



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 (Q1) 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 Community Plan.

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 (HI) 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 01 December 2020, covering the subsequent 3-year period. 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 2023/24 Q1 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 - 361		
<p>HI 1 Accident Dwelling Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 12 Incidents YTD – 12 Incidents Annual Target – below 75</p>	<p>HI 2 ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 3 ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – below 15</p>
<p>HI 4 Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 1 Incidents YTD – 1 Incidents Annual Target – below 12</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 – 12 Incidents YTD – 12 Incidents Annual Target – below 53</p>	<p>HI 8 Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 1 YTD – 1 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p>HI 9 Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q1 – 12 YTD – 12 Annual Target – below 26</p>
<p>HI 10 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q1 – 84 Incidents YTD – 84 Incidents Annual Target – below 355</p>	<p>HI 11 Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 7 Incidents YTD – 7 Incidents Annual Target – below 34</p>	<p>HI 12 Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q1 – 30 Incidents YTD – 30 Incidents Annual Target – below 116</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 (HI) and targets, the following is a summary for Q1 2023/24:

There was a total of **361** incidents within the Angus area during Q1, **79** of those occurred in domestic properties due to False Alarms (fumes from cooking), faults or accidental activations.

- **HI 1.** There were **12 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)** during Q1 which is well below the 3-year average for the quarter. The majority are classed as low severity, with **8** of the **12** starting in the kitchen and being contained within that compartment.
- **HI 2&3.** There was **Zero ADF Fatalities**, and **Zero ADF Casualties** during Q1.
- **HI 4.** There was one **Non-Domestic Building Fire** during Q1, which is below the 3-year average for this quarter. **Non-domestic Fire Fatalities were Zero as was Non-domestic Fire Related Injuries.**
- We attended **12 Road Traffic Collision's (RTCs)** during Q1, which is above the 3-year average for this quarter. There was again unfortunately a single **RTC Related Fatality** within the Arbroath area. There were **12 further RTC Related Injuries** across the Angus area which again is well above the 3-year average.
- We dealt with **84 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** during Q1, this is slightly above average (**77**) based on the previous 3-year figures. The Angus area Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) and Supervisory Management teams on stations, remain very proactive in engaging with problematic premises in a bid to reduce UFAS related incidents.
- There were **7 Deliberate Primary Fires** reported during Q1, which is lower than 3-year average for the quarter. There were **30 Deliberate Secondary Fires** reported during Q1, which again is well below the 3-year average.
- Our firefighters continue to train in all aspects of their role to ensure they are operationally prepared for what is required and we have continued where possible to gather information on local risks to assist us in an emergency through our operational intelligence visits.
- Finally, Q1 continues to see face to face engagement with our communities to ensure we can continue to help those who are most vulnerable. We have seen a large increase in partnership working and provided lots of support for local initiatives some of which you can read in appendices at the end of this report.

PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

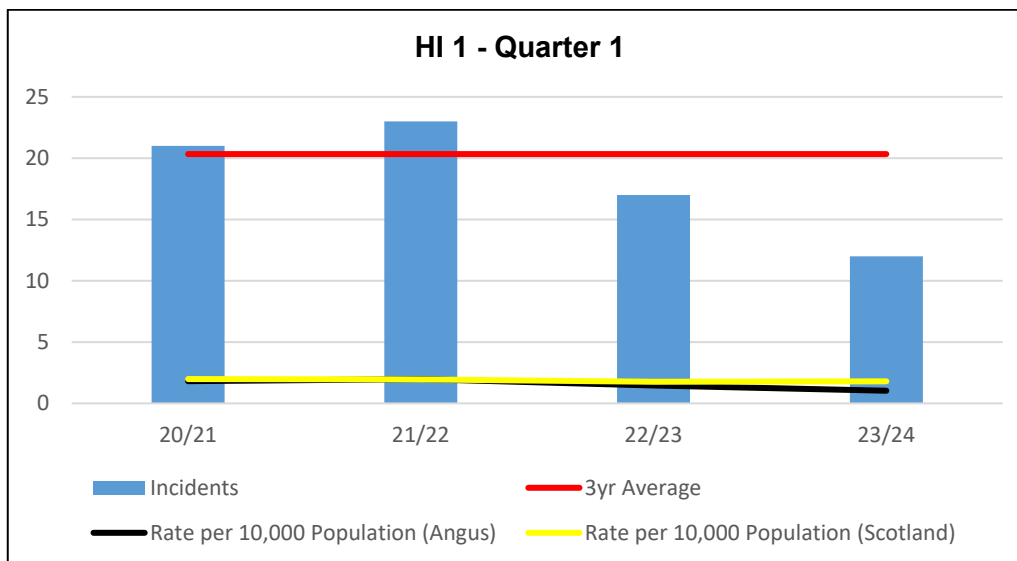


Table 1: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 1: ADF's	21	23	17	12	Green	78

