

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Venue: Council Chambers,
Midlothian House, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN

Date: Monday, 19 November 2018

Time: 11:00

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1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

2 Order of Business

Including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

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The next meeting will be held on 18 February 2019 at 11.00 am.

Minute of Meeting



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
27 August 2018	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Curran (Chair)	Councillor Smail
Councillor McCall	
Councillor Muirhead	

In attendance:

Midlothian Council	
Kevin Anderson, Head of Customer and Housing Services	Margaret Brewer, Service Manager, Community Justice
Gordon Aitken	Democratic Services Officer
Police Scotland	
Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	
Stephen Gourlay, Area Manager	David Ward, Station Manager

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Munro and Parry.

2. Order of Business

The Clerk advised that the Chair had agreed that Item No 5.3 “Let’s Rock Scotland Event – Feedback” be taken as the first item of business following consideration of the Previous Minute.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 4 June 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by
5.3	Let’s Rock Scotland Event – Feedback	Head of Commercial Operations
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>The report dated 12 July 2018 was presented by the Head of Commercial Operations advising the Board that on the weekend of Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June 2018 the ‘Lets Rock Scotland’ brand held two music events in Dalkeith Country Park. The attendance of approximately 20,000 and 10,000 respectively constituted two of the biggest attended events held in Midlothian. Up to 3,000 campers were provided for on the night of Saturday 23 June 2018.</p> <p>The report also provided initial feedback from the Safety Advisory Group Members following the two events and advised that Lets Rock Scotland had been invited to a de-brief meeting of that Group on Friday 28 September 2018. Ricky Moffat was heard in amplification of the report during which he answered questions from elected Members.</p>		
Decision		
<p>The Board noted the feedback in relation to the Lets Rock Scotland events held on the weekend of 23/24 June 2018</p>		

5.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Report No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.1.1	Scottish Fire and Rescue Board – Local Plan Performance for Quarter 1 April – 30 June 2018	Scottish Fire and Rescue Board
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Stephen Gourlay introduced the report and advised that Ash Denham MSP had recently been appointed as Minister for Community Safety, with responsibility for Police and Fire.</p> <p>David Ward then took Members through a summary of the Quarter 1 report noting the performances within the 5 objectives making up the main focus for local service delivery in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017, namely, (1) Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires; (2) Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities; (3) Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting; (4) Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions; (5) Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals together with the Fire Safety Enforcement Audits and Home Fire Safety Visits delivered in Midlothian.</p> <p>Thereafter both he and Stephen Gourlay provided more detailed information in relation to questions raised by Members on these specific areas of concern.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the content of the Report.		

5.2 POLICE SCOTLAND

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by:
5.2.1	Police Scotland Scrutiny Report – 1 April – 30 June 2018	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Superintendent Clark firstly advised the Board of the recent appointment of Iain Livingstone as Chief Constable of Police Scotland and the likelihood of further personnel changes as a result of this.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Simpson, spoke to the terms of the report during which he highlighted some of the key points contained therein. He continued through the report providing a summary of each section making reference to the performance indicators listed.</p> <p>Board Members then went through a few of the matters listed within the report, requesting further information/clarification on them which was provided by Chief Inspector Simpson.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the terms of the Report.		

Agenda No.	Report Title	Submitted by
5.2.2	Community Policing Team Midlothian – Activity summary April – June 2018	Police Scotland
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Chief Inspector Simpson spoke to the terms of the Report which summarised the activities of the Community Policing Team during the quarter April to June 2018. Thereafter, he responded to questions raised by Members of the Board on specific issues raised by them.</p>		
Decision		
The Board noted the terms of the Report.		

The meeting terminated at 12.20pm.



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MIDLOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
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Quarter 2 Report, 1st July– 30th September, 2018

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The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 2 of 2018-19 (1st July – 30th September 2018) including information on the year to date.

The Scottish Government provides an overarching vision for public services. This vision 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 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) can make a significant contribution to improving these outcomes for Midlothian by contributing to the Community Planning arrangements across the area.

The national priorities for the SFRS are set out in the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland. The SFRS Strategic Plan 2016-2019 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 for Midlothian 2014-2017 contributes towards the priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

The aims of the local Fire & Rescue Service in Midlothian are to reduce fire deaths 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.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Midlothian 2014-2017 identifies the following five objectives as the main focus for service delivery locally:

- Priority 1. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires,
- Priority 2. Reduction in Fire Casualties and Fatalities,
- Priority 3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting,
- Priority 4. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions,
- Priority 5. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Area Manager Stephen Gourlay

Local Senior Officer for Midlothian, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders.

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Performance Summary

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

Key performance indicator	Apr to (& incl.) Sep					RAG rating
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	33	23	36	33	21	●
All accidental dwelling fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal)	4	3	8	12	5	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	144	161	195	272	152	●
Special Service - RTCs	21	27	23	20	16	●
Special Service Casualties - All	14	34	34	33	19	●
False Alarm - UFAs	129	167	187	163	187	◆

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.

