

Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee

10.00am, Friday, 1st May 2015

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (SFRS), CITY OF EDINBURGH PERFORMANCE REPORT, END OF YEAR TO MARCH 31st 2015

Item number	5.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	All

Executive summary

This report covers the year-end performance report, in the new format provided from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) performance function, and the City of Edinburgh Prevention and Protection year-end report, to the end of March 2015. The report allows the Local Senior Officer to provide the Scrutiny Committee with appropriate performance data measured against the priorities in the Local Fire Plan, complimented with the Prevention and Protection outputs and performance against nationally set targets.

Links

Coalition pledges
Council outcomes
Single Outcome Agreement

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, CITY OF EDINBURGH PERFORMANCE REPORT, END OF YEAR TO MARCH 31st 2015

Recommendations

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and the attached SFRS City of Edinburgh year to date performance and Prevention and Protection reports covering the period April to March 2014/15.

Background

- 2.1 As the SFRS develops and improves the availability of accurate and timeous data to meet local scrutiny this will continue to make changes to the reports provided.

Main report

- 3.1 The last quarterly performance report, year to date December 2014, had used a nationally provided template and data for the first time.
- 3.2 This report was well received and will continue to be utilised to provide the required scrutiny detail against Local Fire Plan.
- 3.3 This report provides the performance data for April to March 2014/15 as well as the performance report for Prevention and Protection activities for the same period.

Measures of success

- 4.2 Continued scrutiny of the reports will ensure the Local Senior Officer is accountable for performance and delivery of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service resources within the City of Edinburgh.
- 4.3 Further improvements to the data and reports available will be highlighted in future meetings.

Area Manager Kenny Rogers

City of Edinburgh Local Senior Officer

E-mail: kenneth.rogers@firescotland.gov.uk | Tel: 0131 659 7310

Links

QUARTER 1 2013-14 PERFORMANCE REPORT

QUARTER 2 2013-14 PERFORMANCE REPORT

QUARTER 3 2013-14 PERFORMANCE REPORT

QUARTER 4 2013-14 PERFORMANCE REPORT

QUARTER 1 2014-15 PERFORMANCE REPORT

QUARTER 2 2014-15 PERFORMANCE REPORT

PERFORMANCE REPORT, YEAR TO DATE DECEMBER 2014

Coalition pledges

Council outcomes

Single Outcome

Agreement

Appendices



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT CITY OF EDINBURGH



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
Working together for a safer Scotland

Year to Date Report, 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015

**Working together
for a safer Scotland**



DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness. The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Please ensure any external partners in receipt of these reports are aware of this.

CONTENTS	PAGE
1 Introduction	3
2 Performance Summary	4
3 Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities	
<i>Local Risk Management and Preparedness</i>	5
<i>Dwelling fires</i>	6
<i>All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))</i>	8
<i>All deliberate fires excl. dwellings</i>	10
<i>Non domestic fires</i>	12
<i>False Alarms - All</i>	14
<i>Special Service - RTCs</i>	16

Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the City of Edinburgh area during the period to the end of Quarter 4 of 2014-15 (1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015).

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision is supported by 16 National Outcomes, which demonstrate commitment to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable growth. The SFRS can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for the City of Edinburgh by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2013-2016 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan and our strategies for service delivery are clearly aligned to the Community Planning Structure, which supports the delivery of the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan (SOA4) 2013-2016.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in the City of Edinburgh are to reduce fire deaths throughout the City of Edinburgh area and to reduce injuries from fire and other emergencies in the community. We aim to achieve this by working in partnership, being pro-active and targeting our prevention and protection activities to where they are required, based on evidence. Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the City of Edinburgh 2014-2017, six objectives for the local Fire and Rescue Service to work towards have been identified for 2014-17 (listed below).

1. Reduction of dwelling fires
2. Reduction of fire casualties and fatalities
3. Reduction of deliberate fire setting (not including dwellings)
4. Reduction of fires in 'other' buildings
5. Reduction of unwanted fire alarm signals
6. Reduction in road traffic collisions

Area Manager Kenny Rogers, Local Senior Officer for City of Edinburgh

Performance Summary

We measure how well we are meeting our priorities using 6 key indicators, depicted below

	Apr to (& incl.) Mar					RAG rating
Key performance indicator	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	YTD
Dwelling fires	728	746	702	609	665	◆
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	241	231	169	157	137	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	1871	1755	1130	1285	1149	●
Non domestic fires	333	316	257	267	273	▲
False Alarms - All	6753	6710	6680	6500	6779	▲
Special Service - RTCs	137	126	115	104	156	◆

RAG rating - KEY

◆	RED DIAMOND	10% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
▲	YELLOW TRIANGLE	Up to 9% higher than the previous YTD period, or local target not achieved.
●	GREEN CIRCLE	Equal to or improved upon the previous equivalent quarter (or YTD period), or local target achieved.