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

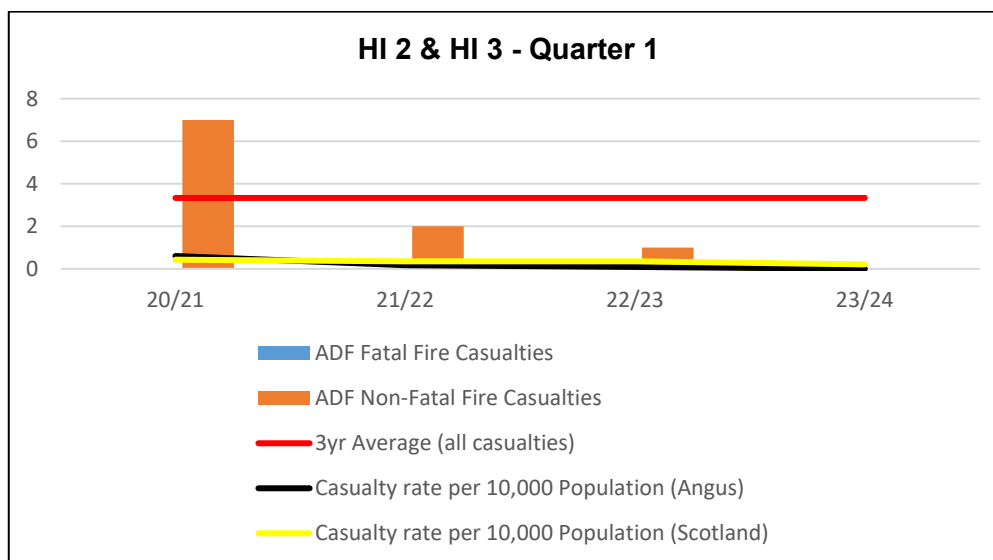


Table 2: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 2: ADF Fatal Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties	7	2	1	0	Green	15

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 the near 56,500 homes in the Angus area, by keeping these fires **below 78** 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 15**, 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 **12** ADFs during Q1, which is below the 3-year average, the majority of these are attributed to cooking or combustibles near a heat source. The majority of our ADFs caused minimal fire damage and were limited to the room of origin. **Eight** of the **12** incidents occurred in the kitchen, with others being the Livingroom, Utility room, Bedroom and Roof space. **Five** of the **12** ADFs were in Arbroath, **3** in Montrose and **2** in Forfar the remaining two were in Kirriemuir and Monikie.

There were **Zero** ADF Fatal Casualties and **Zero** ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during Q1. Based on our targets we are showing green for HI 2 and green for HI 3.

Crews continue to provide a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) to those premises affected, along with neighbouring premises. Crews across Angus carried out **211** HFSVs in Q1 of which **104** were considered as High Risk.

In support of the targets, Appendix 1 & 2, details a range of our activities during Q1 which included high-risk Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV's) and numerous referrals from partners where risk had been identified.