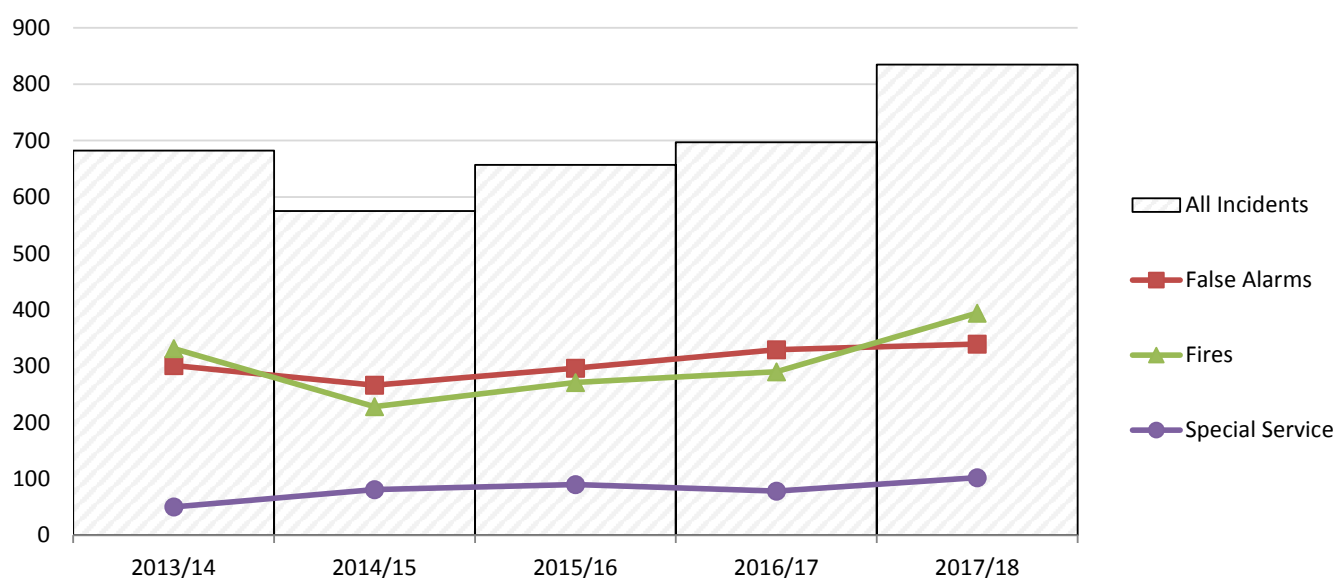
Note

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

Year to date (1st April 2018 – 30th September 2018), the SFRS, responded to 835 incidents in Midlothian, which is an increase of 138 incidents compared with the same reporting period last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 8 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 of our operational staff undertake routine and risk specific skill acquisition and maintenance training.</p>
<u>Gather and analyse risk information</u>
<p>All of our operational staff gather and analyse local risk information and operational intelligence, 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 East Local Resilience Partnership.</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 major fire events or significant emergency events in this reporting period.</p>

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling fires'

Accidental 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. Reduction of Accidental Dwelling Fires contributes to The Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

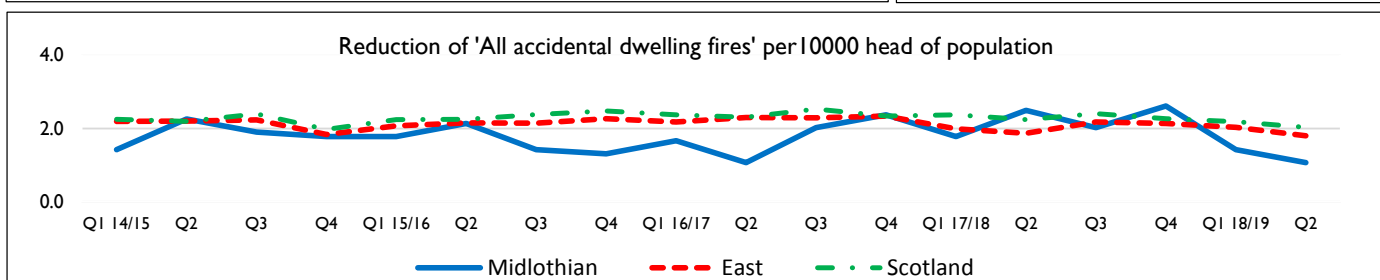
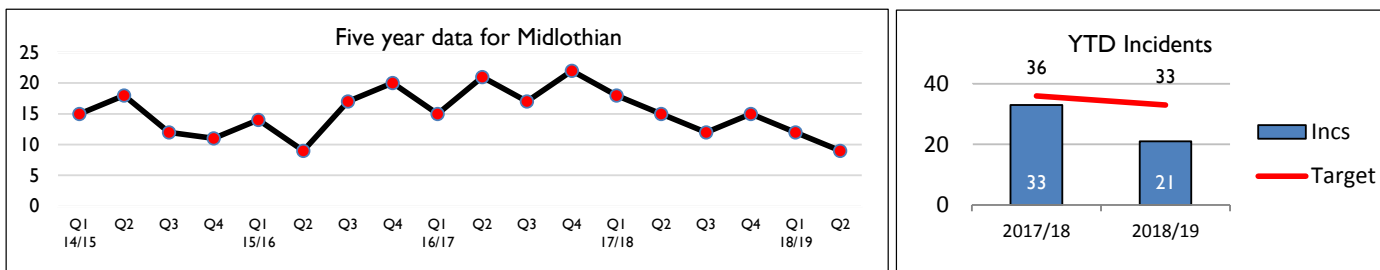
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 9 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is a decrease of 6 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian well below the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 9 accidental dwelling fires attended, 66% occurred in single occupancy households, with 33% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were accidental and were mainly attributable to cooking (78%). 6 of the 9 fires were confined to the room where the fire started and therefore, minor in nature. It is clear from this evidence to continue to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households and to ensure those properties have working smoke detection. 66% of these properties had smoke detectors fitted.

