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Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q2 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From:	1st July 2023	To:	30th September 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.

	July/August/September
Training Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CFBT / Tactical ventilation Q2● Casualty Care Q2● RTC and Extrication Q2● HAZMAT Q2● Knotts, Ladders & Pumps Q2● Water Awareness● High Rise

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	6	5	5
Dunoon	5	2	6
Isle of Bute	3	1	3
Community Board Total	14	8	14

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0.3	0	0
Dunoon	0.6	0	0
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	1	0	0

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	1.3	1	1
Dunoon	1.7	1	1
Isle of Bute	1	2	1
Community Board Total	4	4	3

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	1.3	1	2
Dunoon	1.3	2	1
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	2.7	3	3

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

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

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	8	11	5
Dunoon	5.7	7	4
Isle of Bute	13.3	17	13
Community Board Total	27	35	22

Incidents/Activities of Note

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

We continue to work with partners across Argyll & Bute to support duty holders in reducing unwanted fire alarm signal incidents. 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 went live from 1st July 2023, and we have already seen a reduction in the number of UFAS incidents. 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 and local business on Road and Water safety campaigns. During peak holiday season we visited hotels from across Argyll & Bute to give road safety advice, including delivery of Road Safety Scotland materials aimed at foreign drivers.

We have maintained a presence through Operation Ballaton meetings, allowing us to provide attendance of operational crews to support Police Scotland and Loch Lomond & Trossachs Park Rangers, at specific hotspots in the park during busy summer weekends.

We continue to work with partners across all sectors, engaging with the local community at various identified hotspots. In June we held a multi-agency water rescue exercise at Mugdock Quarry to simulate a Tombstoning water rescue incident. This included SFRS personnel from across Argyll & Bute and allowed us to test operational resilience with an incident of this nature.

Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident.
- To mark world drowning prevention day our Community Action Team (CAT) attended Helix Park, Falkirk to support various partners promoting Water Safety nationally.
- On the 2nd September Dunoon Community Fire Station held an open day. Offering Free HSFVs, Operational displays and fundraising for various charities.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HSFVs 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 Summer Thematic Action Plan (TAP)
- Careers engagement pathway sessions delivered by CAT to schools across Argyll & Bute.
- Dunoon On call crew produced an On Call recruitment video to share on our social media channels.

EWDAB LSO Activities

- In August we held a Business Continuity exercise with our Civil Contingencies team and a representative from CalMac ferries.
- 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.
- Completion of multi-agency training exercise Antonine at Craighend Quarry, Mugdock Park. Utilising personnel from across the EWDAB area.
- In August all rural WCs across Argyll and Bute attended an On Call seminar held at Oban Community Fire Station.
- Congratulations to Group Commander Des Oakes who retired after 29 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the communities in Argyll & Bute.
- In September we held two On Call seminars with crews from across Argyll & Bute covering presentations on health & wellbeing, practical scenarios & demonstrations.

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:0800 0731 999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

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