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

HI 4 – Non-Domestic Building Fires

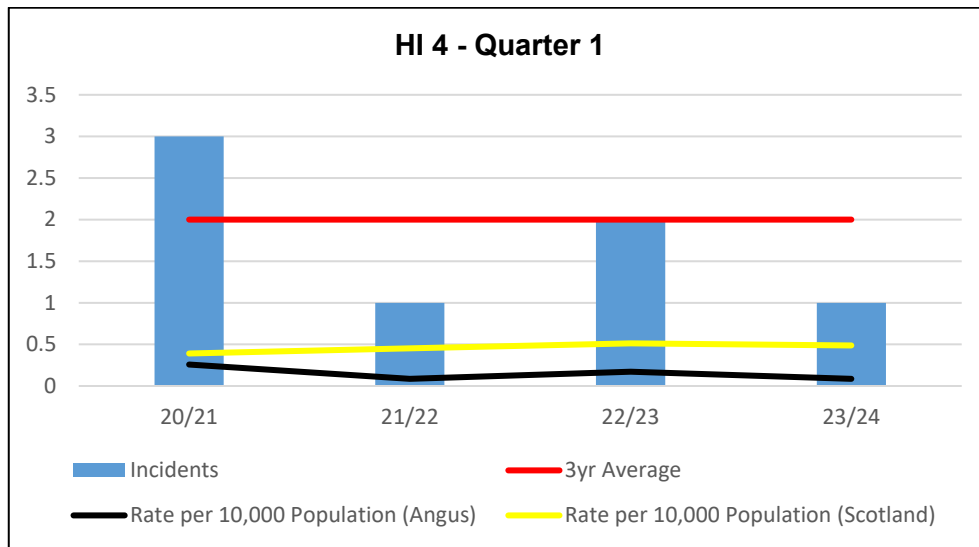


Table 3: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 4: Non-Domestic Building Fires	3	1	2	1	Green	13

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

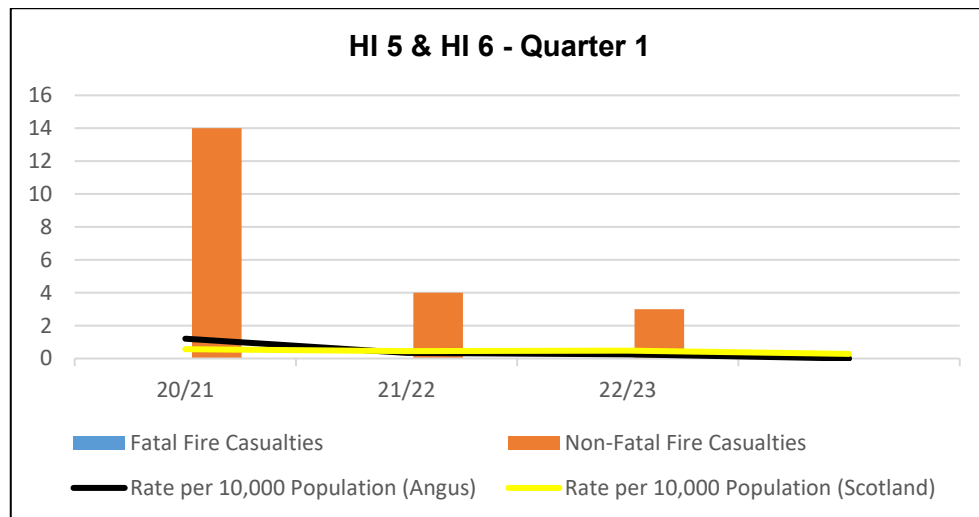


Table 4: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 5: Fatal Fire Casualties	0	0	0	0	Green	0
HI 6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	7	2	2	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 13**, 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 one accidental fire in the relevant non-domestic buildings during Q1, which is below average for this quarter compared to the previous three years. The incident involved a small fire due to cooking in a kitchen of a large public house.

There were **Zero** Non-Domestic Fatal Casualties and **Zero** Non-Domestic Non-Fatal Casualties during Q1. Based on our targets we are showing green for HI 5 and green for HI 6.

During Q1, the Angus Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO) carried out **30** visits to relevant premises in which **13** were full audits. Within the planned audits support was also available to colleagues from Angus Council where a joint visit was carried out at all **4** main sporting stadiums to issue safety certificates. The remaining visits were either 'Post Fire Audits' or 'Consultations' with duty holders to prevent reoccurrences or further UFAS incidents.

PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

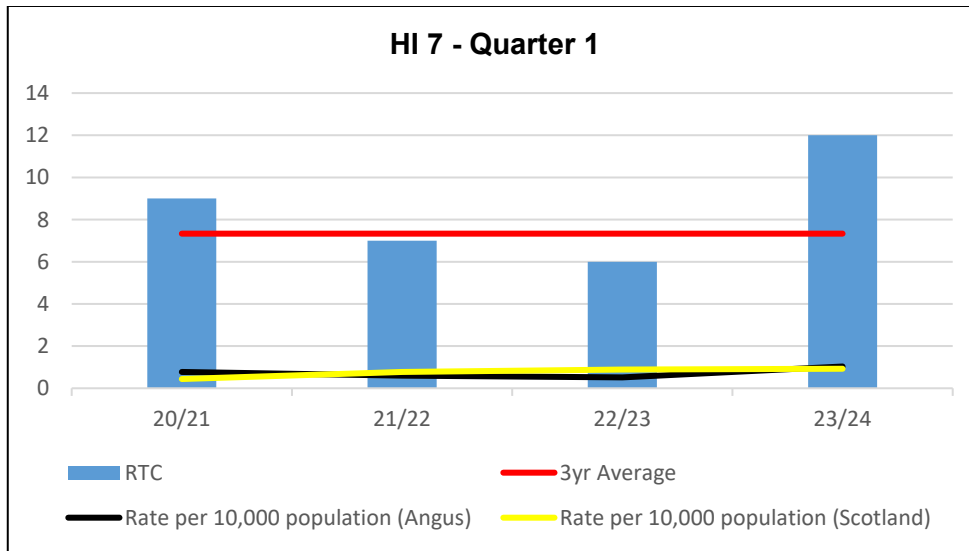


Table 5: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 7: RTC Incidents	9	7	6	12	Green	53

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

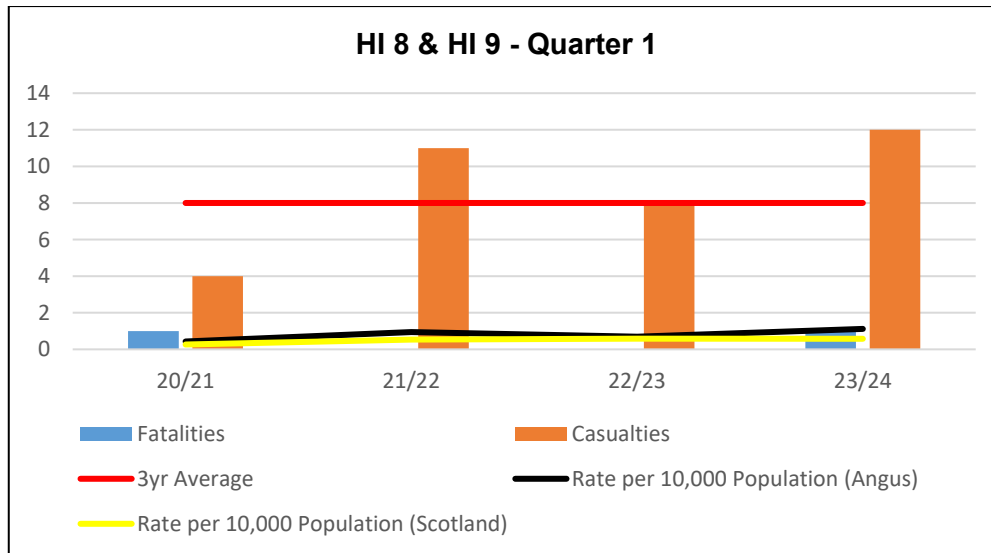


Table 6: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 8: Fatal RTC Casualties	1	0	0	1	Red	0
HI 9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	4	11	8	12	Red	26

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 53** each year.

HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero Fatal RTC Casualties** within Angus 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 26** 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 Q1 we attended **12** RTC incidents, to assist/support other partner agency responders in the release/extrication of occupants from vehicles, which is above the 3-year average for the quarter. These were spread across Angus with casualties rescued or provided initial care in **6** of those **12** incidents.

Sadly, there was a **single** Fatal RTC Casualty reported during Q1, this was from a one vehicle RTC in the Arbroath town area (Junction of East Mary Street and Hannah Street).

Q1 has seen a spike in RTC Casualties well above the 3-year average. **Two** RTCs occurred on the A90 totalling **7** of the **12** casualties. **5** of the **12** RTCs were within built up areas (Monifieth, Carnoustie and Arbroath), the **7** remaining were on rural roads with no obvious trends.

There is a plan to run the 'New Drivers Scheme' within Angus in partnership with Police Scotland. The equipment and software packages have been sourced and a pilot programme is currently running within Perth and Kinross to evaluate the equipment and content.