Actions

During this reporting period, 242 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out within Midlothian. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. Front line crews continue to work within the previously introduced 'Post Domestic Incident Response' Policy, which provides a framework to ensure that engagement activity is completed in a structured and appropriate manner following incidents. Appendix I provides further details on our prevention activities in relation to this priority.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	33	23	36	33	21	
Penicuik	4	3	6	7	0	
Bonnyrigg	5	4	6	6	2	
Dalkeith	11	6	9	5	5	
Midlothian West	2	3	8	4	7	
Midlothian East	6	3	2	7	4	
Midlothian South	5	4	5	4	3	

Reduction of 'All accidental dwelling 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

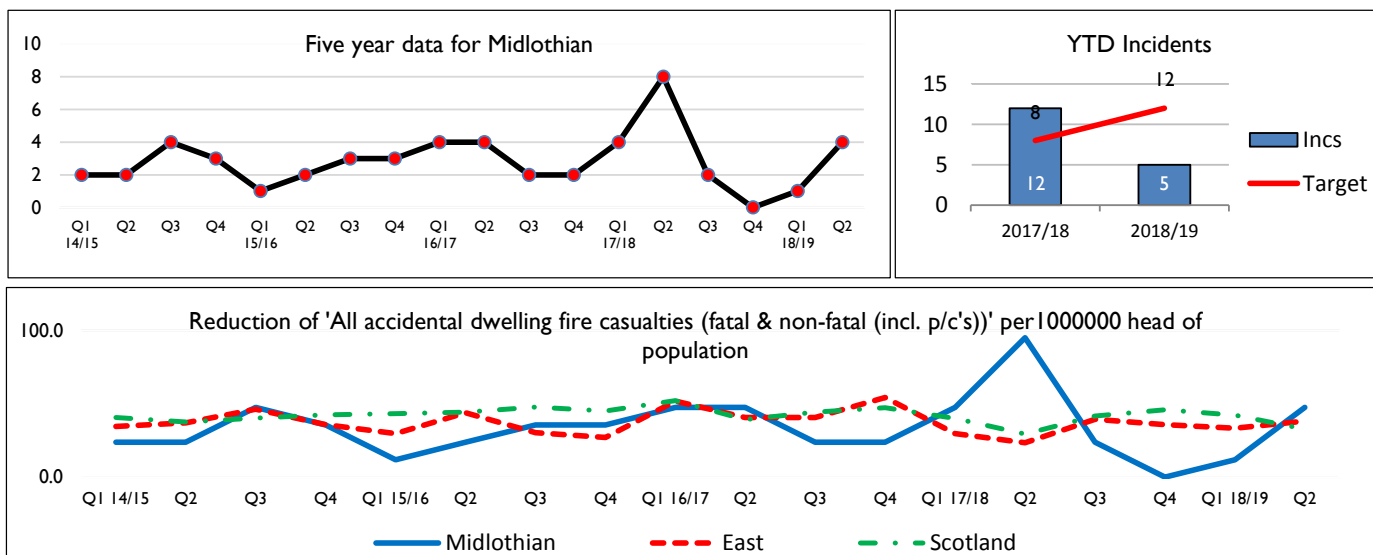
We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 4 casualties (no fatalities) due to fire within a dwelling, a reduction of 4 from Q2 reporting period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are slightly above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend, although showing an increase, remains low. The 4 casualties were a result of 3 house fires in single occupancy premises. 2 casualties went to hospital with slight injuries and 2 had a precautionary check-up at the scene. The main contributory factors were smoking and cooking.

