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# **Helensburgh and Lomond CPG Briefing Report**

**Q2 2023/24**

**Performance & Activity Report**

<b>From:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
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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"><li>● CFBT / Tactical ventilation Q2</li><li>● Casualty Care Q2</li><li>● RTC and Extrication Q2</li><li>● HAZMAT Q2</li><li>● Knotts, Ladders &amp; Pumps Q2</li><li>● Water Awareness</li><li>● High Rise</li></ul>

## Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	1.3	0	2
Helensburgh Central	2.7	3	3
Lomond North	1.3	0	3
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

## ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0	0	1
Lomond North	0	0	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	1.3	2	0
Helensburgh Central	3.3	0	2
Lomond North	2.3	5	1
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

## Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0.7	1	0
Lomond North	0.3	0	1
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

# Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0	0	0
Lomond North	0	0	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Helensburgh & Lomond South	3	4	1
Helensburgh Central	16	25	8
Lomond North	7.3	6	1
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Road Safety Scotland materials aimed at foreign drivers.

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

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 in Falkirk to support various partners promoting national water safety messages.
- 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 our Summer Thematic Action Plan (TAP)
- Careers engagement pathway engagement sessions delivered by CAT to schools across Argyll & Bute
- CAT visited various hotels including Travelodge Helensburgh to deliver road safety messages to visiting tourists.
- In June the CAT delivered CPR lessons at event held with YSort-it Young Carers in Bonhill
- CAT attended Helensburgh Library to give Water Safety advice and fire safety advice to youths attending the Summer GIVE project.

## **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 of 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>

