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Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q4 2022/2023

Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st January 2023	To:	31st March 2023
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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.

	January/February/March
Training Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CFBT● Tac Vent● Casualty Care● RTC and Extrication● Knott, Pumps & Ladders● Incident Command

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Cowal	2.3	1	3
Dunoon	1.7	2	0
Isle of Bute	1.7	3	0
Community Board Total	5.7	6	3

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Cowal	0.3	0	1
Dunoon	0.3	1	0
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	0.7	1	1

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Cowal	0.3	0	0
Dunoon	0.7	0	1
Isle of Bute	0.7	1	0
Community Board Total	1.7	1	1

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

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

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Cowal	1.3	3	0
Dunoon	1	2	0
Isle of Bute	1	3	0
Community Board Total	3.3	8	0

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2021/22	2022/23
Cowal	9	11	9
Dunoon	9.3	4	17
Isle of Bute	23	13	19
Community Board Total	31.3	28	45

Incidents/Activities of Note

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

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

A new UFAS mobilisation policy has been devised by a dedicated project team within SFRS with an aim at reducing UFAS Incidents further. This policy will go live 1st July 2023 and should result in a reduction of unwanted fire alarm signals.

Road & Water Safety campaigns

We've been working alongside Police Scotland, RNLI and various other Partners across all sectors, engaging with the local community at various identified hotspots. We provided advice and literature relevant to Road & Water Safety (including drug and alcohol misuse and ASB), as well as providing Throwline and CPR Training to local businesses and members of the public. Local Area liaison Officer WC McGloin attended a Road Safety Seminar at Edinburgh International Conference Centre on the 21st March. The Community Action Team also attended a PAWS Workshop at Hermitage Academy on the 30th March to roll out new water safety presentations to Argyll and Bute's Schools – Various Partners in attendance including RNLI, Police Scotland, Water Safety Scotland and Education.

Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident
- Fire, Water & Road Safety provided to schools and local community groups with practical demonstrations using new interactive scenario floorboards.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HFSVs 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.
- Engaging with communities utilising winter/spring Thematic Action Plans TAP
- Victim support referral pathway set up
- Careers engagement pathway delivered to all schools for fire service employment

EWDAB LSO Activities

- Continued roll out of new fleet SFRS Electric Vehicles within the area
- New Virtual Reality headsets acquired in preparation for road safety awareness within the community
- We held two On Call Seminars held at Oban Fire station for all of Argyll and Bute's crews
- Watch Commander Tony McGloin joined EWDABs Community Action Team as a new Local area liaison officer

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>