Actions

During this reporting period, 242 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out. In addition, we continue to work with our partners, particularly Midlothian Council, Social work and NHS to target those most vulnerable and at risk from fire.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - I	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	4	3	8	12	5	
Penicuik	1	0	2	2	0	
Bonnyrigg	1	0	2	0	0	
Dalkeith	2	1	1	2	0	
Midlothian West	0	2	1	0	1	
Midlothian East	0	0	2	1	4	
Midlothian South	0	0	0	7	0	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires excl. dwellings'

Historically deliberate fire setting has not been a significant problem for the SFRS in Midlothian, however recent years have shown a distinct increase in this activity and there is a close link between deliberate secondary fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour. In the main, deliberate fires are secondary fires categorised into refuse/bins, grassland or derelict buildings incidents. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

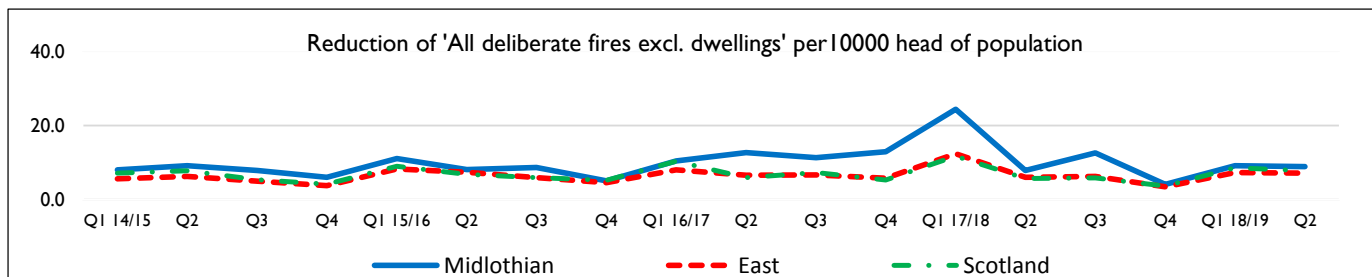
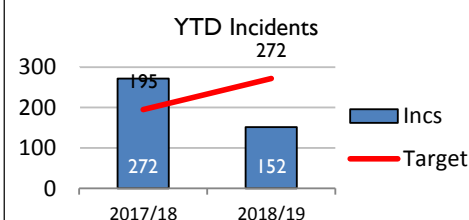
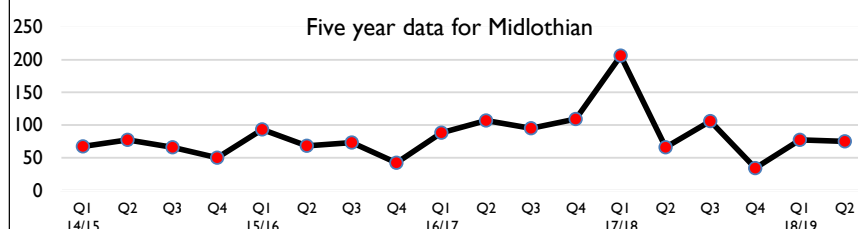
There were 75 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is an increase of 9 when compared to the same period last year. Although Midlothian's fire setting has been on the increase recently it has fallen back in line with previous reporting levels. Midlothian East, South and Dalkeith wards suffered most from this type of fire setting.

Reasons

Nearly 76% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 77% in waste or scrubland, wood or crop, 13% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins, 4% vehicle fires and 2% deliberate building fires.

Actions

SFRS continues to work with partner agencies attending the weekly TACG meetings and provision of monthly tactical assessments by the Midlothian Partnership Analyst. Emerging patterns continue to be monitored and prevention activities were planned for those locations. Various on-going preventative activities have been undertaken throughout the year targeting the issue of deliberate fire-raising. This includes various youth engagement events (Cooldown Crew and Challenge Projects), Stair Aware activity, visits to schools and other partnership work.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 25	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	144	161	195	272	152	
Penicuik	11	7	6	41	8	
Bonnyrigg	12	11	16	21	14	
Dalkeith	35	40	31	51	38	
Midlothian West	27	33	50	46	19	
Midlothian East	40	35	46	61	37	
Midlothian South	19	35	46	52	36	

Reduction of 'Special Service - RTCs'

While much of this risk is out with the control of SFRS, responding to Non-Fire Emergencies such as Road Traffic Collisions 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. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan, number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents.

Results

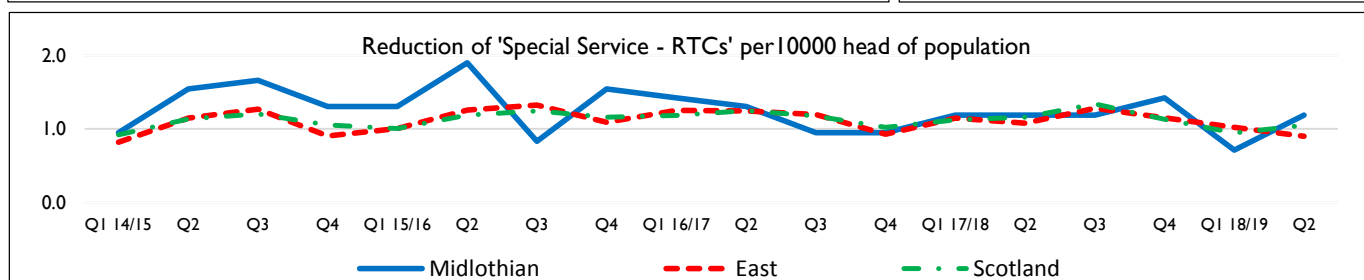
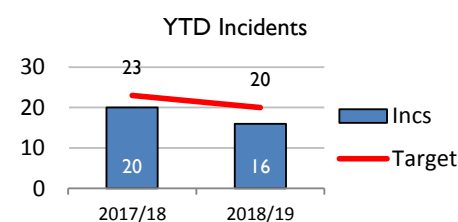
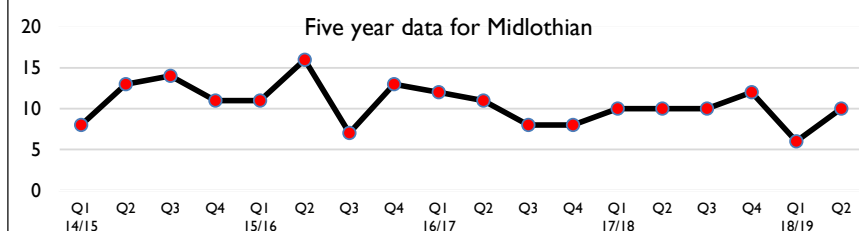
We attended 10 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is the same number as Q2 last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is above the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

