quarter one was 3 and therefore below the average for that quarter. Fire Fatalities and Non-Fatal Fire Fatalities in Non-domestic buildings were also zero, and therefore continue to stay very low.
- We attended **8 Road Traffic Collision's (RTC)** during quarter one. This is the lowest number we've attended for the past 3 years and well below the 3 year average of 13 RTC's for quarter one. There were **zero RTC Related Fatalities, and 3 RTC Related Injuries** – well below the 3 year averages for that quarter.
- There were **5 Deliberate Primary Fires** during quarter one, which is well below the 3 year average for quarter one. **Deliberate Secondary Fires** show a decrease when compared to the same quarter last year. However, there is still some progress needing to be made, to start seeing a sustained reduction in this area, in particular within the former Strathmartine Hospital Site and surrounding area. We have been working with Police Scotland's Prevention Hub, based in Dundee, to develop a joined up partnership plan, for addressing anti-social behaviour in this area.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

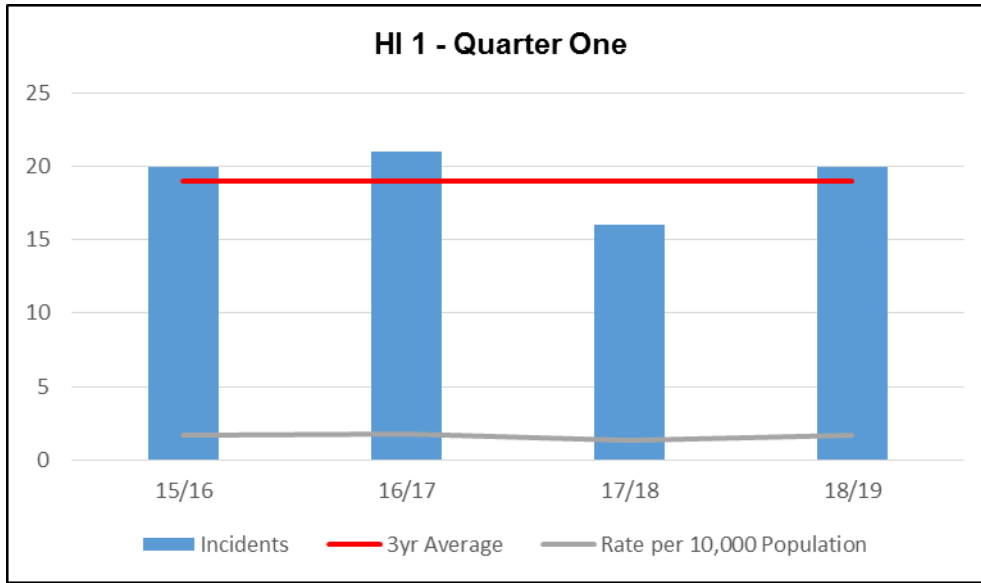


Table 1: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	20	21	16	20	Green	86

