



## QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

*Covering the activities and performance in support of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross.*



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**Quarter Four: 2021/22**

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## INTRODUCTION

This quarter four monitoring report covers the SFRS's performance and activities in support of the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross, namely:

- Priority 1 - Improving fire safety in the home
- Priority 2 - Improving fire safety and resilience in the business community
- Priority 3 - Minimising the impact of unintentional harm
- Priority 4 - Reducing unwanted fire alarm signals
- Priority 5 - Reducing deliberate fires
- Priority 6 - Effective risk management and operational preparedness

As well as supporting the six priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross, this monitoring report shows how SFRS activities and performance contribute to the wider priorities of the Perth & Kinross Council Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as set out in the Perth & Kinross Community Plan (LOIP).

The figures in this report are provisional, to provide the Committee with the SFRS's direction of travel in the Perth & Kinross area, in terms of performance against headline indicators and targets. Most figures will not change; however, members should note that there may be some small variations for some indicators when the final confirmed figures are published by the SFRS.

The Perth & Kinross Council Housing and Communities Committee agreed the new Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross on 2 December 2020, covering a three-year period. In support of delivering the priorities in this plan, 12 headline indicators and targets have been set, and form the basis of this quarterly monitoring report.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The table below provides a summary of quarter four activity and year to date (YTD) performance against Headline Indicators and annual targets. It aims to provide, at a glance, our direction of travel during the current reporting year.

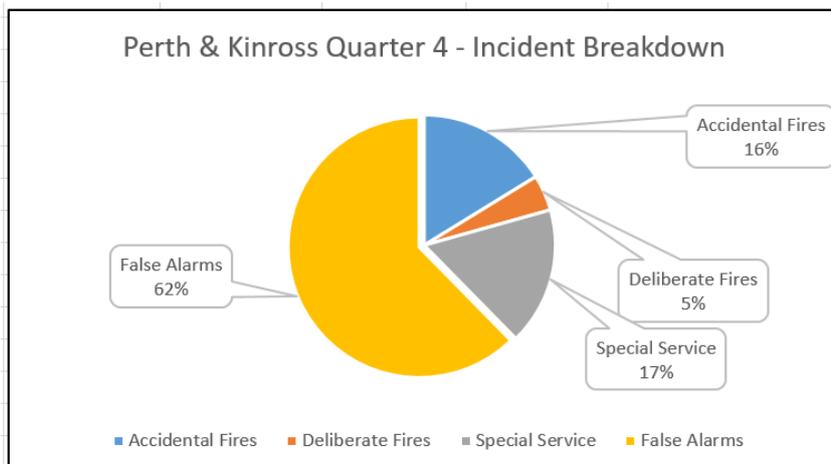
<p><b>HI 1</b> Accident Dwelling Fires (ADF)</p>  <p>Q4 – 23 Incidents YTD – 97 Incidents Annual Target – 104 Incidents</p>	<p><b>HI 2</b> ADF Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 1 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p><b>HI 3</b> ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 5 YTD – 17 Annual Target – 18</p>
<p><b>HI 4</b> Non-domestic Building fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 11 Incidents YTD – 47 Incidents Annual Target – 53 Incidents</p>	<p><b>HI 5</b> Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p><b>HI 6</b> Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 0 YTD – 0 Annual Target – 2</p>
<p><b>HI 7</b> Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents</p>  <p>Q4 – 20 Incidents YTD – 79 Incidents Annual Target – 83 Incidents</p>	<p><b>HI 8</b> Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 1 YTD – 5 Annual Target – 0</p>	<p><b>HI 9</b> Non-Fatal RTC Casualties</p>  <p>Q4 – 13 YTD – 50 Annual Target – 70</p>
<p><b>HI 10</b> Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals</p>  <p>Q4 – 159 Incidents YTD – 667 Incidents Annual Target – 528 Incidents</p>	<p><b>HI 11</b> Deliberate Primary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 4 Incidents YTD – 27 Incidents Annual Target – 29 Incidents</p>	<p><b>HI 12</b> Deliberate Secondary Fires</p>  <p>Q4 – 13 Incidents YTD – 82 Incidents Annual Target – 80 Incidents</p>

### Year-to-Date Legend

	Below headline target
	Less than 10% above headline target
	More than 10% above headline target

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

During Quarter four (January - March) the SRFS attended a total of 467 incidents across Perth & Kinross.

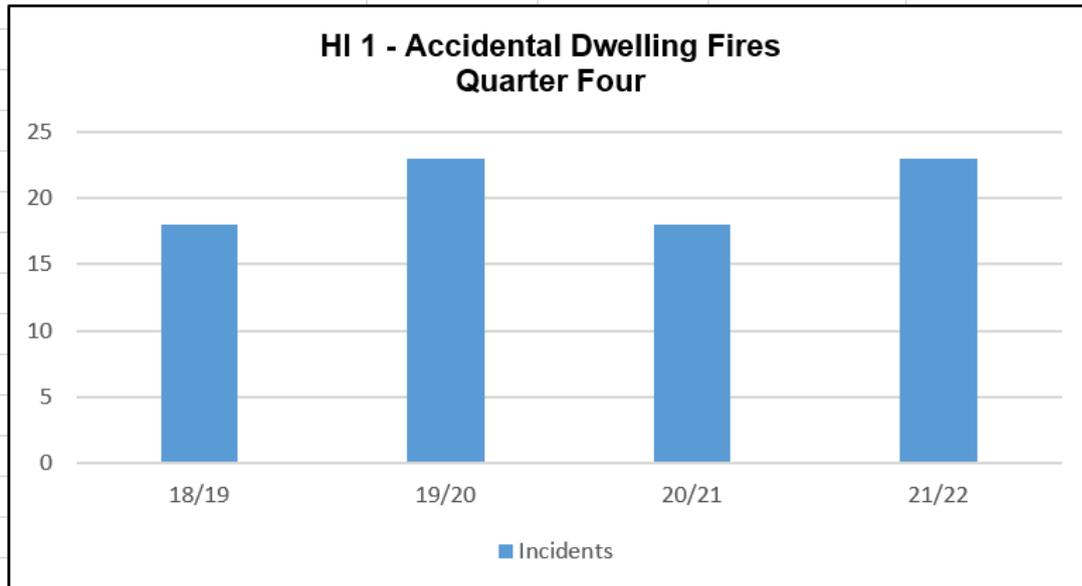


Of the 12 headline indicators and targets, the following performance should be noted for Quarter four 21/22:

