

# **QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT**

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



# Quarter One: 2019/20



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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

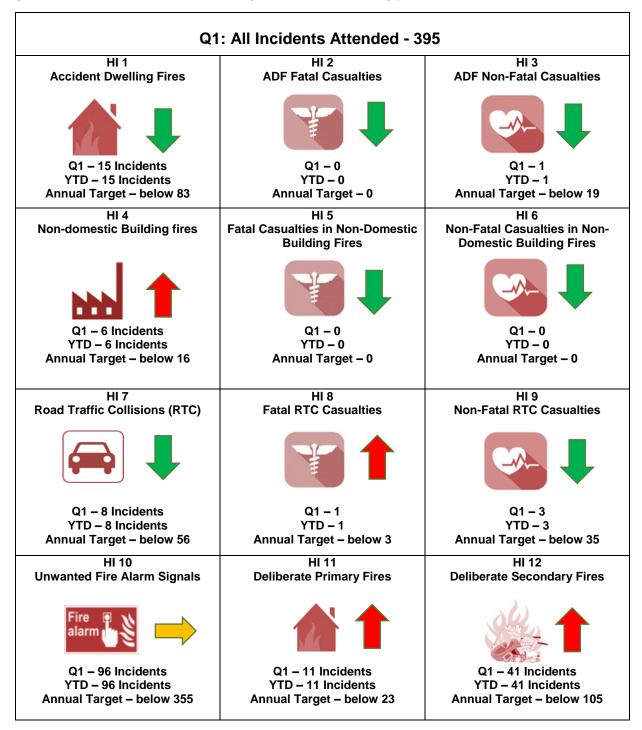
As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Angus, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Angus Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Angus Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

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 2019/20 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.



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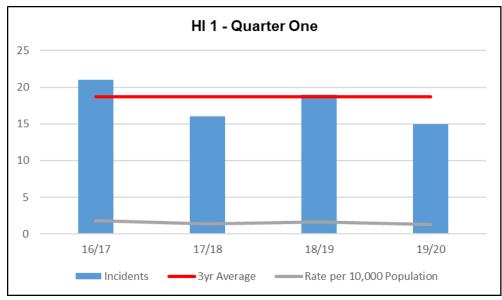
# PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for quarter one 2019/20:

- The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** was low when compared to the 3-year average. There is evidence of a downward trend in the number of ADF's emerging. During quarter one, three quarters of ADF's we classed as low severity, requiring little or no intervention from the Service.
- There were zero **ADF Fatalities**, and one **ADF Casualty** during quarter one. There is evidence of a downward trend in the number of ADF Casualties emerging.
- The number of **Non-Domestic Building** during quarter one was 6 and therefore above the average for that quarter. **Non-domestic Fire Fatalities and Non-Fatal Fire Fatalities** were zero, and therefore continue to stay very low. Angus has a low rate of non-domestic fires when compared to other local authority areas.
- We attended 8 Road Traffic Collision's (RTC) during quarter one a low number when compared to the 3-year average of 13 RTC's for quarter one. There was one RTC Related Fatality, and 3 RTC Related Injuries – well below the 3-year averages for that quarter.
- We dealt with **96 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** during quarter one 25% of all incidents we attended during the quarter. We have been making some progress towards reducing UFAS, and for 2019/20 we aim to reduce these incidents further.
- A total of **11 Deliberate Primary Fires** were reported during quarter one, which is above the 3-year average for the quarter. There were **41 Deliberate Secondary Fires** reported during quarter one, which is an increase of 9 when compared to the last quarter, but below the 44 deliberate secondary fires we experienced same quarter last year. Strathmartine Hospital and surrounding area (e.g. Pitemptom, Baldovan and Craigmill) continue to be a challenge for us. Appendix 2 provides an overview of the significant deliberate fire, which occurred at Strathmartine Hospital on 07 June, and the multi-agency work that followed on from this incident.