As an area, Angus stations have attended **70** special service incidents in Q1 including the **12** RTCs. The majority of other incidents (**34**) were to 'Gain Entry due to Concern for Occupant', along with **8** to assist other agencies.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

HI10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

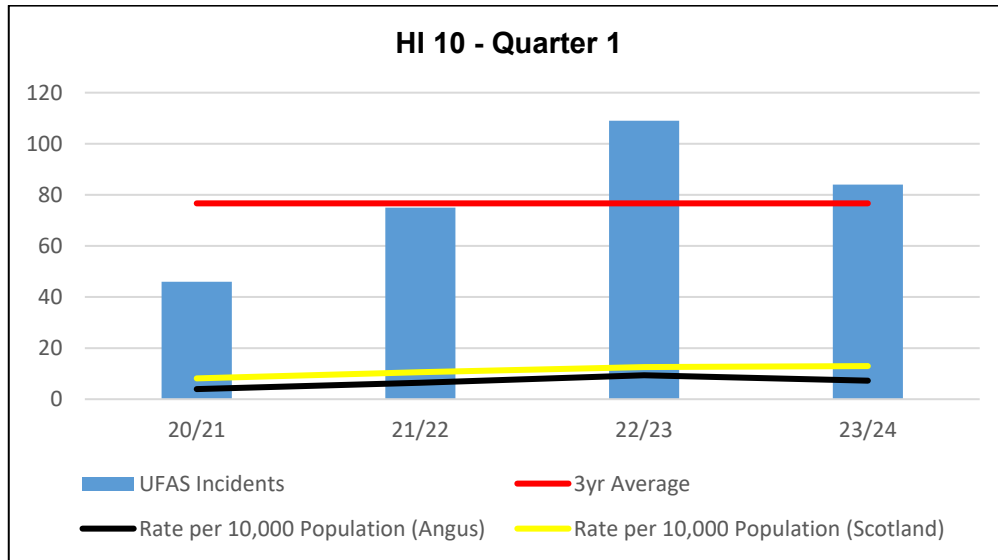


Table 7: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	46	75	109	84	Green	355

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 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 Q1, we were called out to **84** UFAS incidents, which is slightly above the 3-year average for the quarter (**77**).

The table below lists the top property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS incidents during Q1 reporting period.

Property Types	No. of UFAS
Education (schools)	16
Residential Care Homes (Elderly)	11
Industrial Manufacturing/Processing	8
Residential Care/Secure Home (Young)	7
Places of Entertainment	7
Hospitals	3

The SFRS has now implemented the '**Time for Change Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**', this means that we will no longer attend AFA calls to commercial business and workplace premises, such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities unless a fire has been confirmed.

This change does not apply to sleeping premises, such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings who will still receive a full pre-determined attendance (PDA). Moving forward if this quarter had seen the introduction of the UFAS '**Time for Change**' we would have attended **32** of the **84** UFAS incidents.

PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

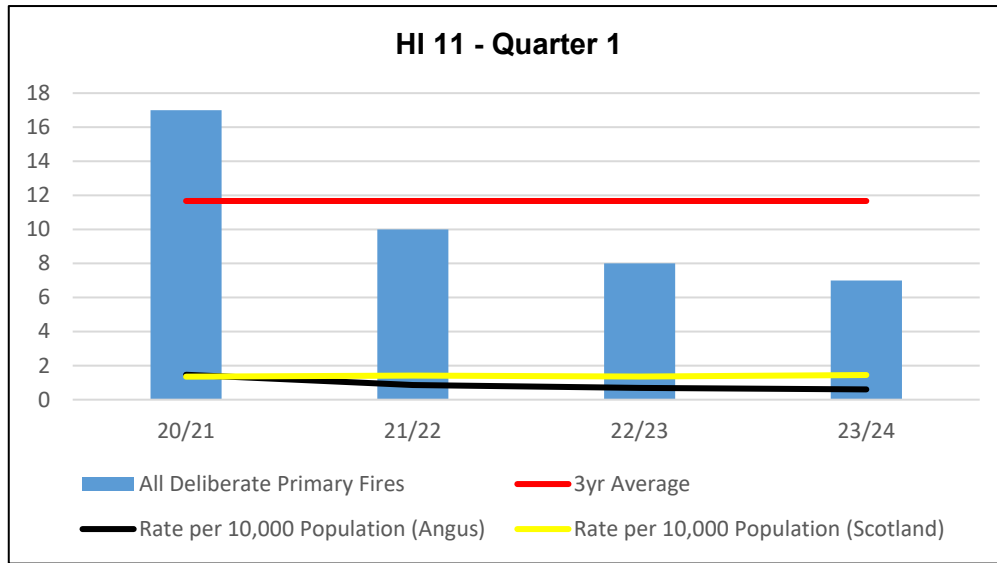


Table 8: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/32	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	17	10	8	7	Green	34

HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

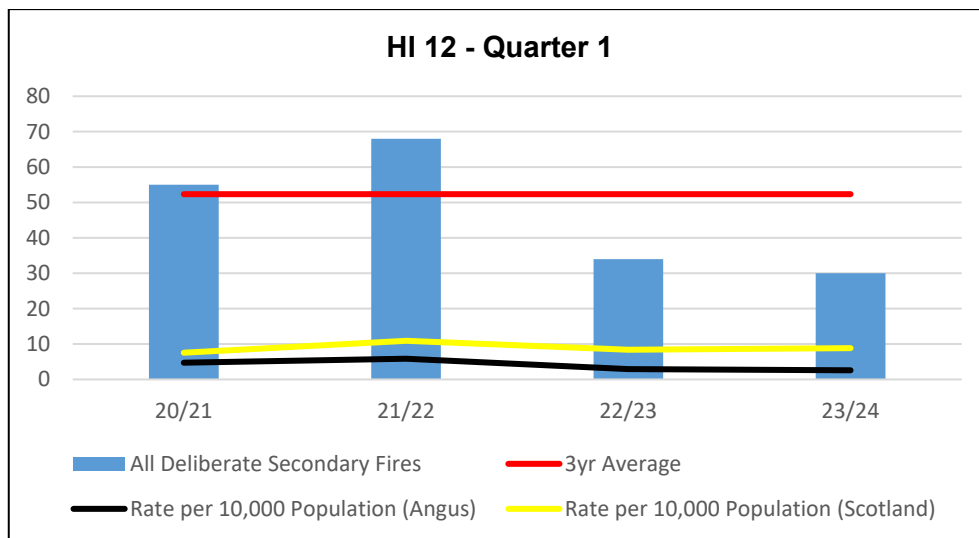


Table 9: 2023/24 Year Performance

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	YTD	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	55	68	34	30	Amber	116

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 34** 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 116** 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 **7** deliberate primary fires reported during Q1, which is below the 3-year average. The majority again were Grassland/Vegetation with others including a stolen van, adjoining domestic bin store and domestic garage.

There were **30** deliberate secondary fires reported during Q1, which is just below the average for the quarter but above average for the YTD figure. The majority of incidents were made up of scrubland and wheelie bin fires, each of the towns across Angus on average recorded approximately **3** to **5** incidents with Arbroath recording the highest with **7** incidents. We continue to work with partners in Police Scotland to tackle and educate both primary and secondary school pupils of the dangers of these incidents along with the other potential impacts (i.e. delayed attendance to significant fires or special service incidents where people are trapped).

Based on our target of keeping the number of deliberate secondary fires in Angus below **116** each year, we are showing **Amber** for the annual target.

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 equipped 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 Q1 we delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighter's, whereby we trained and tested their preparedness to deal with:

Breathing Apparatus / Fire Behaviour	Road Traffic Collisions
Knots and Lines, Ladders & Fire Pumps	Casualty Care
Incident Command	Station Related Specialist Skills

We are continuing joint training with partners and some larger scale training exercises have been carried out during this quarter to ensure our preparedness to respond to emergencies, this can be seen within the appendices.

Firefighters continue to carry out Operational Intelligence 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. All this information is continually updated on our IT devices which are carried on frontline appliances.

We continue to promote the service and at present across Angus, we are currently recruiting at the following stations to help and build resilience into the station, area and county (Kirriemuir, Forfar, Brechin and Montrose). Both Arbroath and Carnoustie remain at capacity.

The Community Action Team (CAT) and the Angus station personnel remain committed to supporting their local communities through all aspects of their role which can be seen in the following appendices.