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

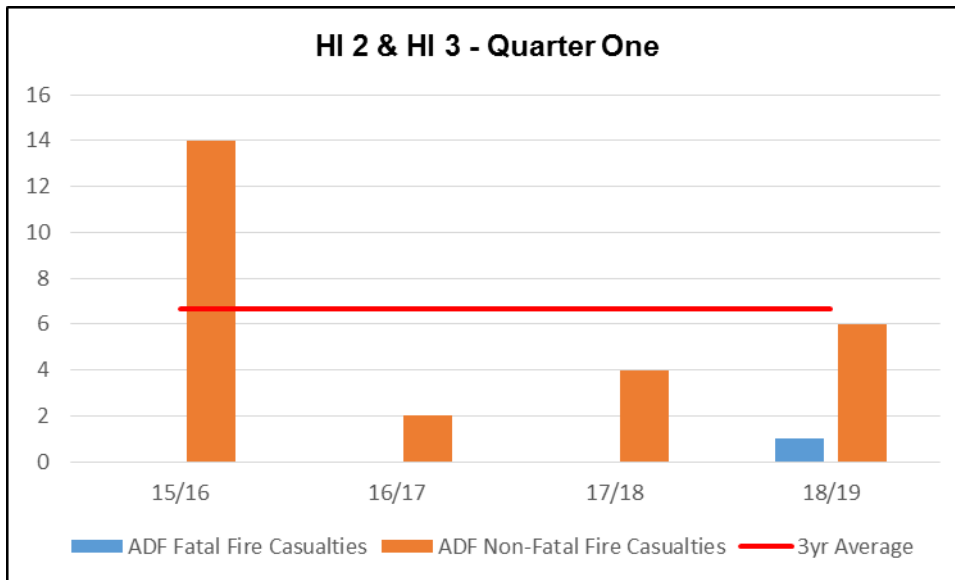


Table 2: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	0	1	Red	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	14	2	4	6	Amber	21

Indicator Description

The largest single type of primary fire in Angus 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, in a growing Angus population and changing demographics, by keeping these fires **below 86**, each year.

HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

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 ADF Fatal Casualties**, in Angus each year.

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, in an increasing Angus population, by keeping fire injuries **below 21**, each year.

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 a long term ambition in the Angus LOIP: *To be in the top five Scottish local authority areas for least rate of primary dwelling fires by 2030.*

We also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

Performance Management

There were 20 ADF's during quarter one, which is just above the average for that quarter. During quarter one, cooking was the main cause of ADF's we attended, accounting for just over a half of all ADF's. Based on our target of keeping ADF's below 86 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 1 annual target.

There was one ADF Fatal Casualty during quarter one. Appendix Two outlines the circumstances surrounding this tragic incident and the actions we have taken following the event. Based on our target of zero ADF Fatal Casualties for the year end, we are currently showing red for achieving the HI 2 annual target.

There were six ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter one, which is just below the average for that quarter. Of the six ADF Non-Fatal Casualties, three were admitted to hospital with slight injuries. Four of the six casualties were elderly. Based on our target of keeping fire injuries below 21 each year, we are currently showing amber for achieving the HI 3 annual target.

In support of our ADF targets, the Persons at Risk and Referral sections of Appendix One, details a range of our activities during quarter one, including completing 452 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's). Our quarterly target of delivering 368 HFSV's, with over 60% of these being directed at the most vulnerable was therefore exceeded during quarter one.

Looking forward to quarter two, we will be linking-up with various Alcohol and Drugs Recovery Groups in Angus, to offer HFSV's and fire safety advice. Evidence indicates that alcohol