# **PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME**

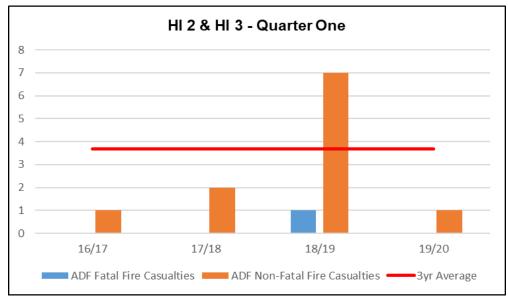
# HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)



#### Table 1: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	21	16	19	15	Green	83

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



#### Table 2: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	1	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	1	2	7	1	Green	19

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 83**, 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 19**, 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 15 ADF's during quarter one, which is below average for that quarter. Almost three quarters of these ADF's were classed as low severity, requiring no or very little intervention from the fire service. Cooking continues to be the main cause of ADF's we attend, with over half of all ADF's being attributed to cooking. Based on our target of keeping ADF's below 83 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 1 annual target.

There were zero ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter one, and therefore show green for achieving the HI 2 annual target.

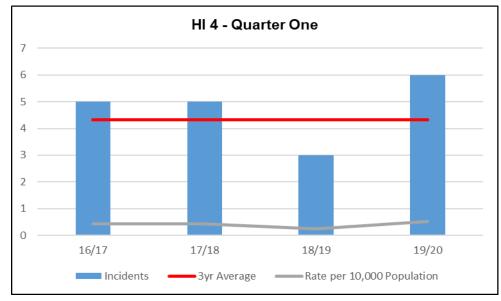
There was one ADF Non-Fatal Casualty during quarter one, which is 3 below the average for that quarter. Based on our target of keeping fire injuries below 19 each year, we are currently showing green for achieving the HI 3 annual target. As identified in previous quarterly reports, there is evidence of a downward trend in the number of ADF Non-Fatal Casualties emerging.

In support of the targets, Appendix One, details a range of our activities during quarter one, including completing 356 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's). Around 50% of these were directed at the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Looking to quarter two, we have various home safety initiatives planned. This includes working with Angus Alive's new mobile libraries, to extend our rural safety programme into the more remote rural areas of Angus. We will also be extending our home safety visit service into caravan parks where people live permanently. Both initiatives aim to target individuals and families who be more vulnerable to fire because of factors such as poor health and social isolation.

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

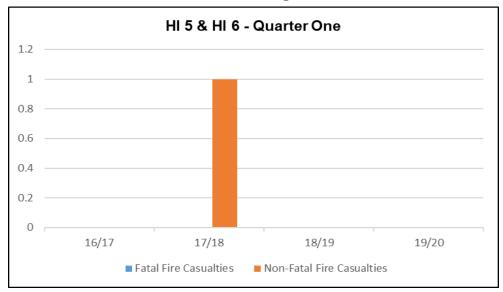
# HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires



#### Table 3: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	5	5	3	6	Red	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 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	0	1	0	0	Green	0

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**

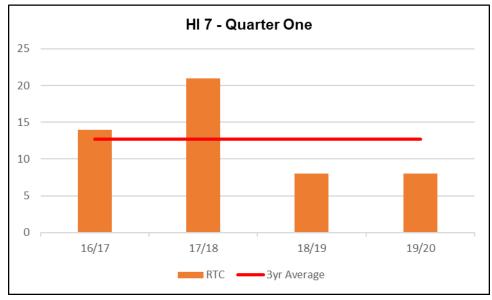
There were 6 accidental fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter one, which is slightly above average for that quarter. On investigation, the main causes of fire were faulty equipment and overheating. Of the 6 fires, 5 were classed as low severity fires where there was minimal fire damage and firefighting intervention required. Based on our target of keeping these fires below 16 each year, we are currently showing red 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, 38 fire safety audits were targeted at non-domestic premises, to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations. This included conducting post fire audits at the premises affected by fire during quarter one, dealing with complaints and focussing audits on premises critical to local infrastructure, our economy and heritage. We also facilitated an engagement session with the Federation of Town Halls for around 25 Duty holders. The session aimed to give them an understanding of their fire safety responsibilities as duty holders.

# PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

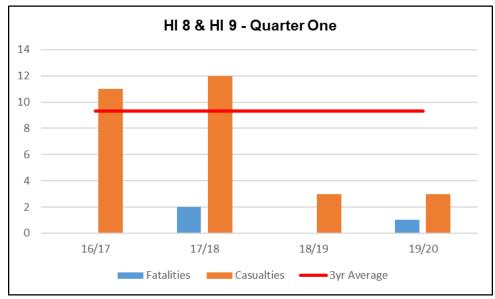


# HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

#### Table 5: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	14	21	8	8	Green	56

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & HI 9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casu	alties
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#### Table 6: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	0	2	0	1	Green	3
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	11	12	3	3	Green	35

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 56** 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 3** 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 35** 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

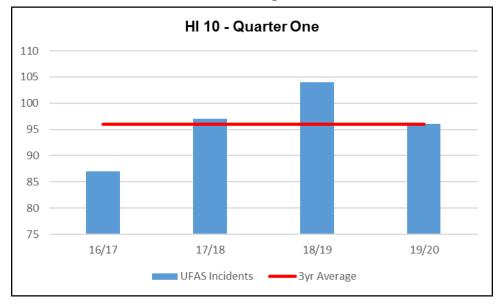
During quarter one we attended 8 RTC Incidents, to assist other blue light partners in the release/extrication of the occupants of the vehicles, which is 5 below the average for quarter one. Based on our target of keeping RTC's below 56 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 7 annual target.

Tragically, there was one Fatal RTC Casualty reported during quarter one. This occurred in the Brechin & Edzell Ward. Based on our target of keeping Fatal RTC Casualties below 3 each year, we are therefore currently showing red for achieving the HI 8 annual target.

Of the 8 RTC Incidents we attended during quarter one, there were 3 non-fatal casualties. These casualties were as a result of RTC's occurring in the Arbroath West Letham & Friockheim, Brechin & Edzell and Montrose wards. Based on our target of keeping Non-Fatal RTC Casualties below 35 each year, we are therefore currently showing green for achieving the HI 9 annual target.

Looking ahead to quarter two, planning for the annual Safe Drive Stay Alive Event in November, will commence. This event is targeted at S5 and S6 pupils, and along with our partners, we are aiming to educate over 1000 young people in Angus, on how to be safe on the road.

**PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS** 



HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

#### Table 7: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	87	97	104	96	Amber	355

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 355** 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 96 UFAS incidents, which is average for the quarter. Based on our target of keeping UFAS incidents to less than 355 each year, we are therefore currently showing amber for achieving the HI 10 annual target.

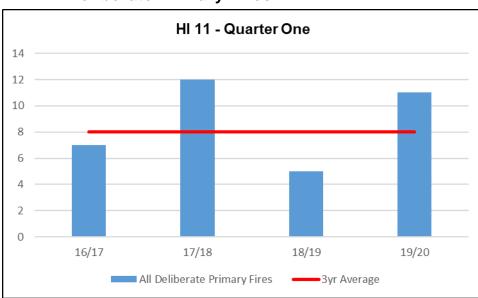
The table below lists the top property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS incidents during quarter one.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Care/Nursing/Residential Homes	32
Education (Primary/Secondary)	11
Entertainment and Culture	8
Security and Safety – Young Offenders Unit	7
Hospitals and Medical care	7
Industrial Manufacturing/Processing	7
Retail	7

Around a half of all 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). During quarter one, this included a number of high schools and sheltered housing schemes. 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**