The SFRS only attend those RTC's they are requested to attend this number does not reflect the total number within Midlothian.

Actions

The SFRS is a member of a multi-agency approach to reducing Road Traffic Collision's and the associated casualties and fatalities. The continued delivery of Tomorrow's Driver programme targeting young people is an excellent partnership approach to reducing road traffic collisions.



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Penicuik	4	8	4	3	2	
Bonnyrigg	0	0	3	1	0	
Dalkeith	2	4	4	4	7	
Midlothian West	5	6	4	5	2	
Midlothian East	4	5	5	3	5	
Midlothian South	6	4	3	4	0	

Reduction of 'Special Service Casualties - All'

While much of this risk is out with 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. Reduction of Casualties from Non-Fire Emergencies contributes to the Single Midlothian Plan.

Results

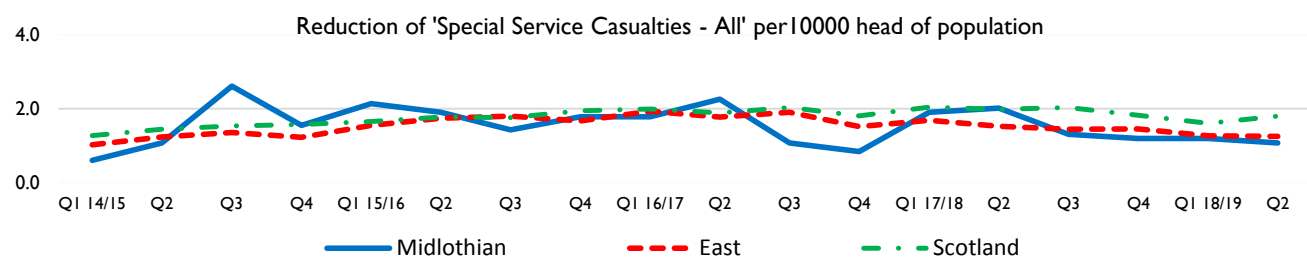
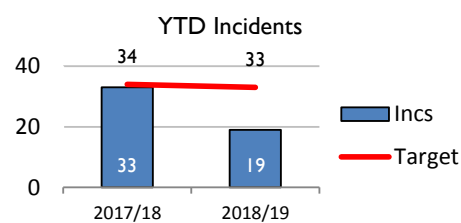
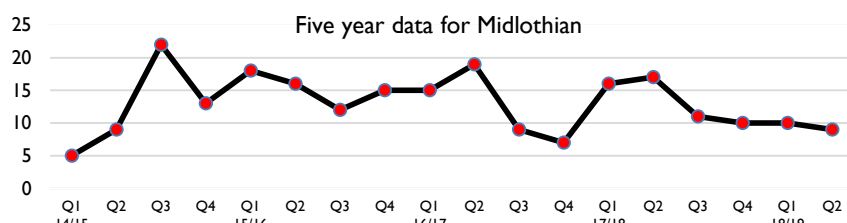
We attended a total of 3 fatal and 6 non-fatal casualties. This is a decrease of 8 casualties in comparison to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for 1 fatal and 5 non-fatal casualties. There were 2 fatal casualties and 1 non-fatal which were in response to medical emergency or assisting other emergency services.

Actions

The SFRS in Midlothian work in partnership with the Midlothian Rapid Response Team to care for people who fall in the home. We will also continue to respond to the communities needs in terms of other non-fire emergencies with the overall objective of reducing casualty and fatality rates within Midlothian.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 3	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	14	34	34	33	19	
Penicuik	2	12	5	7	4	
Bonnyrigg	1	3	2	2	0	
Dalkeith	0	2	10	4	5	
Midlothian West	4	7	5	5	6	
Midlothian East	4	4	7	12	3	
Midlothian South	3	6	5	3	1	

Reduction of 'False Alarm - UFAs'

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 connected with faulty or defective alarm equipment. The SFRS is committed to working with partners and other stakeholders to reduce Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals.