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

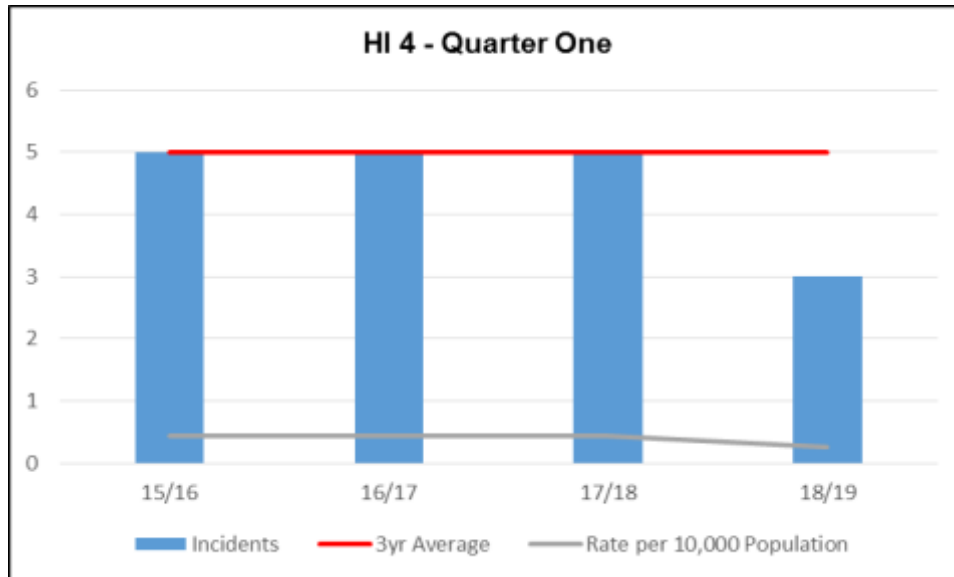


Table 3: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	5	5	5	3	Green	16

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

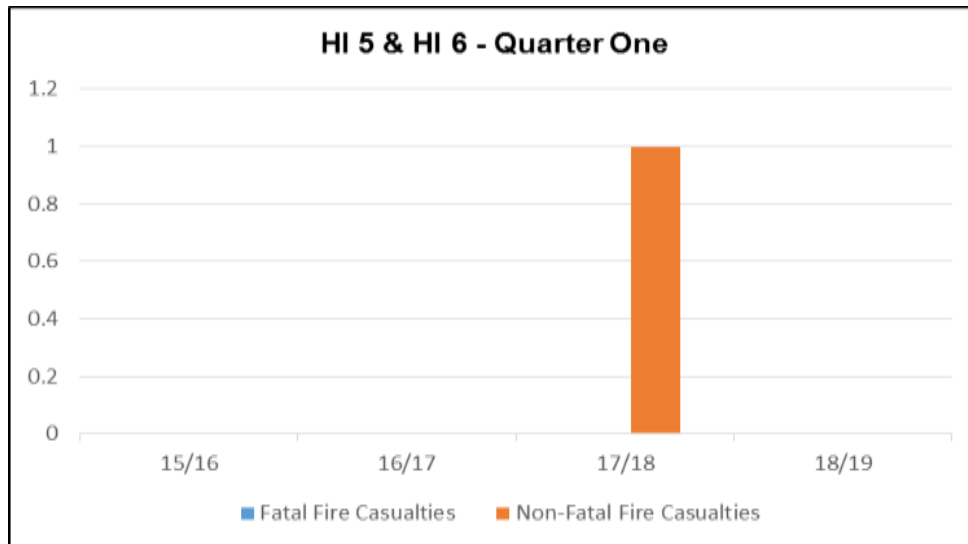


Table 4: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	1	0	Green	0

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 16**, in Angus each year.

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 sometime 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 Angus each year.

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 have **Zero Non-fatal Fire Casualties** in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Angus each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

Performance Management

There were 3 accidental fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter one, which is below the average for that quarter. On investigation, the causes of fire were: faulty equipment; combustibles too close to heat source, and faulty fuel supply. Of the 3 fires, one led to the whole building being severely damaged by fire. Based on our target of keeping these fire below 16 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 4 annual target.

There were zero Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties during quarter one. Based on our target of zero Fatal Casualties for the year end, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 5 annual target.

There were zero Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter one. Based on our target of zero Non-Fatal Casualties for the year end, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 6 annual target.

During quarter one, 33 fire safety audits were targeted at non-domestic premises, to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations. These included conducting 21 thematic audits, in support of ensuring a safe and successful Open Championship at Carnoustie. Where areas of improvement were identified, we worked with the relevant duty holders, to ensure full compliance with the regulations.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

