



**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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**SUBJECT: SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – PERTH & KINROSS INTERIM  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Abstract**

The report provides members with background information in relation to the activity of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) within the Perth & Kinross area. It is intended to give an overview of some of the key Community Safety Engagement and Operational Activity events to keep members informed whilst formal quarterly performance reporting across the local area will be presented at the next committee meeting.

**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide information for the Committee regarding the performance and key activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, against the priorities, performance indicators and targets detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross 2014 - 2017, to facilitate local scrutiny.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members:

Note, scrutinise and question the contents of this report.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4 PERFORMANCE**

- 4.1 A performance management framework has been developed to facilitate the monitoring of performance against the agreed priorities and outcomes ensuring effective targeting of resources and the principles of Best Value are met.
- 4.2 The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth & Kinross 2014 – 2017 was approved by the Community Safety Committee on the 21st of May 2014.
- 4.3 The priorities and outcomes contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan reflect 'place' and the contribution of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to the Perth &

Kinross Single Outcome Agreement / Community Plan 2013 – 2023 and Community Planning Partnership.

4.4 In summary the following priorities and targets are detailed within the plan:

- Priority 1 – Local Risk Management and Preparedness
- Priority 2 – Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires
- Priority 3 – Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities
- Priority 4 – Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Priority 5 – Reduction of Fires in Non Domestic Properties
- Priority 6 – Reduction in Casualties from Non Fire Emergencies
- Priority 7 – Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

## 5 SFRS ACTIVITY WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS AREA

5.1 SFRS activity over the period has included key events such as our annual Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) – Road Safety Events as well as a number of notable operational incidents.

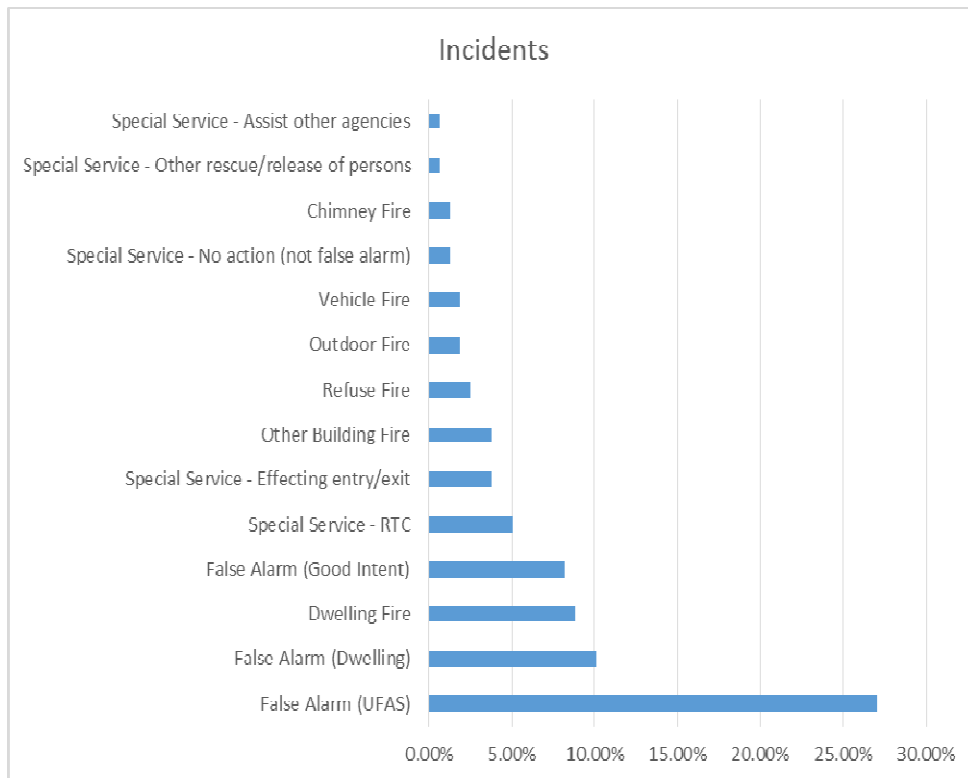
5.2 Total number of incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

Total Incidents	139
Fatal Fire Casualties	0
Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	3
Accidental Dwelling Fires	12