- The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF's)** continues to be steady, ranging between 18 and 23 per quarter throughout 2021/22. During quarter four, there were 23 incidents, YTD the incident numbers are below the three-year average and our annual target has been achieved.
- There was sadly one Accidental Dwelling Fatality during March this quarter. The incident was within the North Muirton area of the city. The last domestic property fire fatality within Perth and Kinross was in Aberfeldy 2018.
- The number of **ADF Non-fatal Casualties** (5) is slightly above the three-year average of (4).
- The number of **Non-Domestic Building fires** (11) is reflecting an increase for this quarter, and also is equal to the three-year average. There were no fatal casualties and no non-fatal casualties reported for quarter four in non-domestic building fires.
- The number of **Road Traffic Collisions** for quarter four is above the three-year average for this quarter (15 against 20)). Although we have achieved the annual target we are also equal to the three-year average. There was sadly one **Fatal RTC Casualty** reported for this quarter and **Non-Fatal RTC Casualties** is reporting 13. The number of RTC and casualties has steadily risen through the first three quarters and reduced in quarter four during 21/22.
- The number of **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings reports an increase, 159 against a three-year average of 136. We have not achieved the annual target of 528 during 2021/22..
- The number of **Deliberate Primary Fires** is slightly below the three-year average (4 incidents against 5). YTD the numbers are similar and slightly lower, reflective over the past three years. The number of **Deliberate Secondary Fires** is reporting a decrease for this quarter, 13 against an average of 15. The Q1 figures of 45 pushed us slightly above to our annual target.

# PRIORITY 1 - IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

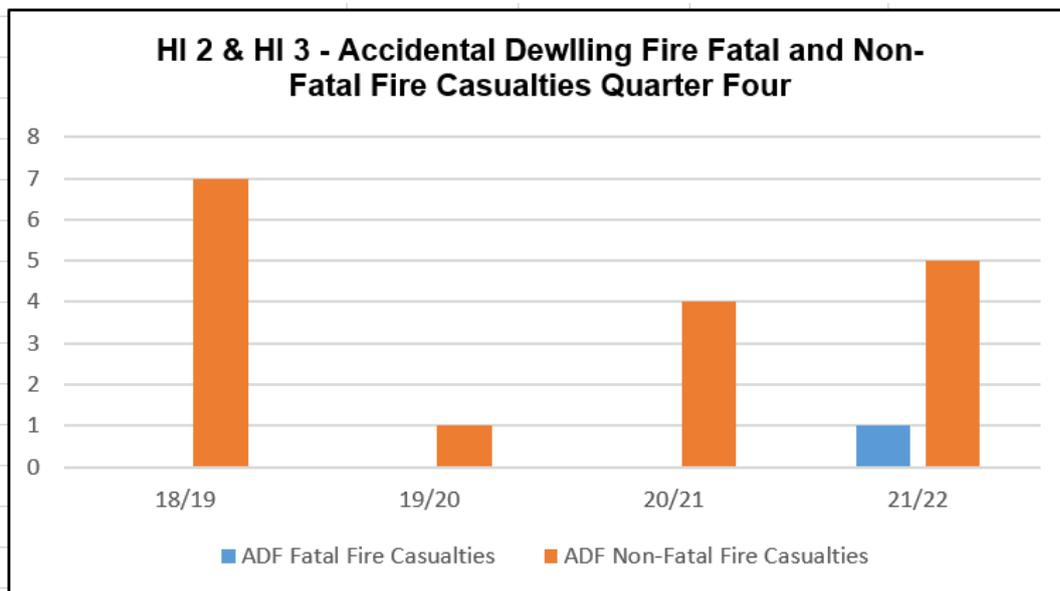
## HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF)



**Table 1: Year to Date (April - March) Performance**

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
<b>H1: ADF's</b>	111	106	96	97	104

## HI 2 - ADF Fatal Casualties & HI 3 - ADF Non-Fatal Casualties



**Table 2: Year to Date(April - March) Performance**

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
<b>H2: ADF Fatal Casualties</b>	1	0	0	1	0
<b>H3: ADF Non-Fatal Casualties</b>	19	23	31	17	18

### **Indicator Description**

The largest single type of primary fire in Perth & Kinross is ADF in the home and their prevention is a key focus of the Service's community safety activity.

#### HI 1 – Accidental Dwelling Fires

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of ADF's, in a growing Perth & Kinross population, by keeping these fires **below 104**, each year.

#### HI 2 – ADF Fatal Casualties

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die some-time after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero ADF Fatal Casualties**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 3 – ADF Non-Fatal Casualties

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in the home, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from fire in the home, in an increasing Perth & Kinross population, by keeping fire injuries **below 18**, each year.

### **What we aim to Achieve**

As well as helping to deliver Priority One: *Improving Fire Safety in the Home*, meeting the headline targets will also support a long-term vision in the Perth & Kinross LOIP.