Results

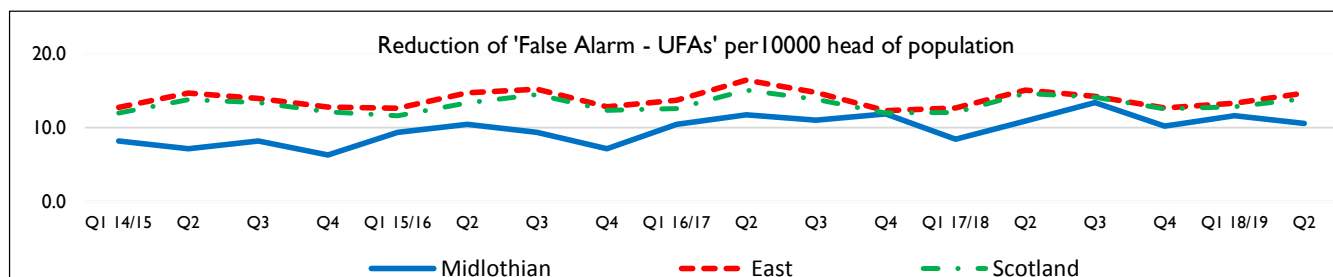
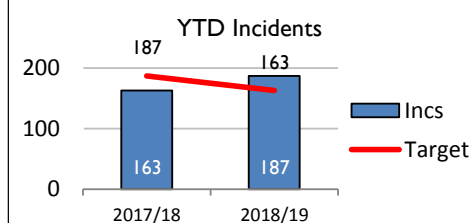
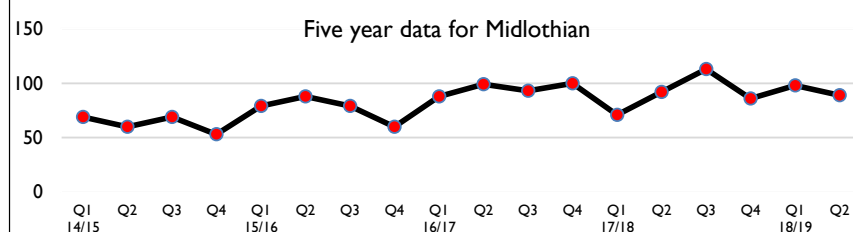
SFRS attended 89 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 3 from the same period last year. Midlothian trend line is slightly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

Reasons

56% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 6% were malicious calls, 38% caused by people, cooking, testing, smoking, aerosols etc.

Actions

We continue to monitor Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals calls and our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers work closely with premises to reduce further incidents. This includes discussing technological, procedural and management solutions in order to prevent future Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents. In Midlothian, we are currently engaging with various premises giving advice to prevent further occurrences.



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Midlothian	129	167	187	163	187	
Penicuik	15	18	27	9	15	
Bonnyrigg	25	28	30	24	30	
Dalkeith	23	33	41	28	33	
Midlothian West	30	50	52	52	56	
Midlothian East	25	26	19	25	27	
Midlothian South	11	12	18	25	26	

Appendix 1

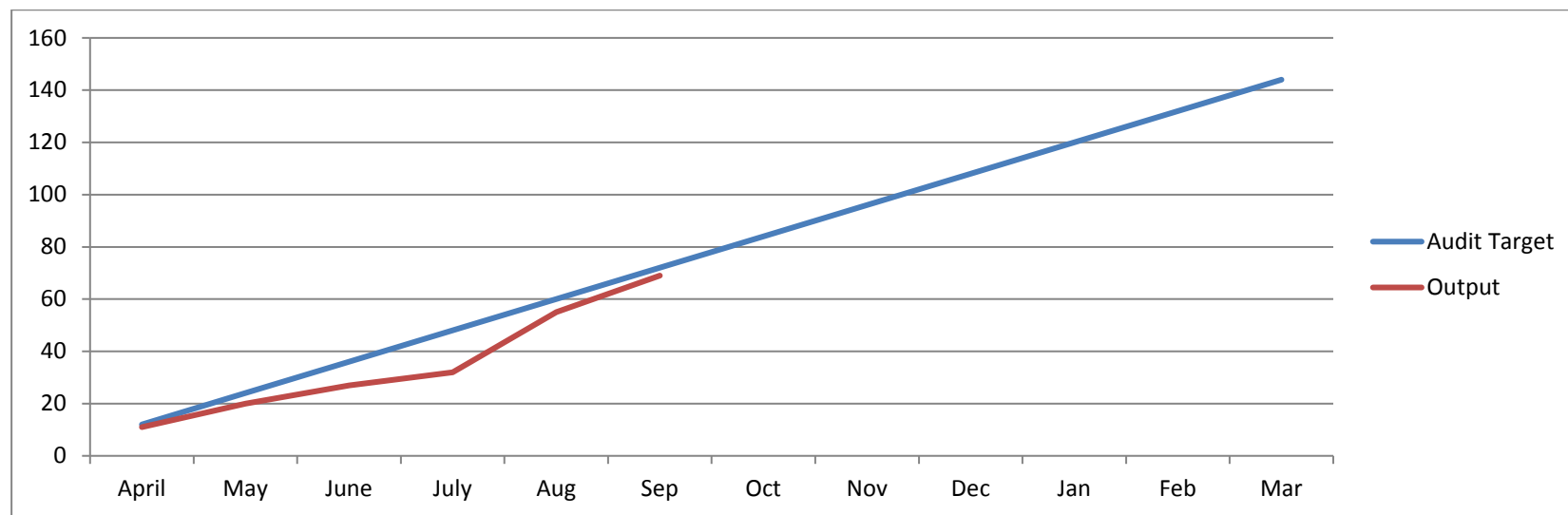
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 1: 1st July – 30th September 2018