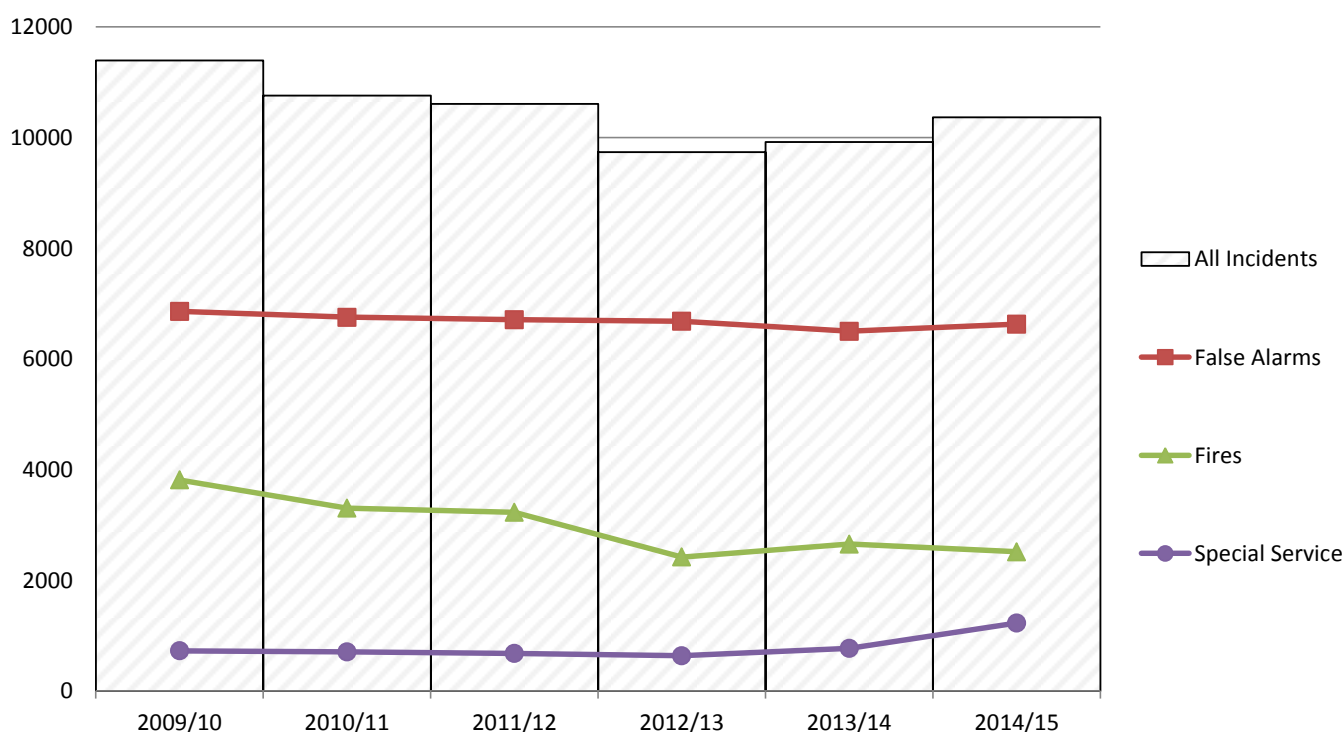
Note

Quarterly comparison RAG Rating = the reporting period compared to the average of the three previous quarterly reporting periods.
Year to Date RAG Rating = the cumulative total of all quarterly performance in current year compared to cumulative total of all quarterly performance in previous year.

Incident Overview

The table above shows that the City of Edinburgh has seen a reduction in 2 of the 6 areas identified through our Local Fire & Rescue Plan. Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals continue to be an issue within the city and this subject will be explored under the appropriate section of this report. The number of road Traffic Collisions appears to have taken a significant rise however this can be attributed to a change to the SFRS mobilisation protocols for such incidents and will be explained in the relevant section.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Edinburgh City council over the last 6 fiscal years



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities
Local Risk Management and Preparedness
<p>The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.</p> <p>We said we would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • train our staff to deal with our local risks • gather and analyse risk information • work with partners to mitigate risks • deal with major events
<u>Train our staff to deal with our local risks</u>
<p>All our operational staff have continued to undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training. The most significant Training activity involving personnel from the City of Edinburgh over the reporting period was a series of multi agency exercises focusing on ship firefighting, mass casualties and Disaster Victims Identification. The culmination of this was a full scale live play exercise involving SFRS, Police, Scottish Ambulance Service & The Procurator Fiscal's Office at the Edinburgh Dock.</p>
<u>Gather and analyse risk information</u>
<p>All our operational staff continue to gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence which is used in our preparations to resolve incidents.</p> <p>We conduct Post Incident debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events.</p> <p>We use Urgent Operational Intelligence Briefings to inform our operational staff of any safety critical information.</p>
<u>Work with partners to mitigate risks</u>
<p>We continue to be an active member of the Lothian and Borders Local Resilience Partnership activity.</p> <p>We share information with local authority partners and other key stakeholders (e.g Police Scotland) to ensure emergency event risks are mitigated.</p>
<u>Deal with major events</u>
<p>There were no notable 'major events' from an emergency response perspective for the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service within the City of Edinburgh over the Quarter 4 period.</p>

Reduction of 'Dwelling fires'

Dwelling fires can have devastating effects on our community. The SFRS is committed to keeping people safe in their homes. We share information with partners to make sure that the right people get the right information they need, particularly those who are vulnerable due to age, isolation or addiction.