We also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP objectives:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### **Performance Management**

There were 23 ADF's reported during quarter four, which reflects an increase on the number of fires for the same quarter last year which was (18) and the three-year average (24). The fire damage in 21 incidents was reported as low level recording no heat or smoke damage. Two households sustained significant damage. Of the 23 incidents, 16 had previously been fitted with smoke detection where residents were alerted to the fire by smoke detectors in 12 of these cases. The total number of ADF's continues to decrease in the long term, currently we are reporting the equal lowest average figures for the last five years, as a result of a number community safety initiatives delivered through ourselves and partners. We are therefore showing **Green** for achieving the HI 1 annual target.

There was sadly one ADF Fatal Casualties during quarter four. This incident was within the North Muirton area of the city. Following a fire investigation, it was determined the fire started within the bedroom. Post fire, we carried out a number of home fire safety visits locally to reassure neighbours and hopefully increase the safety within their home. We are therefore showing **Red** for not achieving the HI 2 annual target. There were five ADF Non-Fatal Casualties during quarter four, two received first aid on scene, two received a preliminary check-up by SAS and one attended hospital. We are showing Green against the HI 3 annual target. Within Perth & Kinross we will continue to work with our partners to ensure we positively contribute to reducing the risk to our communities and staff by analysis of our operational activities and targeting those most at risk and vulnerable, particularly around unintentional harm in the home.

## PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

### HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires

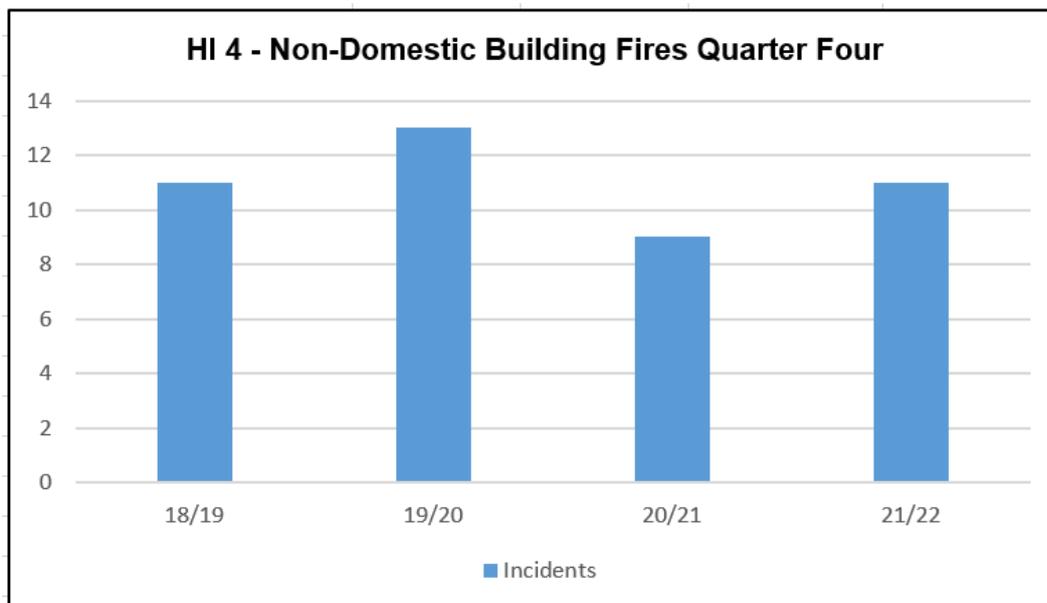


Table 3: Year to Date (April - March) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
<b>H4: Non-domestic Building Fires</b>	53	63	43	<b>47</b>	53

### HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings & HI 6 – Non-Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Buildings

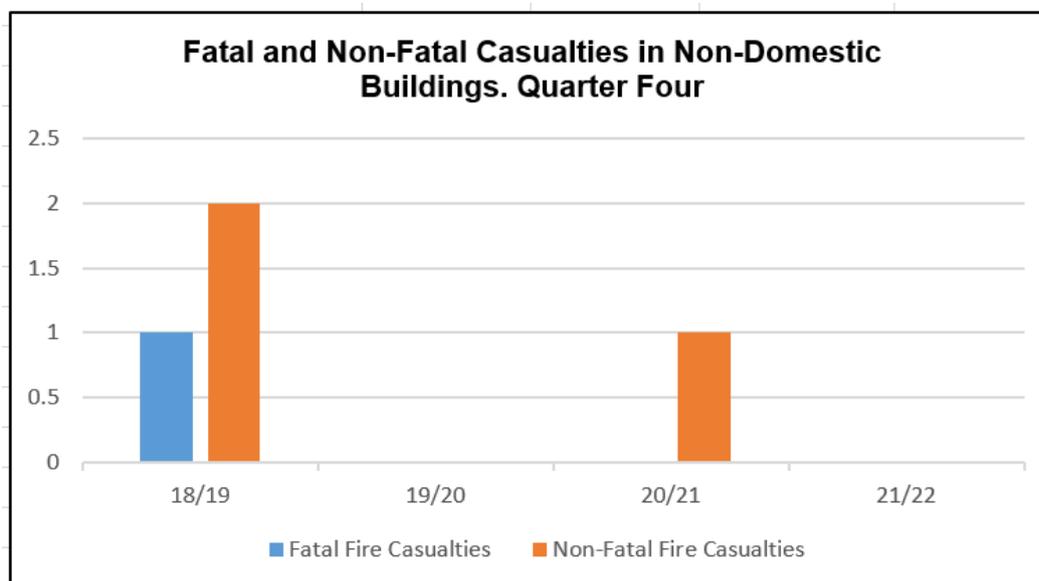


Table 4: Year to Date (April - March) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
<b>H5: Fatal Fire Casualties</b>	0	1	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>H6: Non-Fatal Fire Casualties</b>	2	0	1	<b>0</b>	6

### Indicator Description

These headline indicators and targets cover the types of non-domestic buildings applicable to Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ('The Act') (e.g. care homes, hotels and hospitals etc.) and is designed to reflect the effectiveness of fire safety management in respect of these types of buildings.