Fire Safety Enforcement Audits

The figures represent the audit workloads delivered by the Midlothian Fire Safety Enforcement Officer (FSEO). Following the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Enforcement Framework, local deployment ensures compliance for relevant premises in terms of the Fire Scotland Act (2005) and associated Fire Safety Regulations. In line with the SFRS enforcement framework all of the area high risk sleeping premises receive an annual audit and this includes hospitals, care homes, houses of multiple occupation, hostels and hotels. Good progress is currently being made and we are confident annual targets will be met by end of the reporting year.

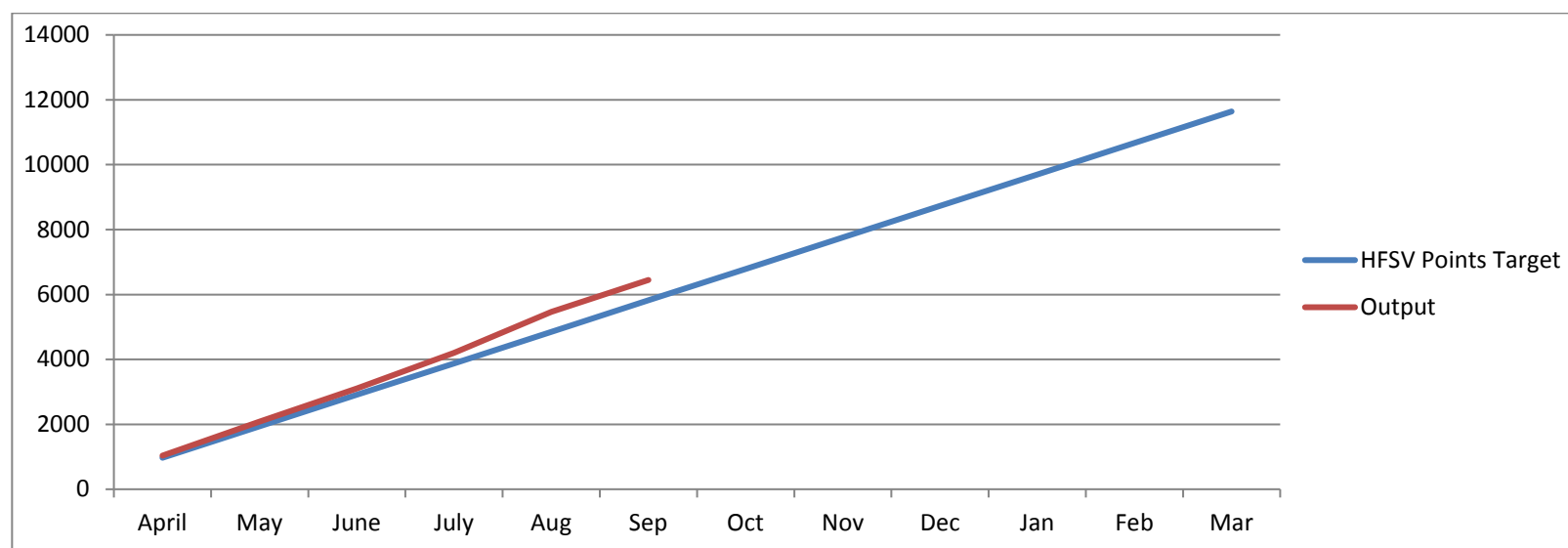
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	11	20	27	32	55	69							



Home Fire Safety Visits

The delivery of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) is the corner stone of the SFRS Community Safety Engagement framework. By visiting households and providing fire safety advice and smoke alarms the numbers of dwelling fires and casualties will be reduced. To target the highest risk households across Midlothian a points allocation based on risk and associated target has been set (24 points per high, 8 per medium, 4 per low risk visit). Local point targets are currently being exceeded with this trend expected to continue as we increase the number of high risk referrals through partnership working.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	970	1940	2910	3880	4850	5820	6790	7760	8730	9700	10670	11640	11640
Completed	1036	2080	3104	4200	5468	6448							



Total visits delivered by ward area 2018/19 YTD:

The following table gives a good indication of the coverage across Midlothian where the SFRS delivers Home Fire Safety Visits.