Results

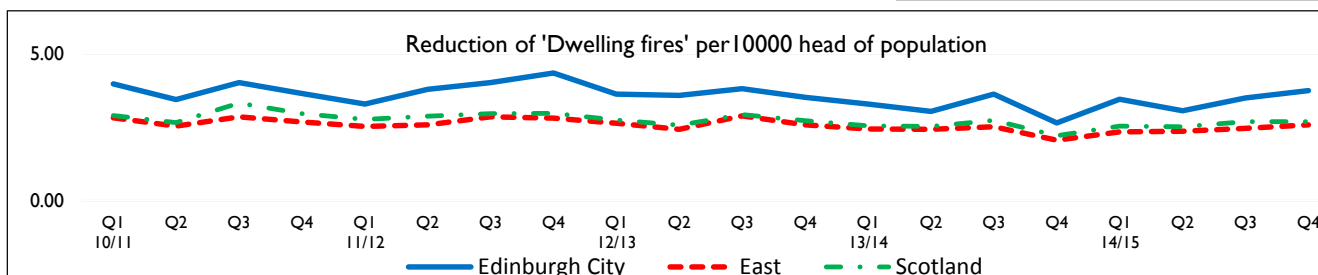
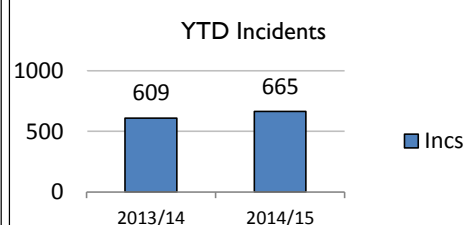
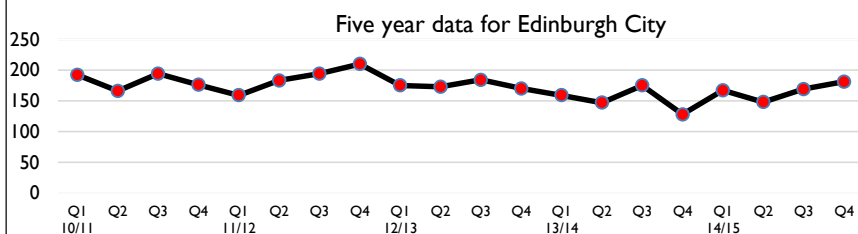
The table shows there was an increase of 56 dwelling fires which includes an increase of 40 accidental dwelling fires in this reporting period compared to the same period last year. This arrests the downward trend we have observed in the previous 3 years. Whilst many of these fires are accidental in nature they still present a clear concern and therefore focus for our activity. This priority is designed to contribute towards section 4.7 of the The Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan 2013-16 'to decrease the number of accidental dwelling fires'.

Reasons







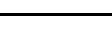
For a number of years prior to this report we have observed a downwards trend in the number of dwelling fires encountered in the City of Edinburgh. We have maintained our focus on the areas of Fire Safety Education and Home Fire Safety Visits work and continue to meet our internal targets and therefore it is disappointing to see this increase. Further information on HFSV activity can be found in the Prevention and Protection Report.

Actions

Firefighters from all of the fire stations within the City of Edinburgh continue to devote a large percentage of their time to meeting local targets for Home Fire Safety Visits. Further information on HFSV activity can be found in the Prevention and Protection Report.



YTD ward ave. for Edinburgh City - 43	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	728	746	702	609	665	
Almond	24	8	19	11	12	
Pentland Hills	24	25	19	20	31	
Drum Brae/Gyle	17	24	19	18	18	
Forth	55	67	62	51	46	
Inverleith	37	41	26	25	25	
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	19	23	14	15	23	
Sighthill/Gorgie	111	128	91	88	86	
Colinton/Fairmilehead	16	23	22	15	20	
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	38	35	36	30	30	
Meadows/Morningside	46	32	38	26	29	
City Centre	50	36	33	31	36	

YTD ward ave. for Edinburgh City - 43	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	728	746	702	609	665	
Leith Walk	66	67	76	52	82	
Leith	52	49	71	58	53	
Craigentinny/Duddingston	42	48	50	38	45	
Southside/Newington	38	48	54	41	47	
Liberton/Gilmerton	44	45	29	48	44	
Portobello/Craigmillar	49	47	43	42	38	

Reduction of 'All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))'

Fire casualty and fatality rates provide an indication of the amount of serious, life-threatening injuries that occur due to fire. This can indicate not only the success of SFRS in reducing the number of life risk fires through community fire safety and similar activities, but also their success in response activity in saving lives.

Results

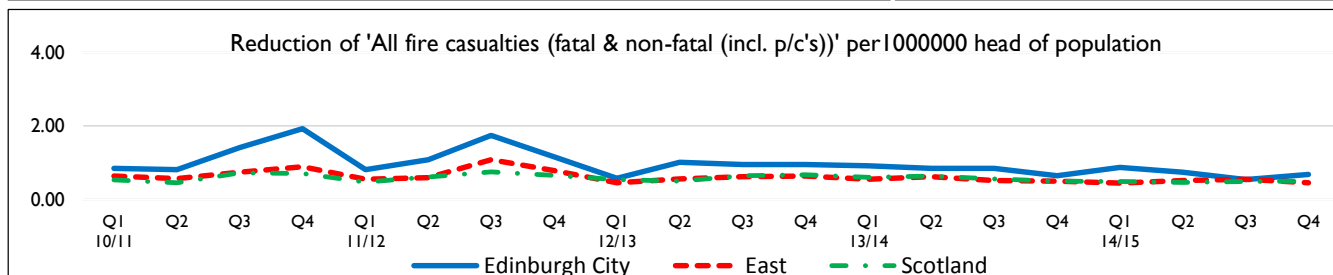
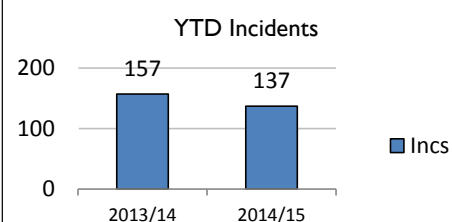
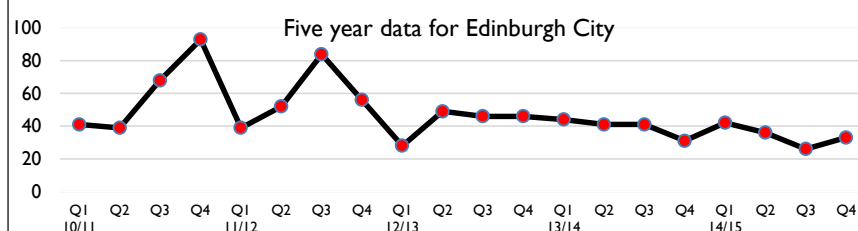
The table relates to the number of injuries that individuals have sustained as a result of fires. The span of injury ranges from those who are simply afforded a precautionary check up to those whose injuries unfortunately prove fatal. In this reporting period, there has been a reduction overall of 20 when compared to the same period last year. We are currently performing sufficiently to achieve our target of 'a year on year reduction in fire casualties and fatalities, which will contribute towards the Scottish target of a 5 % reduction, over a three-year rolling period'.

