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Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q1 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st April 2023	To:	30th June 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.

	April /May/June
Training Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CFBT● Tac Vent● Casualty Care● RTC and Extrication● Knotts, Ladders & Pumps● Marine Firefighting

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

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

ADF Casualties

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

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	1.3	1	1
Dunoon	2.7	1	2
Isle of Bute	3.7	5	2
Community Board Total	7.7	7	5

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0.3	1	0
Dunoon	0.7	0	2
Isle of Bute	0.7	1	0
Community Board Total	1.7	2	2

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	2.7	5	3
Dunoon	1.7	4	0
Isle of Bute	1	3	0
Community Board Total	5.3	12	3

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	8	12	7
Dunoon	10.7	14	10
Isle of Bute	14	16	12
Community Board Total	32.7	42	29

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 is now live from 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, Loch Lomond Park Rangers 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). We have maintained a presence through Operation Ballaton meetings, allowing us to provide attendance of operational crews to support Loch Lomond Park Rangers, at specific hotspots in the park across busy summer weekends. Community Action Team and LALOs have received training input on the use of VR Headsets in preparation for delivering Road Safety lessons.

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 Spring/Summer 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 and on-station charging points within the area
- Beginning of training sessions on new Virtual Reality headsets in preparation for road safety awareness within the community
- 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.
- Watch Commander Chris Spence joined EWDABs Community Action Team as one of our Local Area Liaison Officers
- Completion of multi-agency training exercise "Antonine" at Craighend Quarry, Mugdock Park. Utilising personnel from across the EWDAB area.
- Congratulations to Tarbert WC Dennis on completion of his fundraising bike ride from Carlisle to Cramond Beach. A fantastic total of over £2000 has been raised so far.

- In May WC Tony McGloin attended DYW Argyll and Bute Opportunities for young people and employers conference at Queens Hall, Dunoon. The event allowed partners from various sectors to discuss opportunities for young people across Argyll & Bute.

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](tel:08000731999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

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