#### HI 4 - Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of fires in non-domestic buildings (where The Act applies), by keeping these fires **below 53**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 5 – Fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This indicator counts those people for whom fire has been clearly identified as the cause of death, even if they die sometime after the actual fire. Those who die at, or after, the fire but where fire is **not** identified as the cause of death are not included in these figures. As a headline target, the aim is to have **Zero Fatal Fire Casualties** in non-domestic buildings applicable to the Act, in Perth & Kinross each year.

#### HI 6 – Non-fatal Fire Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires Applicable to the Act

This headline target counts all types of non-fatal fire injury in non-domestic buildings, including precautionary checks. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce risk of injury from fire in non-domestic buildings, by keeping fire injuries **below 2**, in Perth & Kinross each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Two: *Improving Fire Safety and Resilience in the Business Community*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Performance Management

There were 11 fires in non-domestic buildings during quarter four which reflects an increase from the same quarter last year which was (9). YTD there is a decrease against the three-year average 47 against 53. Within six incidents there was no heat or smoke damage and within the remaining five, none of them were subjected to fire damage over five square meters. This therefore is showing **Green** against the HI 4 annual target to date.

There were no Non-Domestic Fatal Fire Casualties and no Non-Domestic Casualties during quarter four. YTD, we are showing **Green** against the HI 6 annual target.

The COVID pandemic restrictions have impacted and challenged our ability to undertake fire safety audits within commercial buildings. In total, 25 fire safety audits were completed during quarter four, 18 audits and seven post fire audits. A great deal of fire safety enforcement activity involved the engagement with local businesses to ensure they were maintaining safety critical procedures during the pandemic, these are gradually being lifted.

Our thematic focus during this period was on Secondary and Primary schools and premises that would constitute a community loss if a severe fire occurred within them. There were no enforcement/formal notices issued during this period and also, we achieve our audit framework target for 2021/22.

Fire Safety Enforcement Officers (FSEO's) will continue to provide the most appropriate level of support to local businesses to enable suitable and timely legislative fire safety guidance and enforcement to be undertaken. We also continue to engage with business forums to ensure the right level of information is given to the business community.

## PRIORITY 3 – MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF UNINTENTIONAL HARM

### HI 7 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents

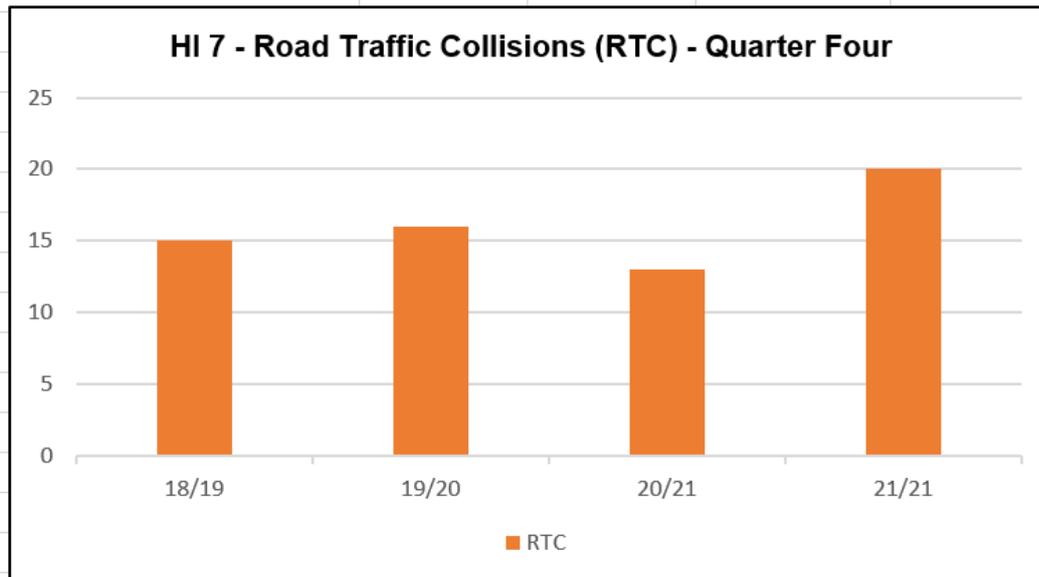


Table 5: Year to Date (April - March) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
H7: RTC Incidents	83	88	59	79	83

### HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties & H9 – Non-Fatal RTC Casualties

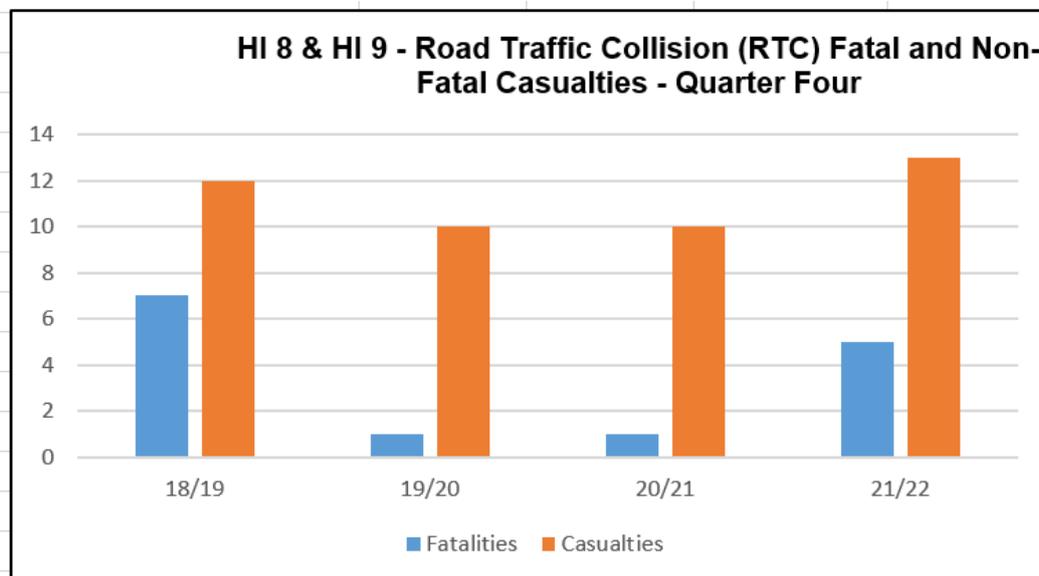


Table 6: Year to Date (April - March) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
H8: Fatal RTC Casualties	7	1	1	5	0
H9: Non-Fatal RTC Casualties	73	69	26	50	70

### **Indicator Description**

The SFRS has become increasingly involved in more non-fire related prevention work, in support of its role in promoting the wider safety and well-being of its communities, including minimising the impact of unintentional harm. The headline indicators and targets reflect the fact that most of non-fire related incidents attended by the SFRS in Perth & Kinross are RTC Incidents.

#### HI 7 - RTC Incidents

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of RTC incidents, by keeping them **below 83** each year.

#### HI 8 – Fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of death from RTC's in Perth & Kinross, by keeping them **at Zero** each year.

#### HI 9 - Non-fatal RTC Casualties

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the risk of injury from RTC's in Perth & Kinross, by keeping non-fire injuries **below 70** each year.

### **What we aim to Achieve**

As well as helping to deliver Priority Three: *Minimising the Impact of Unintentional Harm*, we also link these headline targets to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### **Performance Management**

We attended 20 RTC incidents, to assist with safety of the incident scene and release/extricate occupants trapped in the vehicles as a result of a collision. This is reporting on the previous quarter (20 against 30). Of the 20 incidents attended nine incidents required more technical extrication to release casualties, 11 persons were released during quarter four and we made the scene safe at all incidents. Although the quarter four numbers slightly higher, YTD we are showing **Green** for achieving the HI 7 annual target.

Of all the RTC Incidents we attended during quarter four there was sadly one recorded fatality on the A90 (Inchture section), therefore we are showing **Red** for the HI 8 annual target.

Of the 20 RTC Incidents we attended during quarter four there were 13 non-fatal casualties which reflects a decrease (22%) on the same quarter last year (21). YTD we are reporting 50 non-fatal casualties which is the lowest YTD average figures for the last five years, therefore we are showing **Green** for achieving the HI 9 annual target.

This type of incident accounts for around 4% of all incidents and 18% of all special service incidents attended this quarter. However, these types of incidents account for a high number of casualties every year which requires a multi-agency partnership approach to reduce these risks to people on our roads. Road Safety within Perth & Kinross has established a Road Safety Partnership to ensure we review our current position. This multi-agency group is reviewing this area of work locally with a view to establishing priorities for the partnership moving forward which will influence the content of Perth and Kinross Road Safety plan and subsequent actions. The Road Safety Plan is now in place which is supported by an annual action plan. These actions will ensure we work, as a partnership, towards integrating Road Safety initiatives that will reduce the impact of this type of incident locally. Looking forward we are currently working with Police Scotland colleagues who run Motorcycle Rider Refinement courses and are leading on the New Driver Scheme course.

# PRIORITY 4 - REDUCING UNWANTED FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

## HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

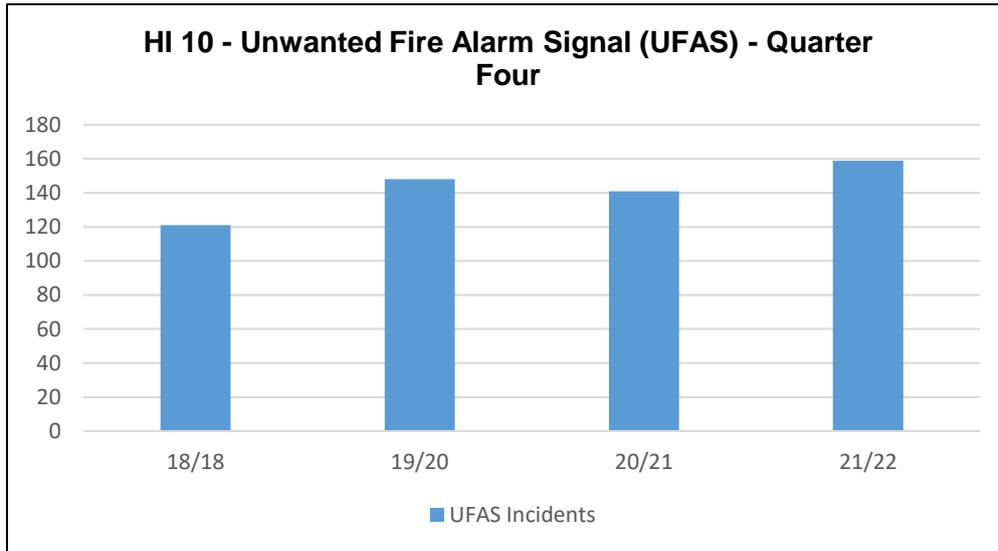
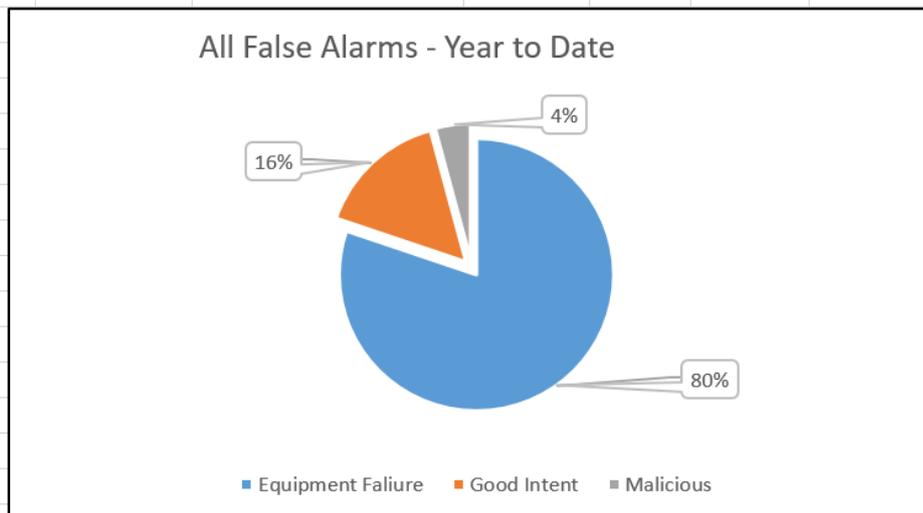


