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Bute, Cowal and Dunoon CPG Briefing Report

Q3 2023/24

Performance & Activity Report

From: 1st October 2023

To: 31st December 2023

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 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 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.

	October/November/December
Training Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● CFBT / Tactical ventilation Q3● Casualty Care Q3● RTC and Extrication Q3● HAZMAT Q3● TFOC (Training for Operational Competence) RTC Module● Environmental Protection Module● P&P – Hoarding Module● Firefighting in Buildings Module RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	1.3	1	2
Dunoon	1.3	1	2
Isle of Bute	1.3	1	2
Community Board Total	3.9	3	6

ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0	0	0
Dunoon	0.3	1	0
Isle of Bute	0.3	1	0
Community Board Total	0.6	2	0

Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	1	0	2
Dunoon	0.3	0	0
Isle of Bute	0.6	0	2
Community Board Total	1.9	0	4

Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	0.6	0	0
Dunoon	0.3	1	0
Isle of Bute	0.6	1	1
Community Board Total	1.5	2	1

Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	1	2	1
Dunoon	2.6	2	1
Isle of Bute	0	0	0
Community Board Total	3.6	4	2

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Ward	3 Year Average	2022/23	2023/24
Cowal	14.6	19	4
Dunoon	6.6	9	6
Isle of Bute	28.6	43	11
Community Board Total	49.8	71	21

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 (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) with an aim at reducing UFAS incidents further. This policy went live from 1st July 2023, and we have seen a vast 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 (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) and local business on Road and Water safety campaigns. We have recently established a new Road Safety group with Police Scotland's L Division. The group meet each quarter to discuss road safety issues and includes various partners.

We continue to participate in Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) and attended Argyll & Bute quarterly meeting in December. We have also prepared our Community Action Team (CAT) to deliver Water Safety Scotland Ice Safety presentations across schools in Argyll & Bute.

Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident.
- Continue to deliver Fire Safety advice via HFSVs (Home Fire Safety Visits) 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.
- We engaged with community groups utilising the Winter Thematic Action Plan (TAP)
- Careers engagement pathway engagement sessions delivered by CAT to schools across Argyll & Bute including Dunoon Grammar, Oban High, Lochgilphead joint campus. Hermitage Academy is scheduled for 25/1/24.
- We delivered Bonfire/Fireworks safety presentations to every High school in Argyll & Bute
- In December we attended the annual Argyll & Bute Ukrainian resettlement event held at the Civic Centre in Helensburgh.

EWDAB LSO Activities

- 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.
- SFRS personnel across EWDAB took part in supporting the 16 Days of Activism, tackling gender-based violence against women and girls.
- WC McGloin and members of the Community Action Team attended Argyll & Bute Head Teachers Conference at the Queens Hall, Dunoon. Showcasing VR Headsets which we plan to roll out across EWDAB to promote road safety in 2024.

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 will 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>

