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Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q4 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From: 1st January 2024

To: 31st March 2024

Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Community Board Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to Community Board based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where Community Board level data is analysed due to the small number of actual incidents/events that occur in Community Board areas.

However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

Local Firefighter Training Plan

Below is a list of subjects the operational crews have been focusing on within this period. Each subject has been covered both practically and theoretically and recorded in the Fire Service Training recording system.

Training Subjects	January/February/March
	BA (Breathing Apparatus) - Tactical Ventilation Q4 RTC – Casualty Extraction Q4 Incident Command Q4 Regulation and Compliance Q4 Pumps, Ladders, Knots & Lines

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	4.3	5	5
Dunoon	1.3	0	1
Isle of Bute	2	2	1
Community Board Total	7.7	7	7

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0	0	0
Dunoon	0.3	0	0
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	0.3	0	0

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0	0	0
Dunoon	0.3	1	0
Isle of Bute	0.7	0	1
Community Board Total	1	1	1

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0	0	2
Dunoon	0.6	0	1
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	1.3	0	3

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0	0	0
Dunoon	0	0	0
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	0	0	0

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	16.7	20	11
Dunoon	19.3	25	14
Isle of Bute	20.7	25	13
Community Board Total	56.6	70	38

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

We continue to work with partners across Argyll & Bute to support duty holders in reducing unwanted fire alarm signal (UFAS) incidents. Our UFAS mobilisation policy has been devised with of aim of reducing UFAS incidents across Scotland. This has been reflected in the relevant KPI's contained within this report.

Road & Water Safety campaigns

In this reporting period, we have continued to work with various partners across Argyll & Bute including Police Scotland, The RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) and local business on Road and Water safety campaigns. We continue to support a road safety governance group established with Police Scotland's L Division. The group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss road safety issues and includes various partners from across Argyll & Bute. In March we attended Road Safety Scotland's annual seminar at the Edinburgh International Conference centre.

We continue to participate in Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) and attended Argyll & Bute quarterly meeting in March. Our Community Action Team (CAT) and local crews have been delivering Water Safety Scotland ice and water safety presentations across schools in Argyll & Bute.

Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HFSVs (Home Fire Safety Visits) and provision of smoke detection.
- Representation on Multi Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) for those affected by domestic violence.
- Continue to support 'Make the Call' campaign and On Call recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations within Argyll and Bute
- Supporting Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group and engaging with the public: #RESPECTTHEWATER campaign.
- WC McGloin visited our Youth Volunteer Scheme in Tobermory with national coordinator Ruth Cairns to provide youth engagement training.
- We engaged with school's community groups utilising our Spring Thematic Action Plan (TAP)
- In January, our Community Action Team (CAT) attended various careers engagement pathway sessions in Argyll & Bute Secondary Schools.
- Our CAT visited all High Schools in Argyll & Bute to deliver Water Safety Scotland Ice and Water safety workshops.
- Our CAT attended various STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics events in Argyll & Bute High Schools including Tobermory and Campbeltown.

EWDAB (East & West Dunbartonshire, Argyll and Bute) LSO Activities

- Continued roll out of new fleet SFRS Electric Vehicles and on-station charging points within the area.
- Ongoing On-call recruitment campaigns – Participation in Practical Selection Tests for new candidates as well as successful completion of Task and Task Management by new On-call Firefighters across the area.
- We held a multi-agency tabletop exercise at Oban community Fire Station with various partners to test operational resilience at Glensanda Quarry.
- WC McGloin and members of the CAT attended the annual Road Safety Scotland seminar at the Edinburgh International Conference centre.
- WC Spence along with our training team visited both Celtic and Rangers training grounds to provide CPR training to the club's youth teams.

Home Fire Safety

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We will help you sort out a fire escape plan and provide information about smoke, heat, and carbon monoxide alarms.

For a Free Home Fire Safety Visit, please:

- Call [0800 0731 999](tel:08000731999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

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