Reasons


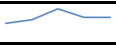
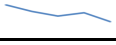



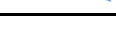
Whilst the significant overall decrease in this area is pleasing to note there have unfortunately been 2 fatal fires during Quarter 4, these occurring at the Western General Hospital and within a coffee shop in the City centre. Firefighters continue to engage with Community Safety initiatives and Prevention & Protection activity whilst also training for tackling fires to ensure they are prepared for this eventuality. The City of Edinburgh figures mirror a national downward trend.

Actions

Targeted home fire safety visits and new partner referral pathways will be the main focus to reduce the number of accidental dwelling fires. Since April 2014 a risk points based system has been used to ensure SFRS resources in Edinburgh are delivering to those at highest risk of fire. Further information on HFSV activity can be found in the Prevention and Protection Report.



YTD ward ave. for - 14	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	241	231	169	157	137	
Almond	7	0	1	1	4	
Pentland Hills	6	6	6	6	8	
Drum Brae/Gyle	1	6	2	3	5	
Forth	20	25	12	12	4	
Inverleith	18	10	5	0	3	
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	8	8	6	3	6	
Sighthill/Gorgie	32	49	18	20	21	
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	8	6	0	1	
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	8	4	10	7	5	
Meadows/Morningside	19	25	14	4	8	
City Centre	11	13	8	12	11	

YTD ward ave. for - 14	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	241	231	169	157	137	
Leith Walk	10	13	22	15	15	
Leith	24	18	14	17	9	
Craigentinny/Duddingston	14	13	14	10	9	
Southside/Newington	20	12	11	8	7	
Liberton/Gilmerton	9	7	8	19	15	
Portobello/Craigmillar	26	14	12	20	6	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

Deliberate fire setting is a significant problem for the SFRS in the City of Edinburgh. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into either refuse, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. There is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan and the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2013 – 2016.

Results

The Fire & Rescue Service Local Plan for the City of Edinburgh identifies a target of reducing the number of deliberate fires against the 3 year average. It is pleasing to note a substantial drop in the number of deliberate fires overall with 136 less than at the same point last year. During this reporting period, SFRS carried-out a Spring 'Thematic Action Plan' aimed at decreasing the number of deliberate secondary fires during the period of change to daylight saving hours and in time for the Easter holidays.

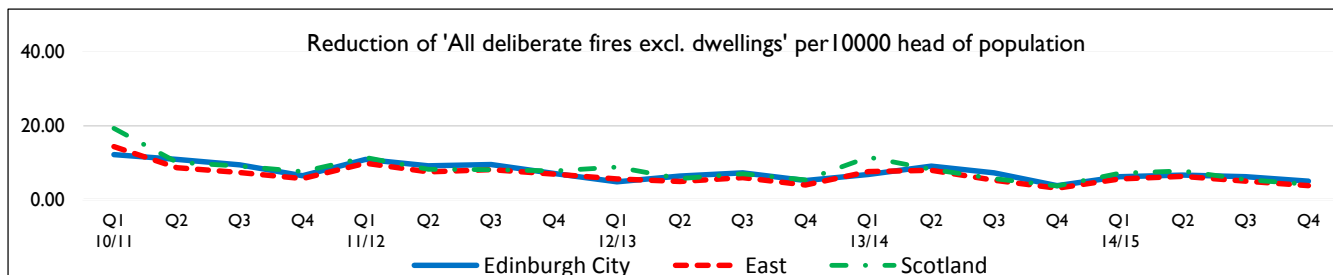
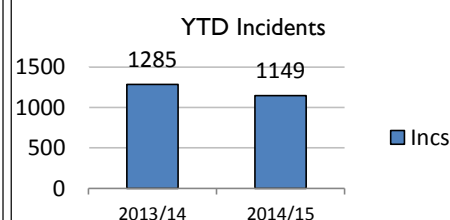
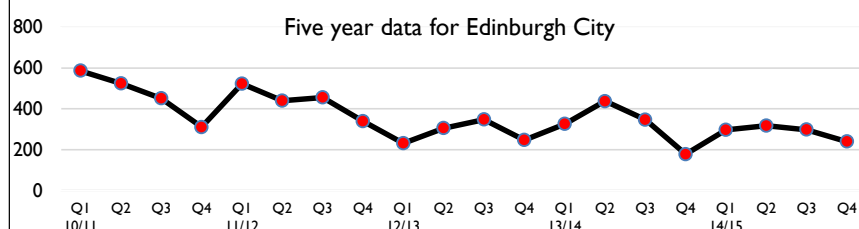
Reasons

It is recognised that factors such as changing weather or spate anti social activity within an area have historically created fluctuations in the levels of these types of incidents. However the significant decrease from 1285 to 1149 incidents when comparing to the same period last year highlights that community safety partnership working initiatives, which include the thematic action plans could be a contributing factor to the downward trend.

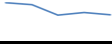
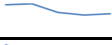




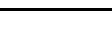
Actions

These types of incidents are a focus of the CAT and senior managers to ensure they are as low as possible and will therefore be closely monitored over the coming reporting year.