APPENDIX 1:

COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of community safety engagement programmes undertaken within Angus during Q1 of 2023/24, in support of our priorities and targets.

Fire Safety Engagements

1. SFRS Angus Community Action Team (CAT) and crews continue to fully engage with all aspects of the community delivering Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV's).
2. Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) & Community Safety Advocates (CSA) continue to attend partnership meetings with Protecting People in Angus (PPA), Angus Violence Against Woman Partnership (AVAWP), Learning and Development (L&D subgroup) and Angus Mental Health & Wellbeing Network (AMHAWN).

Persons at Risk

1. Angus CAT and Stations fitted **12** Hard of Hearing smoke alarms to vulnerable residents.
2. Issued **one** set of fire-retardant bedding.
3. Issued **2** fire-retardant throws.
4. 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.
5. A number of Joint 'High-Risk Visits' completed due to concerns for occupier's wellbeing, along with several High-profile partnership visits in this last quarter.
6. **211** HFSV's have been carried out by Angus stations, **104** of those were classed as **high risk**.
7. LALO and CSA continue to work closely with Angus Adult Protection team in providing several presentations for a partnership approach to Hoarding and Self-neglect to members of the PPA Learning & Development Framework.

Referrals

1. Continuation of attending Early Screening Group (ESG) weekly meetings to identify vulnerable persons who require a HFSV and further support.
2. Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference reports sent at the beginning of each month with information we hold on each referral.
3. On-going HFSV referrals from Police Scotland, Locality District Nursing Teams, Community Mental Health Teams, Social Work teams, Northeast Sensory Services (NESS) and Community Housing Teams etc.
4. **15** Adult Protection (AP1) referral forms were submitted to Angus Council Social Work over this reporting period.
5. Angus LALO and CSA attended **6** virtual multi agency Case Conferences involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
6. Angus LALO and CSA attended **3** virtual multi agency Initial Referral Discussions involving persons identified as vulnerable and at risk.
7. Angus CAT fitted **2** Sash Jammers to letter boxes at vulnerable residents' properties.

8. Good partnership links with discharge teams mainly for Airflow mattresses has allowed the Angus CAT sight of the locations of these risks within our station areas and we are offering home visits as per the same processes as medical oxygen discharge teams at NHS Tayside.
9. Angus CSA attending wellbeing café's in Forfar, Arbroath and Montrose on a monthly basis providing advice for the attending local community promoting and offering advice and HFSVs.

APPENDIX 2:

NOTABLE EVENTS

Exercise Thomas

Exercise 'Thomas' was held at Bridge of Dun on Friday 21st April. The exercise was a multi-agency exercise set to test all agencies in both Mass Casualty Evacuation and Heavy Rescue. The exercise was planned and facilitated by WC Michael Cassie from Montrose Fire Station.



The exercise was an opportunity to identify the way in which partner agencies can work together to tackle major incidents by following the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) for joint working.

Exercise Thomas initially started off as small explosion on board a train with several carriages being derailed with multiple casualties, including casualties trapped below the carriage's and some walking wounded.

The exercise then led into a Marauding Terrorism Act (MTA), with terrorists within the carriages taking and holding hostages. It also included injured casualties thrown from the carriages and within the warm zone that required to be rescued. The exercise included the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service and Network Rail.

Specialist teams, appliances, Flexi Duty Officers' and MTA responders attended from two LSO areas, Perth Kinross, Angus and Dundee (PKAD) along with Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray.

Area Commander Jason Sharp (PKAD) said, "I would like to thank Caledonian Railway, for the use of their facilities for the day and I would also like to thank our emergency service partners who participated in the exercise to enhance our joint approach to emergency responses."

Think Before You Park Initiative

On Tuesday 4th April, a crew from Kirriemuir Fire Station along with Officers from the Forfar/Kirriemuir Community Policing Team carried out a joint initiative in Kirriemuir, following concerns being raised about parked vehicles causing access issues for fire service appliances when attending emergency calls. Communication with local residents and a leaflet drop was carried out asking residents to be considerate when parking and to ensure enough space is left for emergency service vehicle access.



 Police Scotland Tayside
4 April · 🌐


Officers from the Forfar/Kirriemuir Community Policing Team have carried out joint patrols with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Kirriemuir following concerns being raised about parked vehicles causing access issues for the fire service when attending calls.