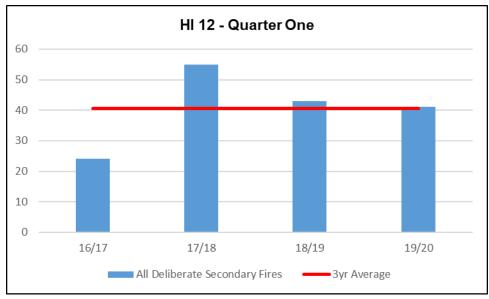


# HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

#### Table 8: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	7	12	5	11	Red	23

# HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires



## Table 9: Year to Date (April to June 2019) Performance

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	24	55	43	41	Red	105

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 23** 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 105** 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 11 deliberate primary fires reported during quarter one, which is 3 above the quarter one average of 8. Of the 11 deliberate fires, 5 involved dwellings and were investigated jointly with our Police colleagues. Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate primary fires in Angus below 23 each year, we are therefore currently showing red for achieving the HI 11 annual target.

There were 41 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter one, which is an increase of 9 when compared to the last quarter, but below the 44 deliberate secondary fires we experienced same quarter last year. Almost half of these fires occurred within the Monifieth and Sidlaw Ward, with the former Strathmartine Hospital Site being targeted on 4 occasions, and other deliberate fires recorded in the surrounding area (e.g. Pitemptom, Baldovan and Craigmill). Appendix 2 provides an overview of the significant deliberate fire, which occurred at Strathmartine Hospital on 07 June, and the multi-agency work that followed on from this incident.

Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below 105 each year, we are currently showing red for achieving the HI 12 annual target.

Looking forward to quarter two and beyond, multi-agency efforts will continue to focus on tackling deliberate secondary fires at Strathmartine and surrounding area. Other work is also being planned, in support of our wider youth engagement strategy and seasonal campaigns, to help reduce deliberate fire setting. This includes planning for Angus Fire Academy in September, and a youth mentoring project being piloted at Arbroath Fire Station.

# 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 stations being in a constant state of readiness.

#### 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:

- Railway 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 at Kirriemuir Fire Station visited Kirriemuir Gas Compressor Station, to appraise themselves with the risks/hazards and operational considerations. This culminated in a multi-agency exercise on 25 June, which tested their capabilities to deal with an on-site incident.

On-going recruitment for Retained Duty System (RDS) firefighters in the Angus area continued to be a priority during quarter one. As of end of quarter one, we are operating at almost full station establishment levels, following a series of successful local recruitment drives across the area.

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 attended Forfar Community Campus on 17 June and equipped almost 100 S6 pupils with life-saving CPR skills.

Looking forward to quarter two, Forfar Fire Station will take delivery of two brand new Scania fire appliances, to replace their existing vehicles. The new state-of-the art vehicles – worth around  $\pounds 1/2$  million - further bolsters the SFRS's frontline and will safeguard Forfar and the wider communities of Angus from a range of incidents and potential threats.

# **APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES**

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during the first quarter of 2019-20, 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 at Arbroath Academy during April.
- 2. Angus CAT carried out joint school safety talks together with local Community Police Officers covering anti-social behaviour at Brechin Community Campus during June.
- 3. Angus CAT along with Angus Council carried out a CPR training event for S6 Pupils at Forfar Community Campus during June.
- 4. Angus Community Safety Advocate (CSA) provided Home Fire Safety input session in conjunction with Supported Education at Dundee & Angus College, Arbroath during May.
- 5. Angus CAT conducted a Fire skills event with 10 Princes Trust volunteers at Arbroath Fire Station during June.
- 6. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir Fire Station provided Junior Fire Inspector input to Northmuir Primary School, Kirriemuir during June.
- 7. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir Fire Station provided Junior Fire Inspector input to Southmuir. Primary School on 11th June.
- 8. Angus CAT took part in Hayshead Primary School Careers Day.
- 9. Angus CSA and Kirriemuir Fire Station provided Junior Fire Inspector input to Tannadice Primary School, Kirriemuir during June.
- 10. Angus CSA attended a Family Fun Day at Andover Primary School, Brechin
- 11. Angus CAT provided support and resources for Carnoustie High School S6 Induction week.
- 12. Angus CSA provided Junior Fire Inspector input to Mattocks Primary School on 11th June
- 13. Angus CSA took part in the Community Resilience Roadshow at Birkhill Memorial Hall.
- 14. Angus CAT carried out joint school safety talks together with local Community Police Officers covering anti-social behaviour at Masiondieu Primary School during June.
- 15. Angus CSA attended a Summer Fayre at Southmuir Primary School providing fire safety advice to visitors.