The provision of the Cooldown Crew programme within City of Edinburgh contributes to the reduction of fires related to Anti-social Behaviour, which generally fall into this category.



YTD ward ave. for - 110	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	1871	1755	1130	1285	1149	
Almond	113	90	39	59	59	
Pentland Hills	124	93	38	46	32	
Drum Brae/Gyle	65	69	54	39	29	
Forth	248	326	185	244	245	
Inverleith	80	73	38	35	44	
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	26	28	14	15	9	
Sighthill/Gorgie	241	219	105	128	120	
Colinton/Fairmilehead	36	38	23	23	30	
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	40	38	22	29	24	
Meadows/Morningside	31	40	33	23	40	
City Centre	61	63	45	52	28	

YTD ward ave. for - 110	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	1871	1755	1130	1285	1149	
Leith Walk	78	81	55	47	51	
Leith	143	91	93	89	67	
Craighentenny/Duddingston	67	76	90	88	62	
Southside/Newington	73	55	40	47	36	
Liberton/Gilmerton	177	173	68	120	78	
Portobello/Craigmillar	268	202	188	201	195	

Reduction of 'Non domestic fires'

Fires in Non-Domestic Property can have a detrimental affect on the built environment and the prosperity of the local area. Non-domestic fires are classed as fires which took place in buildings that are not domestic households. Reduction of Non Domestic Property fires contributes to the Scottish Government's National outcome 9 - 'We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger'.

Results

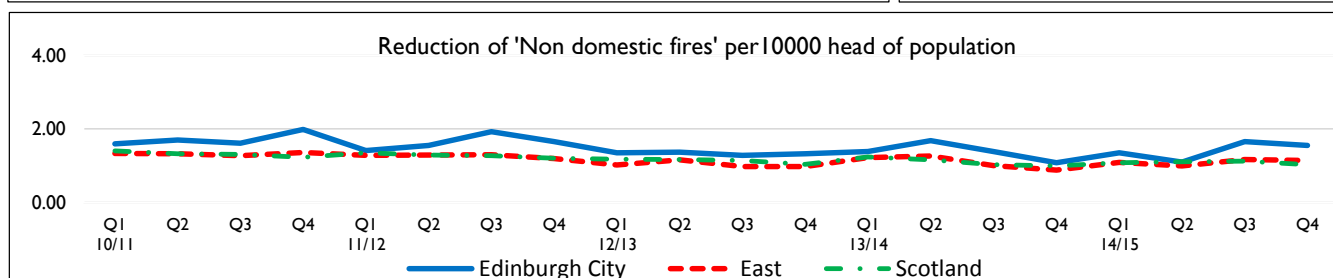
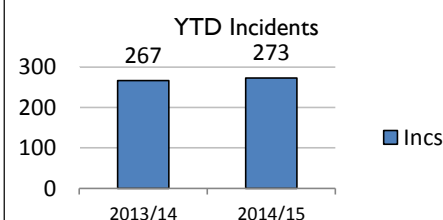
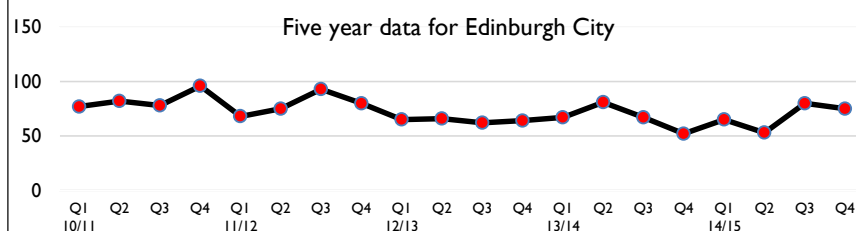
The table covers other primary fire-related incidents, which are not dwelling house or vehicle fires. The table is showing a small increase of 6 in the reporting period, when compared to same period last year. Our target against the 3-year average is a 5% reduction, over a three-year rolling period.

Reasons







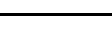
There are no specific trends emerging from Fires in Non-Domestic Property.

Actions

Fires within this category involve, predominantly, buildings that fall under the legislative framework of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety legislation. These "relevant premises" are subject to a post fire audit process and trends identified are used to direct themed audits in other similar premises.



YTD ward ave. for - 20	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	333	316	257	267	273	
Almond	16	18	9	9	10	
Pentland Hills	20	16	9	6	12	
Drum Brae/Gyle	7	8	7	10	10	
Forth	13	19	9	13	14	
Inverleith	17	19	12	10	13	
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	6	4	8	8	5	
Sighthill/Gorgie	27	20	31	29	23	
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	9	3	5	3	
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	15	11	10	9	12	
Meadows/Morningside	24	21	22	16	18	
City Centre	78	78	58	69	64	

YTD ward ave. for - 20	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	333	316	257	267	273	
Leith Walk	12	20	10	11	15	
Leith	17	14	10	14	15	
Craigentinny/Duddingston	2	7	10	6	11	
Southside/Newington	33	19	24	34	30	
Liberton/Gilmerton	24	19	14	11	13	
Portobello/Craigmillar	14	14	11	7	5	

Reduction of 'False Alarms - All'

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) are defined as incidents where an automated fire alarm system activates and results in the mobilisation of SFRS resources, when the reason for that alarm turns out to be something other than a fire emergency. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm signals.

