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# Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q2 2022/23
Performance & Activity Report

| From: | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 | To: | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 |
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#### 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 somewhat 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 relatively 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.

|                      | July         | August                 | September       |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|
|                      | BA & CFBT    | RTC & Extrication      | Knots Ladders & |
| Tunining             | Tac-Vent     | Casualty Care          | Pumps           |
| Training<br>Subjects |              |                        | Water           |
| Subjects             |              |                        | Awareness       |
|                      | Building     | Surface Spread of Fire | Lithium-Ion     |
|                      | Construction |                        | Batteries       |

## **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)**

| Ward                  | 3 Year Average | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Isle of Bute          | 0.3            | 1       | 0       |
| Cowal                 | 1.3            | 1       | 0       |
| Dunoon                | 1.6            | 2       | 1       |
| Community Board Total | 3              | 4       | 1       |

#### **ADF Casualties**

| Ward                  | 3 Year Average | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Isle of Bute          | 0              | 0       | 0       |
| Cowal                 | 0.3            | 1       | 0       |
| Dunoon                | 0.6            | 0       | 0       |
| Community Board Total | 1              | 1       | 0       |

## **Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting**

| Ward                  | 3 Year Average | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Isle of Bute          | 0.6            | 0       | 2       |
| Cowal                 | 1.3            | 2       | 1       |
| Dunoon                | 1.3            | 3       | 1       |
| Community Board Total | 3.3            | 5       | 4       |

## **Fires in Non-Domestic Property**

| Ward                  | 3 Year Average | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Isle of Bute          | 0              | 0       | 0       |
| Cowal                 | 0.6            | 1       | 0       |
| Dunoon                | 1              | 1       | 2       |
| Community Board Total | 1.6            | 2       | 2       |

## **Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies**

| Ward                  | 3 Year Average | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Isle of Bute          | 0              | 0       | 0       |
| Cowal                 | 2              | 4       | 1       |
| Dunoon                | 0.3            | 1       | 0       |
| Community Board Total | 2.3            | 5       | 1       |

## **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**

| Ward                  | 3 Year Average | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Isle of Bute          | 20             | 10      | 17      |
| Cowal                 | 13             | 8       | 11      |
| Dunoon                | 6.6            | 6       | 7       |
| Community Board Total | 34             | 24      | 35      |

#### **Incidents/Activities of Note**

#### **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)**

We are continually working with partners and targeting our top offenders which are Education including Infant/Primary/Secondary Schools, and Residential/Care Homes.

A new UFAS Policy is currently being devised by SFRS with an aim at reducing UFAS Incidents further. Regrettably there is no timescale identified for completion of this

#### **Road & Water Safety campaigns**

We have also identified the need for further Road safety awareness, not only to residents, but also those visiting the area with partnership working alongside Police Scotland and Argyll & Bute Council.

Our Community Advocates and operation crews have been assisting the PAWS group in delivering Water safety advice and training

#### **Community Engagement Activities**

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR)
- Fire, Water & Road Safety Talks –Presentations into schools and local community groups with practical. demonstrations and interactive scenario floorboards.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via telephone and provision of smoke detection where none is fitted. HFSV's are carried out where there is a threat of fire from criminal activity.
  - Represented on the MARAC for those affected by domestic Violence.
- Continue to support "Make the Call" Campaign and "On Call" recruitment drive for retained and volunteer stations.
- Supporting PAWS group and engaging with the public, #RESPECTTHEWATER campaign.
  - •Online training for partners with risk awareness within the training via MS Teams.
  - Engaging with communities for Summer TAP safety advice; Holiday safety,

Countryside and Outdoor Safety, Student, Electrical and Chimney safety

- SFRS Electric Vehicles within the Area
- Victim support referral pathway set up

#### **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'll 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
- text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

Twitter link: https://twitter.com/abewdhq