Table 7: Year to Date (April - March) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
HI 10: UFAS Incidents	606	587	595	667	528

## All False Alarms for Year to Date



### Indicator Description

Automatic Fire alarms (AFA) are fundamental to providing early warning from fire, giving people the chance to evacuate safely. However, to be effective, they must be properly installed and maintained, and a good fire safety management regime must be in place by the duty holder, so they do not activate when there is no fire.

Every Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) from an AFA has an impact in terms of unnecessary blue light journeys, redirecting SFRS resources away from other activities such as community safety work and causing considerable disruption to businesses.

#### HI 10 – Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

As a headline target, the aim is to improve fire safety management and awareness, by reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) from automatic systems in non-domestic buildings to **less than 528** each year.

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Four: *Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcome:

- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

### Performance Management

During quarter four 2021/22, SFRS were called out to 159 UFAS incidents from a total of 287 False Alarms. In total, UFAS accounted for 34% of our total operational demand.

As previously discussed and reported, the SFRS undertook a full review of how and why we respond to automated fire alarm signals as ever-increasing numbers throughout Scotland are impacting how we deliver services to our communities. The review developed four options, three of which would reduce our attendance at different levels. The options were part of a public consultation released in Q2 and closed in Q3.

To deliver this new strategy on how we mobilise to fire alarm signals we will be developing a framework, writing policies and undertaking training internally and externally. This will also involve working collaboratively with schools, colleges, universities and the NHS along with any others that routinely experience large numbers of activations. We plan to deliver this new approach around Q1 2023. In the meantime, we will be engaging with our partners updating them of the changes and continue to advise them how to minimise their fire alarm activations. The table below lists the 5 property types that had persistent call-outs due to UFAS during quarter four. When analysed further, it is the same property types that are causing UFAS in Perth & Kinross and nationally, the picture is very similar.

Property Types - UFAS	21/22 Q4
Education – Secondary and Primary	22
Hotel/Motel	14
Hospital and Medical Care	12
Residential Care- Nursing Home	10
Office and Call Centre	7

During quarter four our operational crews continued to investigate the cause of every UFAS event to ensure the appropriate level of engagement with the duty holder when in attendance at these call-outs. Every UFAS incident SFRS attends is used as an opportunity to educate the duty holder about the impact UFAS has on their businesses, the community and the Fire and Recue Service. We carried out specific intervention at Breadalbane Academy (See pg 19).

YTD we are 21% above the HI 10 annual target and showing **Red**.

## PRIORITY 5 – REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRES

### HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

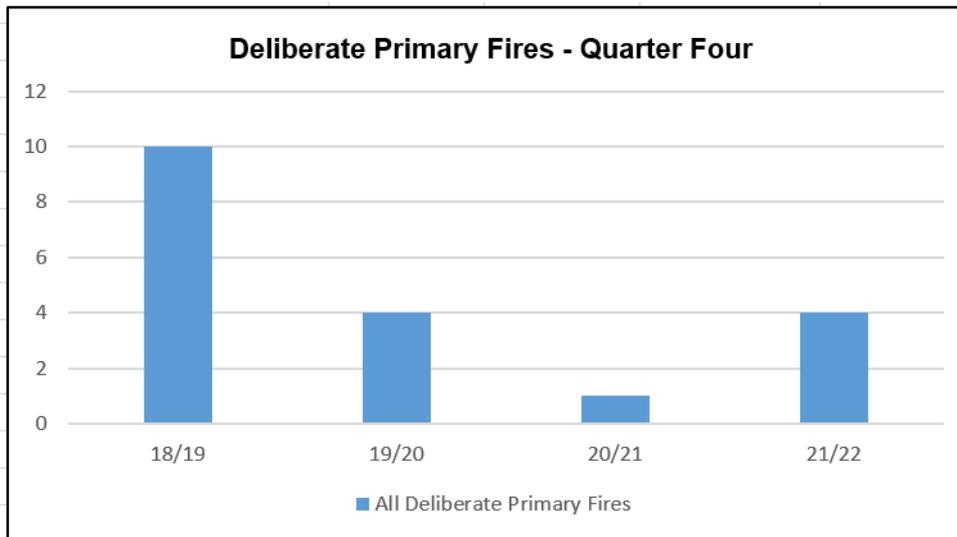


Table 8: Year to Date (April- March) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
HI 11: Deliberate Primary Fires	31	29	26	27	29

### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

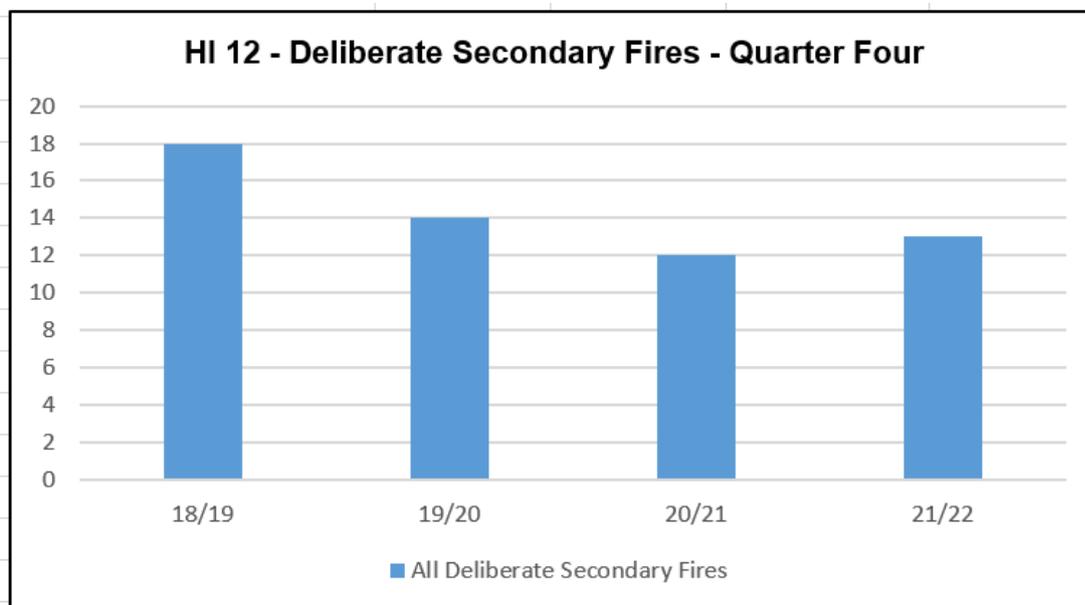


Table 9: Year to Date (April- December) Performance

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Annual Target
HI 12: Deliberate Secondary Fires	108	86	64	82	80

### **Indicator Description**

These headline and indicators targets account for all types of fire that are believed to have been started intentionally, and are categorised as Deliberate Primary Fires and Deliberate Secondary Fires.

#### HI 11 – Deliberate Primary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the following types:

- Fires in the home
- Fires in non-domestic buildings
- Fires in motor vehicles

As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate primary fires in Perth & Kinross by keeping these fires **below 29** each year.

#### HI 12 – Deliberate Secondary Fires

These deliberate fires cover the majority of outdoor fires including grassland and refuse fires and include fires in derelict buildings, but not chimney fires. As a headline target, the aim is to reduce the rate of deliberate secondary fires in Perth & Kinross by keeping these fires **below 80** each year, this exceeds the annual target.

### **What we aim to Achieve**

As well as helping to deliver Priority Five: *Reducing Deliberate Fires*, we also link this headline target to improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP outcomes:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### **Performance Management**

There were four deliberate primary fires reported during quarter four, which is below average (8). We are reporting a similar number of fires throughout the year as the incidents remain relatively low within Perth and Kinross. Two of the incidents were car fires, Strathearn Campus and a dwelling fire in Scone. Due to the lower numbers throughout Q3 and Q4 we are therefore showing **Green** against HI 11 annual target.

There were 13 deliberate secondary fires reported during quarter four which is lower in comparison to the same quarter in 2019/20 where there were 15 incidents. This also reflects a slight decrease on the three-year average for this quarter which is 18 incidents. The majority of these incidents were in the Perth City area (10). Due to the high numbers experienced in Q1 (45) we are showing **Amber** against the HI 12 annual target against year to date.

During quarter four we have continued to work with partners to reduce the number of all deliberate fire incidents albeit the current COVID pandemic has limited these activities. This proactive approach particularly around youth engagement to endeavours to reduce the number of deliberate fires, particularly secondary fires, as part of a wider youth awareness education initiative. These included working with local schools to reduce this type of unacceptable, anti-social behaviour. This along with national campaigns within the Winter Season, this will help to reduce this risk locally. There is a continual programme of input each quarter with regard to deliberate fire raising, alongside other educational safety programmes, across Perth and Kinross particularly around the Perth City area. This is very much a partnership approach.

## PRIORITY 6 – EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

### Description

Risk Management and operational preparedness is a key area of work for the SFRS. In Perth & Kinross, this means:

- Knowing what the risks are in Perth & Kinross and then making plans, so we are resilient to respond to any event.
- Being prepared to respond to national threats or major emergencies.
- Developing flexibility to deploy crews, to take on a broadening role within the community.
- Firefighters being quipped to deal with emergencies safely and effectively and our stations being in a constant state of readiness.
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

### What we aim to Achieve

As well as helping to deliver Priority Six: *Effective Risk Management and Operational Preparedness*, our activities also support improving the following Perth & Kinross LOIP objectives:

- Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### Activity

During Quarter Four 2021-22 (January - March), we have delivered our quarterly training commitment to operational firefighters, whereby we trained and confirmed their preparedness to deal with:

- Incident Command
- Breathing Apparatus
- Safe Working at Heights
- Commercial/Office Properties
- Lifts and Escalators
- Protecting the Environment

Firefighters continue to conduct Operational Intelligence visits to sites within their station area (Covid-19 dependant) so that they are familiar with the associated risks and hazards and, if required, can take effective actions in dealing with incidents at these sites. They also continue to conduct Home Fire Safety Visits, with an action plan implemented to ensure that all High and Medium Risk properties were visited and telephone contact made with all Low Risk properties.