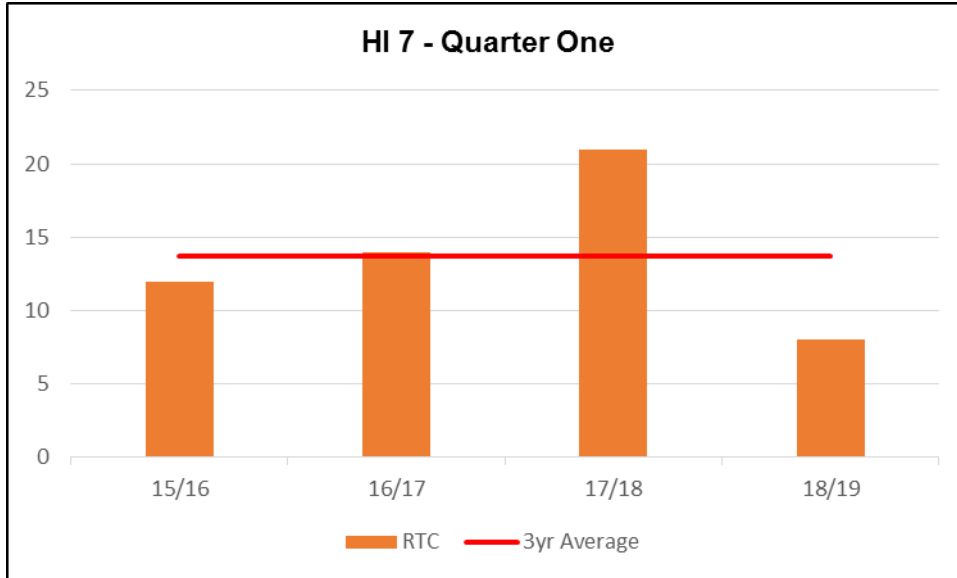


Table 5: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	12	14	21	8	Green	62

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

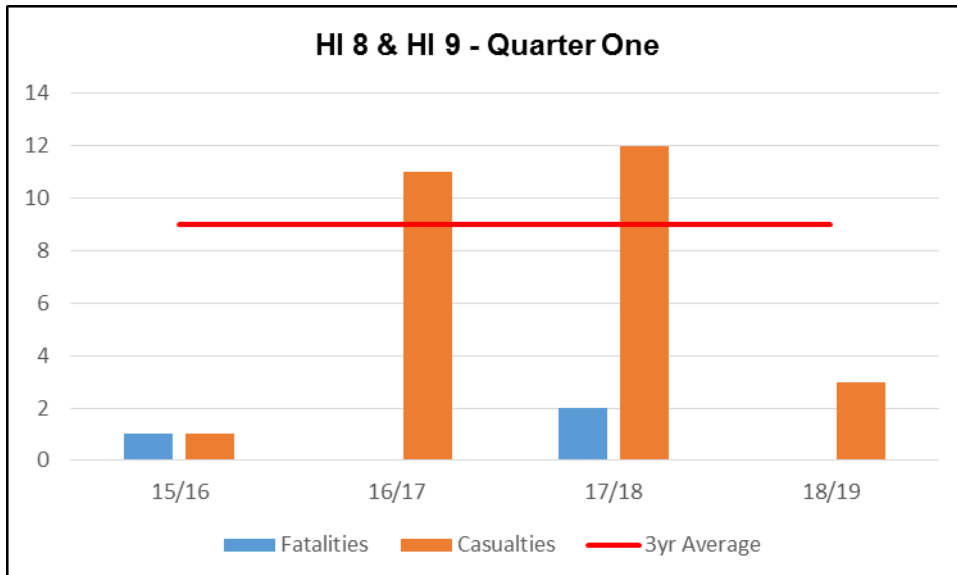


Table 6: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	1	0	2	0	Green	4

HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	1	11	12	3	Green	36
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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 incidents attended by the SFRS in Angus are RTC Incidents.

HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them **below 62** each year.

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Angus, by keeping them **below 4** each year.

HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Angus, by keeping non-fire injuries **below 36** each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, we also link these headline targets to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

Performance Management

During quarter one we attended 8 RTC Incidents, to assist other blue light partners in the release/extrication of the occupants of the vehicles, which is the lowest number of RTC incidents we've attended during quarter one, for the past 3 years. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below 62 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 7 annual target.

There were zero Fatal RTC Casualties during quarter one. Based on our target of keeping Fatal RTC Casualties below 4 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 8 annual target.

Of the 8 RTC Incidents we attended during quarter one, there were 3 non-fatal casualties. A total of 2 casualties resulted from the same RTC in the Brechin locality and were treated on scene for minor injuries. Based on our target of keeping Non-Fatal RTC Casualties below 36 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 9 annual target.