Results

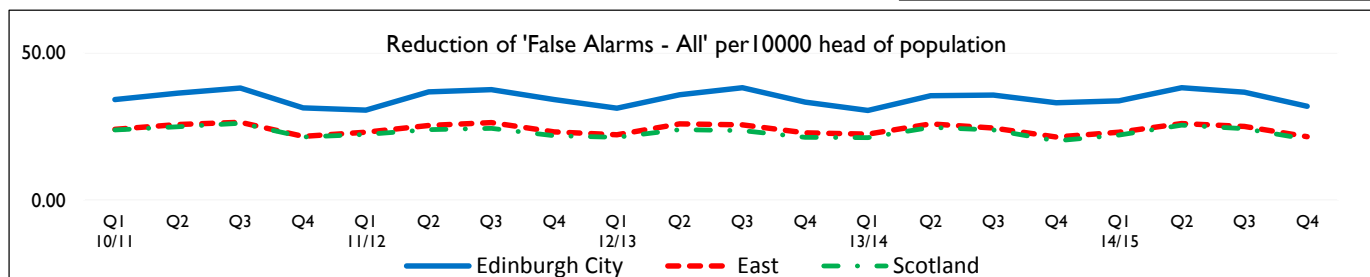
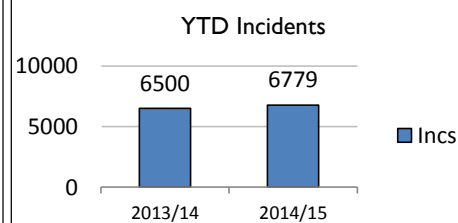
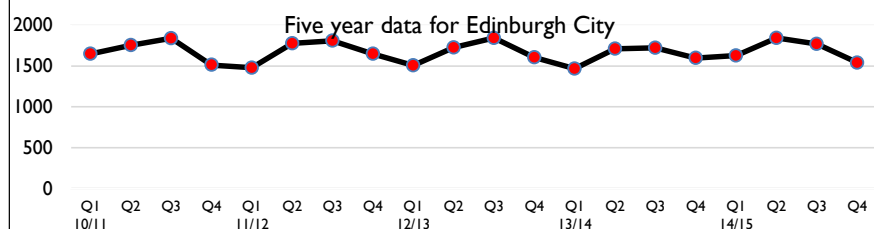
The total number of Unwanted Fire Alarm signals within the City of Edinburgh LSO area remains stubbornly high overall. The figure of 6779 referred to within this report is the total for the end of year which includes the sub categories of False Alarm with good intent, False Alarm malicious and those that can be attribute to Equipment Failure. Equipment Failure continues to be the cause of the vast majority of UFAS calls.

Reasons








The main focus and the area which our Prevention and Protection Officers can have most impact is driving down the number of unwanted Fire Alarm Signals due to equipment failure, this work is constantly ongoing. The UFAS policy is applied to assist Officers working with organisations and business to drive down the number of false alarms.

Actions

We continue to proactively monitor UFAS calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further UFAS incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future UFAS incidents.



YTD ward ave. for - 397	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	6753	6710	6680	6500	6779	
Almond	264	230	194	212	238	
Pentland Hills	256	192	229	237	190	
Drum Brae/Gyle	289	228	241	281	265	
Forth	345	382	327	340	354	
Inverleith	361	390	371	381	373	
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	189	154	163	170	146	
Sighthill/Gorgie	378	429	424	392	388	
Colinton/Fairmilehead	173	139	139	119	165	
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	386	450	380	395	379	
Meadows/Morningside	461	483	461	484	551	
City Centre	1618	1563	1597	1515	1514	

YTD ward ave. for - 397	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	6753	6710	6680	6500	6779	
Leith Walk	260	287	294	302	294	
Leith	342	347	363	342	362	
Craighentenny/Duddingston	182	145	171	172	178	
Southside/Newington	614	590	656	573	654	
Liberton/Gilmerton	337	420	400	310	401	
Portobello/Craigmillar	298	281	270	275	327	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

The definition of a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) is 'when a road vehicle collides with another vehicle, pedestrian, animal, road debris, or other stationary obstruction, such as a tree or utility pole'. While much of this risk is outwith the control of SFRS, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies is a key part of our intervention activities. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in this area.

Results

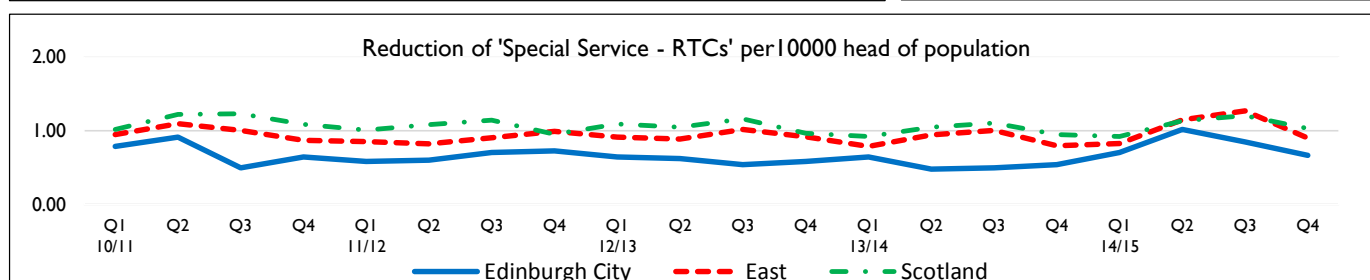
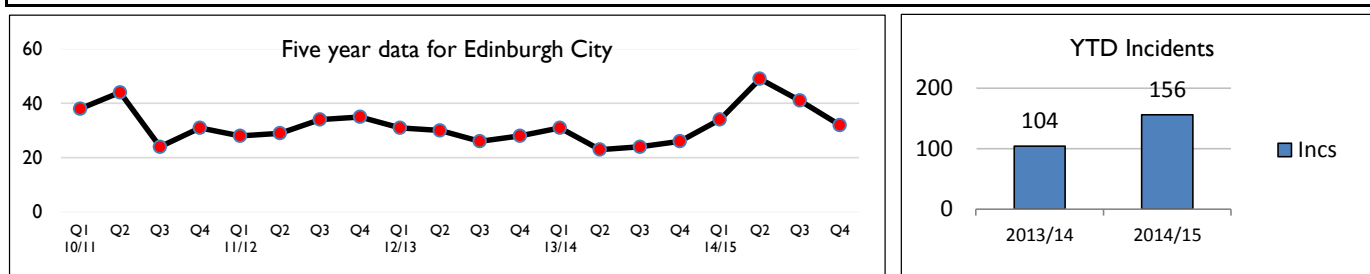
Strategic Priority 4.3 of the The Edinburgh Partnership Community Plan 2013-16 'To decrease the number of persons killed or seriously injured in road traffic collision' is the starting point for the incorporation of this priority with the City of Edinburgh Fire & Rescue Local Plan. A massive spike can be seen in the number of Road Traffic Collisions but this is not an indication that those killed or injured has risen. There have been 156 RTCs in the year, this number does not indicate a total number of extrications as many these involved no casualties or those that simply required a precautionary check by Ambulance personnel.