Following lessons learnt during Covid we continue to ensure specialist officers are trained and able to return to frontline duties if required. We continue to deliver training courses to personnel in line with Scottish Government guidelines. Specific Incident Command, Breathing Apparatus & Compartment Fire Behaviour Training and Driver Training courses continue, ensuring stations are staffed appropriately to meet the needs of our communities. Our Trainee Firefighter yearly assessments are also continuing to ensure that they are developing their skills in line with their 3-year Modern Apprenticeship Programme.

We are also continuing our advertising campaign with a view of filling a number of vacant posts within our retained and volunteer stations. Courses for new trainees are programmed at Perth Training Centre throughout 2022 with the first of these taking place in March.

## APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

This section provides details of Community Safety Engagement initiatives undertaken within Perth & Kinross during the fourth quarter of 2021-22. The Safer Communities Partnership work together to continually provide various community safety messages, education, training and support. This implements risk reduction strategies to support our communities, particularly those most vulnerable. Working collaboratively also supports the priorities in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan and the wider Perth & Kinross Council Community Planning Partnerships priorities. COVID restrictions have changed the way we carry out our engagement activities so much of it particularly through quarter four has been remote engagement through MS Teams etc. This will hopefully revert back to face to face as restrictions lift further in the future.

Some examples this quarter are:



Crew Commander James Black (Kinloch Rannoch) and Community Safety Watch Manager Cammy Sands undertook an interview with Heartland Radio. The interview covered the P&K Visitor Management Project and advice for visitors to follow. They also had the opportunity to discuss the challenges the SFRS face with regards to recruiting On-Call Fife firefighters. The interview slot generated the interest of five individuals who we are interviewing.



Following a small number of malicious fire alarm activations at Breadalbane Academy direct action was taken immediately. Watch Commander Cammy Sands organised an input with the whole school. The input covered the dangers, disruption, cost and overall impact to the community if these activations were to continue. The input provided has had a positive impact however we will continue to monitor the situation.

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2,030 Tweets

fuels, wood, oil and gas. #WiseUpToWinter. Read more seasonal safety advice: [ow.ly/j3MK50H79X8](https://ow.ly/j3MK50H79X8)



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A great example of why we recommend closing internal doors before you head to bed. Closed doors can help reduce the spread of fire and smoke, keeping your escape route free.

Get our night time checklist here: [rb.gy/8fe79a](https://rb.gy/8fe79a)



Our National Winter Thematic Action Plan was shared on all social media platforms throughout quarter four. All the social media posts incorporated links to specific safety advice e.g wood, gas and oil fuel, carbon monoxide risks.

Throughout Covid we have continued to undertake Home Fire Safety Visits. With restrictions gradually lifting we are now in a position to undertake visits within medium risk households rather than solely focusing on high risk. A key part of the home fire safety visit is discussing the householder's night time routine and advising certain doors to be closed depending on the house and its configuration.

Other work our Community Safety Team have been undertaking;

- Watch Commander Cammy Sands (LALO) helped introduce a Self-Neglect and Hoarding Working Group into P&K. Multi agency group set up to look at how P&K can deliver on these needs. (Chaired by Iain Wilkie ASP).
- Meeting held with NHS and PKC regarding airflow mattress distribution and risk assessment process for discharge and delivery of air flow mattresses.
- LALO attended a meeting with David McArthur (P&K Road safety and Sustainable Transport Co-ordinator). Looking at Virtual Reality and SDSA alternative.
- Perthshire Women's Aid Refuge Properties Risk assessed by Perth based Community Action Team.
- LALO - took part in a Thematic Review of Fire Deaths in Dundee with partners from all over Tayside area. The review looked at e.g age, lifestyle, location to identify any trends or learning that could be applied to Perth & Kinross.

SFRS attended 467 incidents of which a number would undoubtedly have had a serious impact on members of our communities and their families, particularly from Road Traffic Collisions, Dwelling Fires and other Special Service Calls. Some of the more notable incidents and events are noted below:

### Bus Fire A90 (Inchtute/Errol)



24/03/22, A stagecoach bus carrying approximately 40 school pupils caught fire. The bus driver stopped immediately and safely evacuated all pupils and moved them to over to the nearby golf driving range. The fire that started within the engine bay quickly engulfed the bus completely destroying it. Fire crews from Perth, supported by Dundee extinguished the fire. Police Scotland closed the North and Southbound carriageway to enhance the safety of the scene. The school pupils were picked up by a replacement Stagecoach bus and taken to school. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries.

### 146 Crieff Rd Perth



21/01/22, Fire crews from Perth, Dundee, Coupar Angus and Dunkeld tackled a severe blaze within a semi-detached dwelling house. One male occupant self-evacuated at around 8pm that evening. Salvage operations were conducted on the adjacent property however it suffered significant heat and smoke damage also. Police Scotland closed the Crieff road to aid firefighting operations and a joint agency fire investigation was undertaken the following day.

### Chmney Collapse Friar St Perth



17/01/22 crews from Perth attended a three storey property in Friar Street following storm Malik. A substantial section of the sandstone building fell into the garden below. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Fire crews assisted the PKC appointed structural engineer to inspect the upper section of the property and fire crews removed loose sections of stonework that could potentially fall.

### RTC Windygates A9 Perth



07/02/22, sudden unexpected snowfall impacted the A9 and M90 local to Perth causing a number of RTCs over a short period of time. Crews from Perth and Auchterarder were quickly on scene to support Police Scotland. Following a passenger door removal one female was rescued and taken to Ninewells hospital.

### RTC Butterstone near Blairgowrie



16/03/22, fire crews from Blairgowrie attended an RTC where a woman was physically trapped. Crews safely created space to enable safe removal of the woman with assistance from the Scottish ambulance service. Police Scotland closed the road and carried out an investigation.

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