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Performance Report

Fiscal year 2013 -2014 Annual Report

**The following pages represent the performance of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
using the priorities and objectives as laid out in the Local Fire Plan for
Argyll & Bute 2013 - 2014**

Priority 1 - Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires


3 year average	Reduction target	Annual target	Actual this year	Performance indicator
88	10%	79	78	 green

This target is the main focus of all Community Safety activities through our Home Fire Safety Visit initiatives and education programmes.

Over recent years this figure has improved to its now all time low figure although there is no room for complacency.

From statistical analysis we have found that cooking remains the most common cause of these types of fires and therefore will continue to be the focus for safety information and advice.



Priority 2 - Reduction of Fire Casualties & Fatalities

3 year average	Reduction target	Annual target	Actual this year	Performance indicator
17	6%	16	12	 green

Casualty figures are better than target and again provides an indicator that our preventative approach is working within our communities.

Caution must be exercised with this Performance Indicator (PI) as a single incident with multiple casualties can cause this target to be missed, every effort will be maintained to continue to improve this PI

Priority 3 - Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting



	3 year average	Reduction target	Annual target	Actual this year	Performance indicator
Primary	32	4%	31	17	 green
Secondary	105	10%	95	55	 green

Primary Fires are designated as fires that involve property, Secondary Fires are designated as fires involving refuse, grass and heathland etc.

We have worked with Police Scotland over recent years in order to improve detection rates in deliberate fire raising however, despite these reductions, the number of incidences of Fire Related Anti Social Behaviour continues to require this multi-agency focus.

This summer was warm and dry and therefore the Service as a whole experienced a considerable rise in grass fires during this period, however safety campaigns conducted prior to the annual bonfire night did see a general reduction in overall calls being attended to by the Service.


Priority 4 - Reduction of Fires in Other Buildings

	3 year average	Reduction target	Annual target	Actual this year	Performance indicator	
Accidental	47	10%	42	41		green
Deliberate	7	10%	6	4		green

Fire can have a devastating effect on business therefore the Service will continue to work with the business sector in order to ensure that there is compliance with Fire Safety Legislation.

This target will be monitored throughout the year

Priority 5 - Reduction of Road Traffic Collisions

	3 year average	Reduction target	Annual target	Actual this year	Performance indicator	
	79	5%	75	79		amber

We have continued to provide safety information through our drive safe programmes and young drivers initiatives and worked alongside our Community Safety Partnership colleagues to tackle this priority.

This continues to be a challenging PI in the Argyll & Bute area and remains on average due to a particularly low figure (62) in the previous year.

More intense focus, in association with our Partners, will be undertaken for the future term of our Local Fire Plan.

Priority 6 - Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

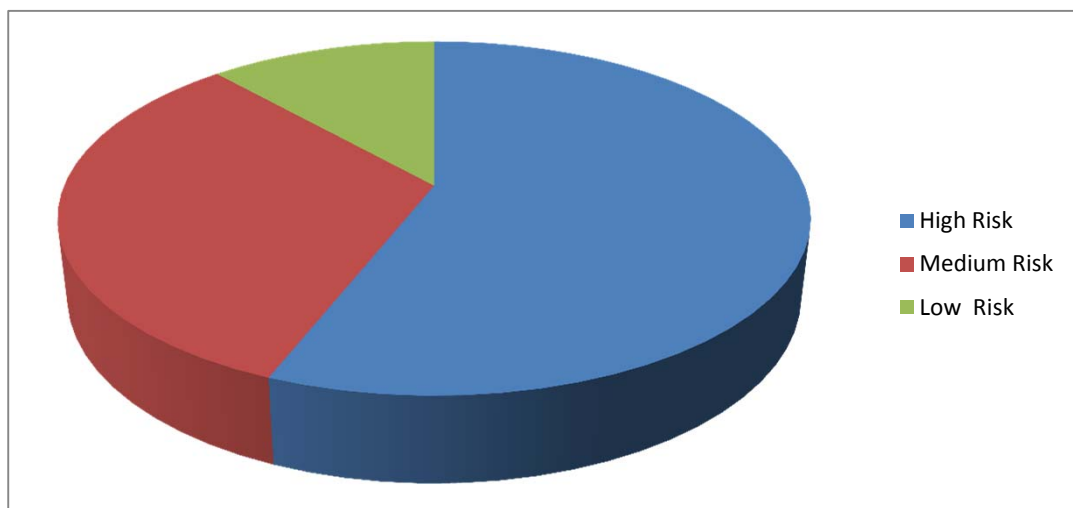
	3 year average	Reduction target	Annual target	Actual this year	Performance indicator	
Automatic	742	10%	668	825	●	red
Malicious	22	9%	20	8	●	green

The reduction of Automatic Fire Alarms (AFA) continues to challenge the service as a whole. More AFAs are being installed in premises as part of fire safety requirements, this ultimately means there are more alarms in the community available to raise the alarm to a potential fire, which is obviously a positive step. However the need to tackle repeat offenders who have a malfunctioning or improperly working alarm system remains a priority for the service.

We continue to work with Police Scotland and Educational services to highlight the dangers of malicious calls. This, along with technological advances in call tracing, has enabled us to continue to reduce the number of malicious calls received.

Home Fire Safety Visits

High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
548	316	114



We regard Home Fire Safety Visits as the key to protecting the community from fire in the home. These are completely free of any charge and have seen a healthy reduction in incidences of fire, fire casualties and fatalities.

We will continue to target our visits at those regarded as high risk within our communities. The table and chart provides evidence that this is being achieved and indicates that both our personnel, and our referring partner agencies, are identifying these vulnerable residents through their fire risk assessment processes.

Report Summary

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is building on the performance of the previous Service and aims to continually improve its performance.

The number of Accidental Dwelling Fires has shown a reduction and it is pleasing to note that there are also fewer casualties suffered as a result of fire.

The continuing work of the agencies involved in our Deliberate Fire Group indicates significant success in reducing the number of deliberately lit primary and secondary fires.

The importance of taking consideration of premises security, as well as the required fire safety precautions, is emphasised to business owners by our Enforcement Team. Many non-domestic fires are started deliberately and we continue to work with our Police colleagues in our prevention activity.

Further intervention work in terms of Road Traffic Collisions must be undertaken. Further innovative education initiatives must be identified, in association with our Partner Agencies, to effect reduction.

With the success of introducing fire alarm systems to more premises comes the inevitable increase in the number of actuations. We continue to work with premises duty holders to encourage improvement.

The success of the Home Fire Safety Visit programme in identifying, and engaging with, those at highest risk is clearly evident with the vast majority of those visited falling within this bracket. This forms the main thrust in the vision of reducing domestic fires and the associated casualties and fatalities.