Looking ahead to quarter two, pre-planning for the annual Safe Drive Stay Alive Event in November, will commence during quarter two. This event is targeted at S5 and S6 pupils, and is designed to raise awareness of the risks and potential impact of unsafe driving among young people.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

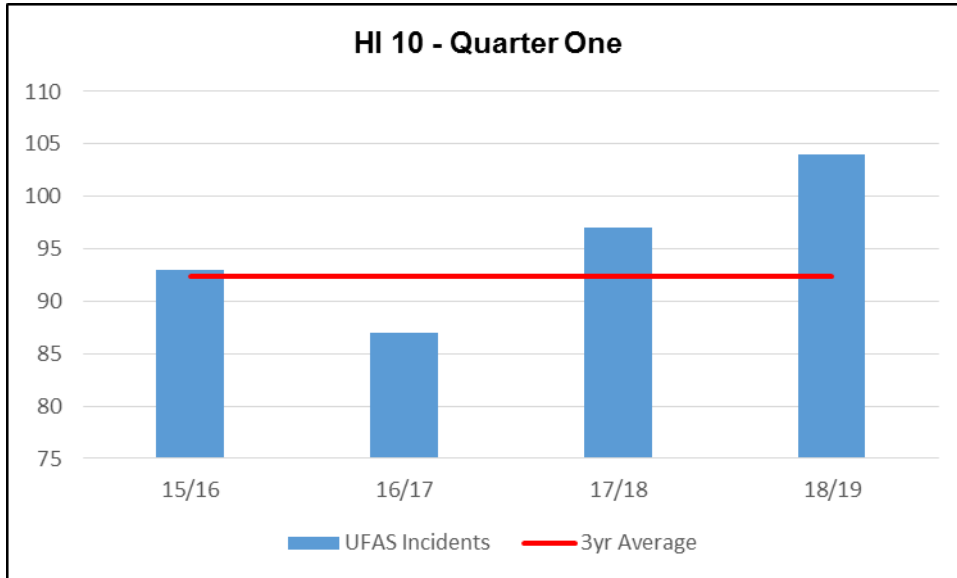


Table 7: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10 : UFAS Incidents	93	87	97	104	Red	360

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 (UFAS) 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 360** each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, this headline target supports the SFRS's national target for reducing UFAS by 15% over the next three years.

We also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- An inclusive and sustainable economy

Performance Management

During quarter one, we were called out to 104 UFAS incidents, which is above the average for the quarter. Based on our target of keeping UFAS incidents to less than 360 each year, we are therefore currently showing red for achieving the HI 10 annual target.

The table below lists the top 5 property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS incidents during quarter one.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Care/Nursing Homes	29
Education (Primary/Secondary)	12
Hospitals and medical care	7
Industrial Manufacturing/Engineering	6
Sporting Venues – Golf Clubs	5

Almost half of UFAS during quarter one, occurred across the top 3 properties in the table above. The Angus Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) has been working closely with the duty holders of such properties, to educate and advise them on how to reduce UFAS, including considering cost effective technical solutions (e.g.re-positioning fire detector heads and changing detector types). We will therefore continue to engage with the owners of such properties, to ensure agreed UFAS reduction plans are being implemented and regularly reviewed for effectiveness.

Through an assessment of risk, we reduced our weight of response to 15 premises in Angus during quarter one. This will help to reduce the unnecessary blue light journeys generated by UFAS and mitigate the impact this has on SFRS resources.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

