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# **Helensburgh & Lomond CPG Briefing Report**

**Q1 2024/25**

**Performance & Activity Report**

**From: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**To: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

# 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 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"><li>• CFBT</li><li>• Water Awareness</li><li>• Safe Working at Height</li><li>• RTC and Extrication</li><li>• Knotts, Ladders &amp; Pumps</li><li>• Secure Accommodation</li></ul>

# Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)

Ward	3 Year Average	2023/24	2024/25
Helensburgh & Lomond South	1	0	2
Helensburgh Central	3.7	4	3
Lomond North	1.7	2	2
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

## ADF Casualties

Ward	3 Year Average	2023/24	2024/25
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>

## Deliberate Secondary Fire Setting

Ward	3 Year Average	2023/24	2024/25
Helensburgh & Lomond South	4.3	4	1
Helensburgh Central	3	2	1
Lomond North	4.7	5	3
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>

## Fires in Non-Domestic Property

Ward	3 Year Average	2023/24	2024/25
Helensburgh & Lomond South	0	0	0
Helensburgh Central	0.3	0	0
Lomond North	0.7	2	0
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

## Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies

Ward	3 Year Average	2023/24	2024/25
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	2023/24	2024/25
Helensburgh & Lomond South	3.7	6	0
Helensburgh Central	13.7	19	7
Lomond North	7.3	10	3
<b>Community Board Total</b>	<b>24.7</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 (UFAS) incidents. Our UFAS mobilisation policy has been devised with the aim of reducing UFAS incidents across Scotland. 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 continue to support a road safety governance group established with Police Scotland's L Division. The group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss road safety issues and includes various partners from across Argyll & Bute.

We continue to participate in Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) and attend Argyll & Bute quarterly meetings. Our Community Action Team (CAT) and local crews have been delivering Water Safety Scotland water safety presentations across schools in Argyll & Bute.

## Community Engagement Activities

- Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) following every domestic incident
- Community Action Team (CAT) visited various Caravan and campsites offering appropriate fire safety advice
- Fire, Water & Road Safety provided to schools and local community groups.
- 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
- Engaging with communities utilising spring/summer Thematic Action Plans TAP (Thematic Action Plan)
- Victim support referral pathway set up
- Establishing "Referral Pathways" with our partnership agencies. Empowering new referral groups to help us arrange Home Fire Safety Visits for some of our most vulnerable groups in our communities.
- Our Area Management personnel were joined by SFRS (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) Board Member Paul Stollard, as we carried out our National Public Pre-consultation on the future of SFRS. Participation from members of the public who engaged with us at Tesco Oban and at Oban Community Fire Station.
- In April, our Ops crew from Helensburgh and CAT attended a road safety event in partnership with Police Scotland, Toyota, and the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

## EWDAB (East & West Dunbartonshire, Argyll and Bute) LSO Activities

- West SDA (Service Delivery Area) development event at INEOS, Finnart Ocean Terminal. Attended by DACO (Deputy Assistant Chief Officer) Wright and several senior officers from EWDAB LSO. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our local risks, while strengthening partnerships through shared understanding.

- Continued roll out of new fleet SFRS Electric Vehicles and on-station charging points within the area
- In June, WC McGloin & CSA McLean Fleming attended the DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) conference at Coran Halls in Oban. Allowing partners from across Argyll & Bute to discuss ideas on how to support our young people from attracting women into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's) to mentoring through MCR pathways.
- Staff from EWDAB LSO tested SFRS Continuity Plans at our annual exercise. Following familiarisation input from Civil Contingencies Officer Cameron Black. We were joined by representatives from Argyll & Bute Council, who provided valuable input and feedback.
- LSO McKay and the wider team at EWDAB were happy to celebrate our On Call colleague, Lorraine Taylor, who was recognised in the Kings Birthday Honours for 2024, for her exemplary service to her community.

## **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:08000731999)
- Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

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