Reasons







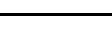
The significant rise in the number of RTCs can be attributed to the way the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service responds to these types of incident. In an agreement with the Scottish Ambulance Service and the Police, SFRS is now contacted by the respective control and mobilise based on a persons involvement in the incident rather than them being trapped as was formally the case. The purpose of this change is to expedite the attendance of a fire appliance with life saving extrication equipment should it be required.

Actions

The SFRS in the City of Edinburgh is an active member of Strategic Road Safety Partnership and contributes to reducing Road Traffic Collisions, associated casualties and fatalities through working with partners and providing support at seminars and engagement events. It has been recognised that the SFRS has most to offer in engagement/education programmes targeting young drivers and continues to support, in terms of finance and resources, the Edinburgh Young Drivers event.



YTD ward ave. for - 8	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	137	126	115	104	156	
Almond	24	19	16	13	25	
Pentland Hills	10	9	13	6	13	
Drum Brae/Gyle	5	10	3	0	8	
Forth	6	7	7	8	10	
Inverleith	7	9	7	3	3	
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	4	4	3	3	2	
Sighthill/Gorgie	13	17	7	9	18	
Colinton/Fairmilehead	10	2	6	9	12	
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	3	8	1	4	3	
Meadows/Morningside	6	4	4	5	1	
City Centre	9	3	16	5	10	

YTD ward ave. for - 8	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sparklines
Edinburgh City	137	126	115	104	156	
Leith Walk	2	2	5	3	2	
Leith	5	2	2	4	5	
Craighentenny/Duddingston	10	4	3	8	9	
Southside/Newington	2	3	4	4	11	
Liberton/Gilmerton	11	15	8	8	14	
Portobello/Craigmillar	10	8	10	12	10	

Report to:
**Scottish Fire and Rescue
Service, City of Edinburgh**

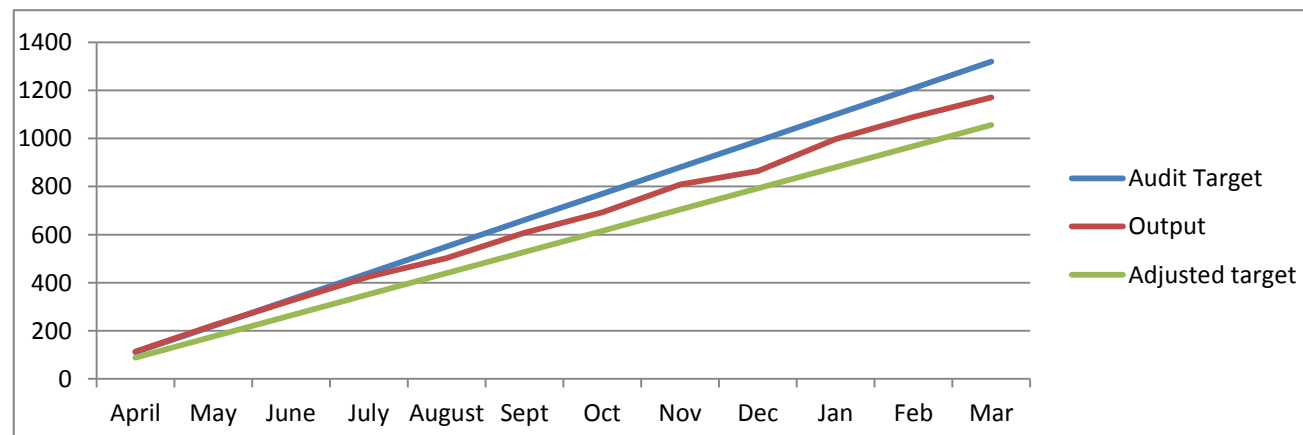
PREVENTION AND PROTECTION YEAR TO DATE REPORT: TO END OF Q4 2015 (MARCH 31ST)

Enforcement Audits

This section provides an update on performance against defined targets, where appropriate, for the City of Edinburgh in respect of Prevention and Protection activity. An enforcement audit takes place in non-domestic premises to ensure compliance with Part 3 of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and the associated Fire Safety Regulations (2006). The audit regime is directed from the SFRS Fire Safety Enforcement Framework 2013-2016 and locally determined themed audits.