Both Services visited areas where issues have been identified and carried out a leaflet drop asking residents to be considerate when parking and ensure enough space is left for emergency vehicle access.

Watch Commander Judi Young from Kirriemuir Fire Station said "Every second counts for us at SFRS (Scottish Fire and Rescue), due to the increasing amount of equipment we now carry on the fire appliances, the new generation appliances are now bigger. At a previous incident we had in our local area, the fire appliance was slightly delayed due to the parking issues, within one of the local streets, we ask you to take more care while parking and ensure access is left for emergency service vehicles".

Recognition Certificate for Local Employer

Powerwasher Services Ltd, Brechin were presented with a recognition certificate and plaque, as confirmation of our appreciation of their ongoing support in allowing FF Kim Elder to respond to fire calls at Brechin Fire Station. The SFRS are keen to recognise employers like Powerwasher Services Ltd, and thank them for their continued support to ourselves and the local community.

 Brechin Community Fire Station
30 May at 22:41 · 🌐

Today we met with Liz & Jim from [Powerwasher Services Ltd](#) to present a certificate of appreciation and plaque to be mounted on the wall in their office as a very small token of our appreciation for allowing one of our crew members FF Kim Elder to be able to respond to incidents whilst at work.

Without the assistance of employers like [Powerwasher Services Ltd](#) there are times that we simply would not be able to respond to incidents. Having a local business support us as much as they do is invaluable and we can't thank them enough for their continued support.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a firefighter in Brechin please don't hesitate to get in touch, we are actively seeking new recruits to join us and allow us to continue to be able to respond to incidents at all times.

More information can be found here on our website or pop us a message to this page <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/.../on-call-firefighter.../>



East Haven Local Resilience Partnership Wildfire Exercise

Crews from Arbroath and Carnoustie carried out a joint exercise with the East Haven Local Resilience Partnership, the purpose of the exercise was to overcome to obvious restrictions that apply to a number of properties on the east side of the East Coast Main Railway Line. The scenario was, careless disposal of a barbecue which then spread to Grassland and Vegetation at the edge of the beech threatening homes nearby. Crews worked closely with the East Haven team and their all-terrain vehicle to get personnel and equipment to the area to allow them an early attack on the escalating incident.



Local Foodbank and School Clothing and Initiatives

Angus crews continue to support both food and clothing banks to support their local communities, these have now become imbedded into a number of stations where it has been identified that support is required. I would just like to highlight my thanks to all the stations and personnel involved in this very worthy and notable cause.

Rossie Secure Trust Fire Skills Programme



SFRS Angus @SFRS_Angus · May 26

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Another successful Fireskills @RossieYPT

We thought at year 1 that we had achieved something worthwhile, we have now completed our 3rd course in 18 months, great support from the @SFRS_PKAD_CAT @fire_scot

Teamwork makes the dream work in PKAD
Kev, Matty and Steve ... Thanks



May saw the Angus CAT complete another successful corporate parenting venture with Rossie Secure Trust in Montrose this venture has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2020, This time round 7 candidates participated in the event with 2 individuals returning from the last course as mentors to the others.

Kirriemuir 50+ Fair



SFRS Angus @SFRS_Angus · Jun 30

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Local crews from Kirriemuir Station, positive working partnerships 👍



June saw crews from Kirriemuir participate in the over-50s safety event focused on links with local and national partners raising awareness on various topics.

Developing Young Workforce Employability and Workplace Program



SFRS Angus @SFRS_Angus · Jun 12

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Friday saw an end to a busy period in [@SFRS_PKAD_CAT](#) [@fire_scot](#) with the completion of another successful fireskills course, linked in partnership with [@DYWScot](#) [@DYWTayCities](#), we are a positive employer giving work placements and interviews skills and experience.

[@BrechinHigh1](#)



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Twelve students took part in this fire skills work placement course, along with Developing Young Workforce (DYW) team and the SFRS. The skills included being interviewed, where the students provided a presentation on their knowledge and understanding of the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS). The students were then interviewed in a formal setting to provide interview skills and experience within in a realistic environment. The students then attended a week's practical course at Forfar Community Fire Station where they learned the practical side of the FRS. This then led to four students who were selected to attend a work placement week with the Angus CAT where they learned about the SFRS and the Community Engagement side of the SFRS.