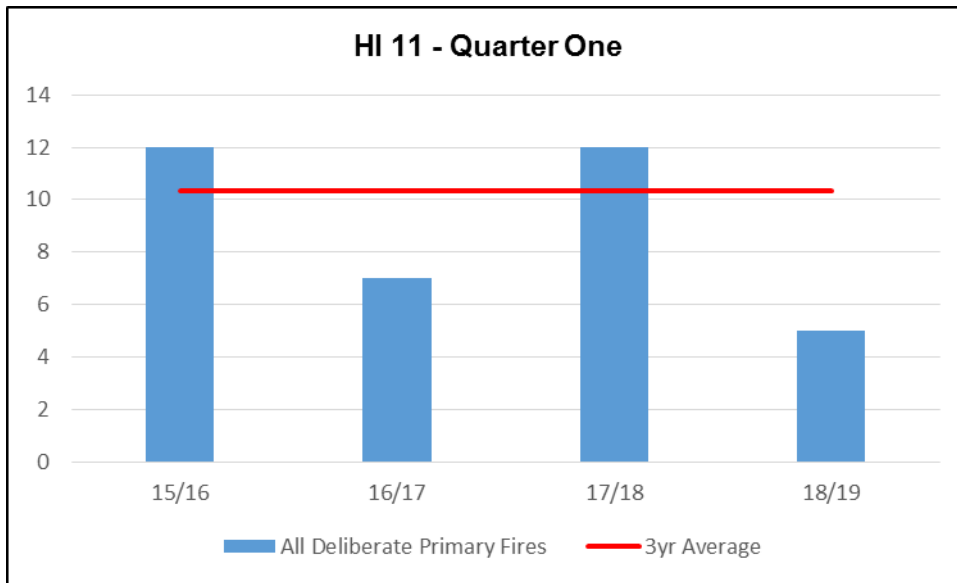


Table 8: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	12	7	12	5	Green	25

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

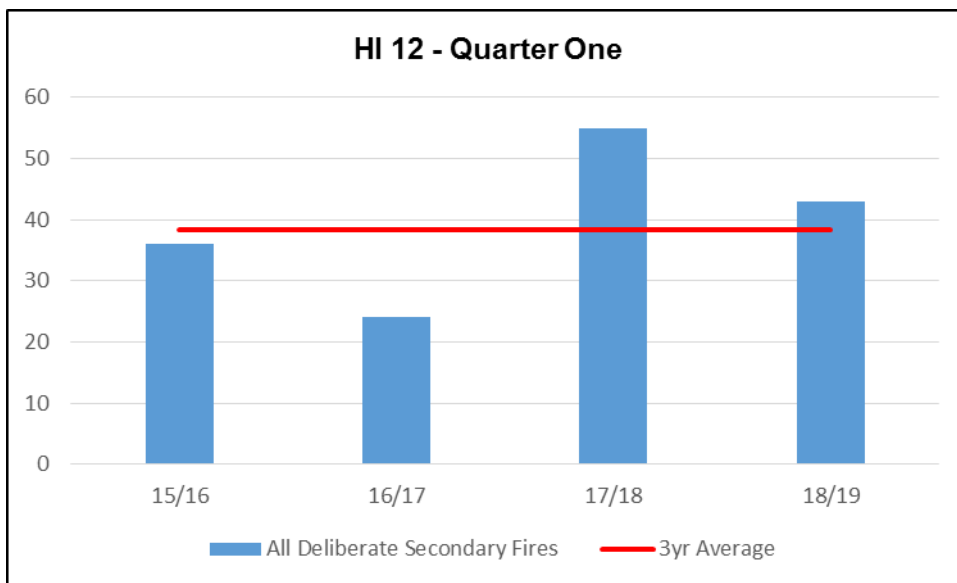


Table 9: Year to Date (April to June 2018) Performance

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	36	24	55	43	Red	85

Indicator Description

These headline indicators and 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 Angus by keeping these fires **below 26** each year.

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland, refuse fires and fires in derelict buildings. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Angus by keeping these fires **below 85** each year.

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Children in Angus will have the best start in life

Performance Management

There were 6 deliberate primary fires reported during quarter one, which is well below the 3 year quarterly average of 10, and the 12 deliberate primary fires we experienced same quarter last year. These deliberate fires involved 2 dwellings, two vehicles and woodland/crop. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate primary fires in Angus below 26 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 11 annual target.