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Target:	110	220	330	440	550	660	770	880	990	1100	1210	1320	1320
Target (8 FSEOs)	88	176	264	352	440	528	616	704	792	880	968	1056	1056
Completed:	113	223	325	425	502	608	692	809	865	998	1090	1171	1171

The national recording/reporting system, the Prevention and Protection Enforcement Database (PPED), has now been progressed and is providing the necessary reports. From April 2015 onwards all reporting will be generated from this system. The eight enforcement officers in the City have exceeded targets for the year in spite of the additional work for the Edinburgh Festival and the preparations for the Commonwealth Games.



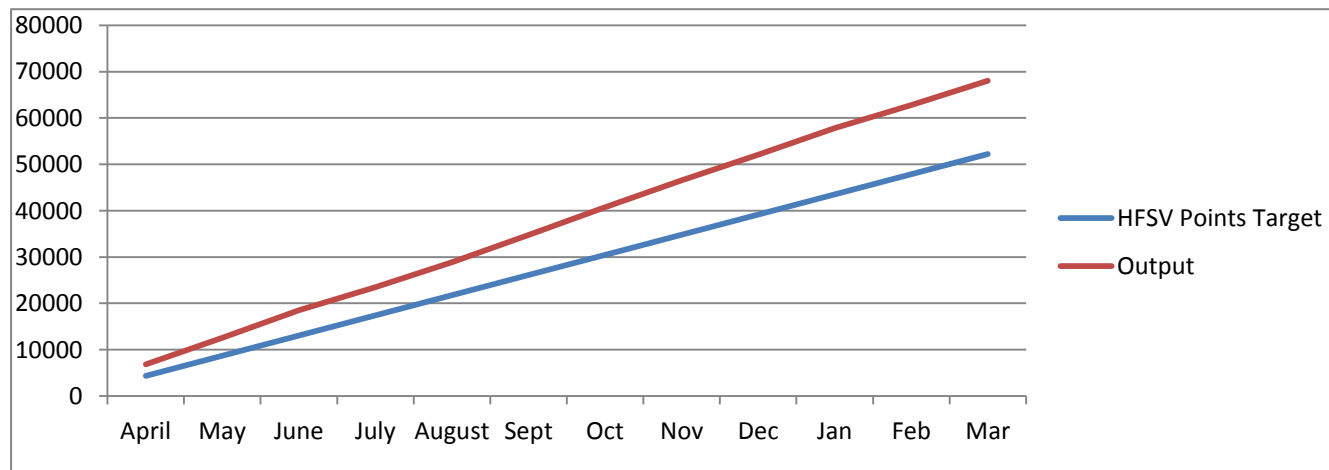
Home Fire Safety Visits

Home fire safety visits (HFSVs) continue to be the cornerstone of SFRS domestic prevention activity in the City of Edinburgh. Nationally agreed targets, based on a points system (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low), ensures resources are targeted at higher risk households whilst maintaining a service to medium and low risks, albeit in lower numbers.

	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Points Target	4350	8700	13050	17400	21750	26100	30450	34800	39150	43500	47850	52220	52200
Points Completed	6856	12604	18480	23500	28900	34748	40744	46588	52076	57816	62756	68060	68060

An **output target of 3600 HFSVs** was set for delivery across the City in the year 2014-15 with a **year-end total of 5591 delivered**. Of these visits, 79% were delivered in high and medium risk households.

The HFSV output has exceeded targets and City Station personnel have continued to fully engage with this very important element in making the Communities of Edinburgh safer.



Partnership Working

- SFRS has continued to work closely with a range of partners across the City of Edinburgh to improve the safety of our communities.
- The Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership Fire Safety Initiative continues to deliver against its outcomes; this has led to improved risk information sharing between partners.
- Since April 2014 18 separate partner agencies have registered to use the SFRS Community Safety Engagement Toolkit allowing them to make risk rated direct home fire safety visit referrals to the SFRS.
- The main partners referring are Housing Associations, Social Work, Neighbourhood Support Services, Police Scotland and Edinburgh Drug and Alcohol Partnership.
- This has resulted in 383 direct referrals for HFSVs for some of Edinburgh's most vulnerable people.
- SFRS continues to deliver an enhanced HFSV service for the highest risk individuals, delivered in partnership the Community Action Team (CAT) have dealt with 121 very high risk cases. On most occasions additional risk reduction measures, over and above smoke alarms, are provided through the initiative funding. This has expanded recently with the addition of protected letter boxes, where threats of fire raising have been received, often in domestic violence situations.
- A partnership agreed list of 21 risk reduction measures, ranging from flame retardant bedding to electrical extension leads are available and continuing to expand.
- Information flow from the SFRS has also improved significantly with fire crews making direct adult and child protection referrals to Social Care Direct through the SFRS Safeguarding policy and procedure.
- Since April 2014, when the policy went live, SFRS personnel in Edinburgh have referred 143 Adults to Social Care Direct and worked with Health and Social Care colleagues to carry out joint visits on many of them.
- The excellent partnership work along with Police Scotland and Licensing colleagues, among others, has continued allowing SFRS enforcement personnel to target those premises which do not fall within the enforcement framework but due to compliance issues fall short of the expected Fire Safety standards.
- A seconded member of the SFRS CAT is now located within the health and social care team at the East Neighbourhood Centre and a partnership with Queen Margaret University will be developed for a work placement for trainee occupational therapists.
- The SFRS CAT continues to develop relationships with local neighbourhood frontline staff and this will be enhanced when restructure takes place to meet the City's localities agenda which the SFRS will be fully engaged with. The benefits for service delivery for all partnership activities will undoubtedly ensure further improvements to the safety of the communities of Edinburgh.