### **The 7 Key Performance Indicators (KPI)**

Deliberate Fires	7
Accidental Fires	25
Fatal & Non-Fatal Fire Casualties	3
Non Domestic Fires	6
Special Service Incidents	21
RTC Casualties	4
False Alarms	73

Top 14 Incidents types by % from 01/12/2016 to 02/01/2017



### 5.3 **Notable Operational Activity**

#### 5.3.1 **Water rescue incidents**

Over the period from mid December to early January we attended four significant water rescue related incidents;

- River Tay at Perth
- River Earn at Forteviot
- River Tay at Aberfeldy
- Adjacent to river Almond at Glenalmond



All the above incidents had a significant SFRS resources on scene to support activities from across Scotland over a number of hours/days, as did a number of partner agencies. Three of these were in relation to persons reported missing in the

area, two of these proved to be false alarms. The other incident attended at Perth in the River Tay moved from a rescue phase to a missing person operation which SFRS resourced to support Police Scotland, over a number of days. The fourth incident involved a child in water which was quickly resolved prior to SFRS arrival.

To ensure we continue to improve our multi-agency response to these types of incidents structured debriefs are being programmed both within the SFRS as well as with our partners over the coming weeks.

### **5.3.2 Fire at Fisher hotel, Pitlochry**

Around 06:00 on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January we mobilised to a serious fire at this hotel. The roof of the building was alight with approximately 250 guests sleeping within the hotel. The Fire Service crews were faced with a well-developed fire on the third floor and roof area of the building.

Through arduous efforts from all those involved the fire was brought under control after nearly 3 hours. At the height of the fire there were 10 fire engines plus additional support vehicles in attendance with around 55 firefighters on scene. We are pleased to report that there were no casualties as a result of the fire considering the time of year and the number of customers sleeping in the hotel. This was down to the hard work of hotel staff, all the agencies in attendance and the community of Pitlochry providing assistance where required to help all those effected.



As a result of the fire, and the efforts of all involved the fire damage was restricted to six rooms on the top floor, including the roof section, being completely destroyed by the fire. A Fire Investigation has been carried by SFRS in consultation with Police Scotland with initial findings indicating an accidental cause.

The responsibility for the building was handed back to the owner on the afternoon of 2<sup>nd</sup> January, where it is pleasing to report that work has already begun to get parts of this community facility back up and running. We will continue to work with the Hotel owners to ensure a return to normality as soon as possible giving appropriate support and guidance as required.



### **5.3.3 Hazardous Materials Incident**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> December around 2pm the SFRS attended an incident in Blairgowrie in support of Police Scotland at a domestic premises which involved a number of unknown chemicals and associated risks.

Fire Service specially trained Hazmat officers attended the scene to support the detection and identification of the substances. This incident was quickly brought to a safe conclusion in consultation with other attending agencies with the most appropriate safety package being given to resolve the incident.

### **5.3.4 Notable Safer Communities Activity**

Throughout the festive period the safer Communities partnership worked together to continue to provide various community safety messages, education, training and support to our communities.

One important part of this was the launch of a joint Pop Up shop on 14<sup>th</sup> December, a Community information Hub which was staffed by representatives from a number of services, including PKC Community Wardens, SFRS and Police Scotland. Shops workers within the St Johns Centre, as well as members of the public, were invited into the Hub, with different community safety messages and information shared across the period, some examples include;

- Promoting Home Safety Visits
- Offering Electric Blanket Testing
- Walking Stick Maintenance
- Hub Christmas Safety Message
- Hub CPR training Sessions – Making Perth City Centre shoppers and work force more resilient when dealing with cardiac arrest. Supported by First Aid Training Instructor Alan Moffat and members from the Scottish Ambulance Service. Members of the public, shop staff including local banks and



businesses were encouraged to attend one of the CPR training session being delivered within the HUB



Further Community safety activities;

PKC Home Safety Awareness Training including referral pathways to SFRS, delivered to 24 members of staff from the Community Alarms Team (responders)

Pitlochry, Home Safety Message & Visits (elderly population): Over 15 Electric blankets tested, advice given to over 40 members of the public, 6 HSV completed, Slips trips and falls prevention advice given to many members of the public and walking stick maintenance completed on 21 walking sticks.

## 6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Not applicable.

## 7 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

7.1 There are no environmental issues arising as a consequence of this report.

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