There were 43 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter one, which is above the 3 year quarterly average, but below the 55 deliberate secondary fires we experienced same quarter last year. Reducing deliberate secondary fires in the former Strathmartine Hospital site continues to be a key focus of our attention, and we have been working with Police Scotland's Prevention Hub, based in Dundee, to develop a joined up partnership plan, for addressing anti-social behaviour at this site and in the surrounding area. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below 85 each year, we are therefore currently showing red for achieving the HI 12 annual target.

During quarter one we used the run up-to the summer school holiday's to engage with schools in Angus and raise their awareness of the consequences of deliberate fire setting. In relation to the issues around the former Strathmartine Hospital Site, the SFRS Community Action Team in Dundee targeted secondary schools and primary schools in the vicinity of the Strathmartine Hospital site with education and key messaging around the impact of deliberate fire setting. The Youth Engagement section of Appendix One details other activities conducted during quarter one.

PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Description

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

- Knowing what the risks are in Angus 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 quipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively, and our

What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities also support improving the following Angus LOIP outcomes:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

Activity

During quarter one we delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighter's, whereby we trained and tested their preparedness to deal with:

- Farm Incidents
- Incidents involving Acetylene Cylinders
- Aircraft Incidents
- Water Rescues

Firefighters continued to visit sites within their station area so that they are aware of the associated risks and hazards, and if required can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. During quarter one, firefighters visited a range of sites to gather operational intelligence and review our response plans.

On-going recruitment for Retained Duty System (RDS) firefighters in the Angus area continued to be a priority during quarter one. Working with Angus Council's economic development team, we are in the early stages of developing ways to encourage key employers in the Angus area, to support their employees to join the RDS. Key areas of focus for recruitment are Kirriemuir and Brechin.

Helping to build community resilience, so that residents are prepared in an emergency is important to us. As a key partner in delivering the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest strategy, we equipped almost 200 members of the public with life-saving CPR skills during quarter one.

APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during the first quarter of 2018-19, in support of our priorities and targets.

Youth Engagement

1. Angus Community Action Team (CAT) carried out joint school safety talks together with local Community Police Officers covering anti-social behaviour in line with seasonal Spring Thematic Action Plan with pupils at Arbroath Academy during April.
2. Angus CAT assisted with registering 64 pupil and staff donors at Anthony Nolan Donor Registration Event at Forfar Community Campus during April.
3. Angus Community Safety Advocate (CSA) provided school fire safety talk and CPR training to Glamis Primary School pupils during April.
4. Angus CSA provided Junior Fire Inspector safety sessions in conjunction with Kirriemuir Fire Station, at Cortachy Primary School during May.
5. Angus CAT provided Home Fire Safety education, to 797 P6 Angus pupils at Safe Angus Safety Event at Jock Neish Centre, Tannadice by Finavon during May.
6. Angus CSA provided Home Fire Safety input session in conjunction with Supported Education at Dundee & Angus College, Arbroath during May.
7. Angus CAT supported Youth Mentor Programme at Arbroath Fire Station during June.
8. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir Fire Station provided Junior Fire Inspector input to Northmuir Primary School, Kirriemuir during June.
9. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir Fire Station provided Junior Fire Inspector input to Cortachy Primary School on 11th June.
10. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir Fire Station, provided illustrated talk to Charleston Nursery on 15th June.

Persons at Risk

11. Angus CAT carried out various home fire safety visits and fitted hard of hearing smoke alarms to vulnerable residents during May.
12. Angus CSA attended complex case conference at Bruce House, Arbroath for a vulnerable resident during May.
13. Angus LALO carried out a Joint Home Fire Safety Visit with Police Scotland for vulnerable Angus resident during May.
14. Angus CSA provided CPR training and Home Fire Safety input to Glenisla Project, Arbroath during May.
15. Angus LALO attended complex case conference at Access Office, Montrose for a vulnerable resident on 26th April.
16. Angus CAT carried out joint housing visit in Arbroath with Hillcrest Housing Officers highlighting dangers of combustible materials stored in communal areas of flats during May.
17. Angus CAT carried out joint Home Fire Safety Visits with vulnerable residents of Silverway, Montrose during June.
18. Angus CAT carried out joint Home Fire Safety Visits with vulnerable residents of River Street/Riverview, Brechin during June.