## Persons at Risk

- 16. Angus CAT carried out various home fire safety visits and fitted hard of hearing smoke alarms to vulnerable residents during May.
- 17. Angus CSA attended complex case conference at Bruce House, Arbroath for a vulnerable resident during May.
- 18. Angus LALO carried out a Joint Home Fire Safety Visit with Police Scotland for vulnerable Angus resident during April and May.
- 19. Angus CAT carried out joint housing visit at Montrose with Angus Housing Officers highlighting dangers of combustible materials stored in communal areas of flats during June.
- 20. Angus CAT carried out joint Home Fire Safety Visits with vulnerable residents at Condor Court, Carnoustie

- 21. 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.
- 22. Angus CAT carried out a Fire Safety Talk promoting Home Fire Safety Visits to Better Balance Class held at Forfar Fire Station

## **Referrals**

- 23. 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.
- 24. Continue to attend Early Screening Group (ESG) fortnightly meetings to identify vulnerable person who require a Home Fire Safety Visit.
- 25. 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.
- 26. 356 Home Fire Safety Visits completed for the period of which 156 were High Risk and 12 Adult Protection referrals were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over the period.
- 27. Angus LALO attended Angus Falls Development Event at Monifieth Health Centre May.
- 28. Angus CAT working in partnership with Angus Council. planning for commencement of this year's Fire Academy.

# APPENDIX 2: NOTABLE EVENT – STRATHMARTINE HOSPITAL FIRE 07 JUNE

#### **The Incident**

On 07 June, at approximately 1930hrs, firefighters were mobilised to a fire, within one of the derelict buildings at the former Strathmartine Hospital Site.

On arrival firefighters were confronted with a well-developed fire, affecting all 3 floors of the building. The building was of a significant size, measuring approximately 100m x 20m.

In summary, over 40 firefighters were required to tackle the fire. The fire was declared as being finally extinguished at



09:50hrs the following day. There were significant challenges involved in dealing with this fire, which firefighters had to overcome, including:

- Maintaining sufficient fire cover in the area whilst this incident was ongoing. The fire required the resources from 4 stations in Dundee, to bring under control
- A lack of water supplies
- Difficult internal and external access/egress
- External firefighting tactics only because of the inherent risks associated with the building (e.g. unsafe floors and staircases, presence of hazardous substances etc).

The fire is being treated as a deliberate act, and triggered a review of our plans for tackling deliberate fires at the site.

#### Review

As part of a coordinated partnership approach, the review covers the following:

 A multi-agency site visit to the former hospital took place on 25 June. Attended by building standards, Police, Fire and Community Council, the visit ensured all key agencies had a full appreciation of the scale of the site, the hazards it presents and the challenges in keeping it safe.



- Assessment of multi-agency educational work at schools in the vicinity.
- Assessment of mobile CCTV and patrol coverage in the area by Police and Dundee City Council Wardens. Patrols at the site have continued with the site being checked at least once a night. This has now been stepped up to twice a night with senior wardens attending. The site has been added to the Police CCTV patrol matrix also.
- A meeting led by Angus Council, to discuss issues surrounding the effective delivery of the redevelopment of the Strathmartine Hospital site. Scheduled for 23 July, representation from Police, Fire, Council, Site Owner and NHS Tayside are attending the meeting.