19. Numerous Joint Home Fire Safety Visits ongoing with Angus CAT members and Community Mental Health Teams, Angus Council Home Care Assessors, Community Housing Teams, Deaf Links workers etc.
20. Angus LALO provided Home Fire Safety Visit promotion and Risk Recognition talk to Women's section of Royal British Legion, Arbroath during May.
21. Angus CAT carried out a Fire Safety Talk promoting Home Fire Safety Visits to Eyes and Ears Sensory Group at Russell Square, Arbroath during June.
22. Angus CSA carried out a Fire Safety Talk promoting Home Fire Safety Visits to Better Balance Class (Falls Victims), Links Health Centre, Montrose during June.

Referrals

31. Angus CSA carried out joint working with Angus Alive Mobile Library to various rural and remote Angus locations, to provide Home Fire Safety Visit promotion and Risk Recognition. Suitable advice and fire safety literature was distributed and Home Fire Safety Visits generated.
32. On-going Home Fire Safety Visit referrals from Police Scotland, Locality District Nursing Teams, Community Mental Health Teams, Social Work teams, North East Sensory Services (NESS), Angus Care & Repair, Community Housing Teams etc.
33. 452 Home Fire Safety Visits completed for the period of which 253 were High Risk and 12 Adult Protection (AP1) referral forms were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over the period.

Further Developments

35. Angus CAT received ADHD Training Input during April.
36. Angus CAT received Adverse Childhood Events (ACE) awareness during May.
37. Angus CAT met Kirsty Maclean – Voluntary Action Angus to review and further explore Home Fire Safety training and referrals at Brechin Fire Station during June.
38. Angus LALO attended Angus Falls Development Event at Angus House, Forfar during June.

APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE EVENT – FIRE FATALITY, WOODLEY FARM, ARBROATH



Incident Details

At 2148hrs, on 10 April, Scottish fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Dundee Operations Control (Control) received an emergency

call reporting a fire at Woodley Caravan Park, Arbroath. Control mobilised two fire appliances as per the initial pre-determined attendance (PDA). Control received a further call at 2155hrs stating that there was a person inside the caravan. Control then mobilised an additional fire appliance as per the persons reported PDA.

By 2210hrs, Dundee Operations Control were informed by responding crews that this was a caravan on fire, with one suspected fatality within. Two Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus used a hosereel jet to extinguish the fire within the caravan and following this, the scene was preserved for a joint Police Scotland/SFRS fire investigation the following morning.

Fire Investigation

The deceased was an elderly male and lived alone within the caravan. The fire was most likely accidental in nature and caused by conducted or radiated heat from a portable electric heater within the living room area of the caravan. The heater had likely ignited clothing which was placed too close to, or on top of the heater. There was a battery operated smoke detector fitted within the caravan. The smoke detector actuated and raised the alarm.

Post Incident Community Safety Activity

As part of a coordinated partnership approach with Angus Council, the following activity was conducted at the site:

- Under the SFRS Safeguarding Policy, Arbroath Fire Station programmed a series of visits to the Woodley site, to offer Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) to the residents of each caravan. There was an uptake of 50%. Residents who declined were left a fire safety educational information pack.
- Working in partnership with Angus Council Environmental Services, a joint safety audit of the site was conducted. This audit checked for site compliance with the local authority licensing conditions and site compliance with fire safety regulations. Please note, it is the site (not the caravans) that are classed as a relevant premises under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005.

Longer term community safety actions are being considered, including profiling the residents of similar residential caravan parks in Angus, to identify those who may be vulnerable and therefore at risk from fire.