Ward Area	Visits delivered in Q1 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q2 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q3 2018/19	Visits delivered in Q4 2018/19
Bonnyrigg	36	33		
Dalkeith	48	48		
Midlothian East	28	63		
Midlothian South	46	44		
Midlothian West	34	36		
Penicuik	18	26		
TOTAL	210	250		

Partnership Working

Youth Engagement

During this reporting period, the Community Action Team (CAT) have supported and engaged with the following youth engagement programmes.

Two Fireskills courses for youth groups, Aim High and Y2K have been delivered in the summer holidays and were very successful with positive feedback from participants and deliberate fire setting has significantly reduced in the area from the previous year

Members of our CAT have supported delivery of a Fire Skills Employability award course at Polmont Young Offenders Institute during this reporting period.

Our CAT continued to provide support for the Risk Factory, Edinburgh attending over 2 weeks during this period.

Safeguarding

During this period our teams continued to identify and refer adults at risk of harm and/or in need of support. This has resulted in **6** referrals being processed to Social Services.

The CAT have completed **3** enhanced home safety visits to vulnerable adults.

Our Local Authority Liaison Officer LALO continues to attend or provide information relevant to fire for the monthly Multi Agency Risk Conference (MARAC).

Referrals

Our strong relationship with external partners continues to assist with **Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV)** referrals:

British Red Cross = **13**

Midlothian Contact Team = **2**

Midlothian Council Housing = **2**

Midlothian Falls team = **2**

NHS = **5**

142 self-referrals were received via our Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (**CSET**) system with local crews completing **250** home safety visits during this quarter.

Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project has generated **15** referrals to the Midlothian Falls team.

Other Work Completed or In Progress

The following detailed below is further work the Community Action Team (CAT) have completed or is in progress for this Quarter.

- The CAT continues to support our operational crews within the Midlothian area with delivery of Seasonal Thematic Action Plans with the completion of summer activities and planning for autumn.
- We continue to attend the weekly TACG meetings in Midlothian.
- Our Local Authority Liaison Officer has been working as part of a collaboration group to deliver Mental Health conferences at Lasswade High School.
- SFRS have delivered Home Fire Safety awareness training for partners at recent Adult Protection training events. This supports raising awareness of fire amongst key frontline staff such as carers and social workers, allowing them to make a basic assessment of fire risk within the home. HFSV referrals are then generated to SFRS as part of this process.
- As we continue to work with all partners to share information and provide support in achieving SFRS and partner objectives, our teams have been involved with delivery of fire safety information to Midlothian Housing staff. This will assist with identifying and referring individuals at risk of fire.
- Our Community Firefighter supported the Midlothian Council Tenants day during this period. LALO involved and attended in 2 multi agency case conferences
- SFRS staff have delivered partnership referral training with Midlothian Council Housing to reinvigorate referral pathway process, also discussed opportunities to support other events, ongoing work
- CFF supported Midlothian Council Tenants day, providing support and guidance to residents
- CAT team have delivered several fire safety talks to groups in the community
- LALO and our Community FF attended two events for Newbattle Community to support young people and families in the community, generating several referrals for HFSVs.
- Staff have attended a Suicide Awareness course.
- The CAT and LALO attended Domestic Abuse course which could be used internally to raise awareness for operational crews attending incidents.
- Our LALO met with Midlothian Foster care to discuss partnership referral pathway training and partner agency working. White Watch Dalkeith will deliver input on a regular basis to Foster Carers who attend regular workshops. LALO has organised delivery of partnership referral pathway training initially to Midlothian, however this will be replicated in East Lothian and Scottish Borders, this is ongoing
- Members of our CAT attended an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training course in Hamilton.



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Scrutiny Report

1st April 2018 - 30th September 2018



Midlothian

The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. The extraction date from recording systems can also differ so it would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in the report as official statistics.



INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to provide a summary and brief assessment of performance in the Midlothian Command Area for the Quarter 2 period of 01/04/2018 - 30/09/2018.

The report references the themes from Midlothian Community Planning Partnerships Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the aligned priorities within the Local Policing Plan for Midlothian, namely:-

- * Protecting People
- * Reducing Anti-social Behaviour & Hate Crime
- * Reducing Violence
- * Tackling Substance Misuse
- * Reducing Road Casualties
- * Reducing Acquisitive Crime
- * Tackling Serious & Organised Crime

All data is sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and is correct as of 1st August 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Missing Person Incidents - Adults

2017/18	2018/19	Change
75	65	-13.3%



The first half of this year has seen a welcome decrease in the number of adults being reported as missing, down by 13.3% (a reduction of 10 cases) compared to the same period last year.

The majority of those reported had a vulnerability of some kind with mental health related issues the most prevalent, and 11% were cared for adults.

These types of incidents are resource intensive, and often take days to resolve.

Bogus Workman Crimes

2017/18	2018/19	Change
3	0	-100%



It is very pleasing to note no identified bogus workmen cases reported, which is three fewer than last year.

A lot of prevention focussed activity under the banner of Operation Monarda has taken place within Midlothian and this prevention related activity has played a significant part in these figures.

Domestic Abuse Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
488	587	+20%



There has been a significant rise in the number of domestic related incidents this year compared to the corresponding period last year. However it has to be noted that last year saw an overall decrease in incidents of 5%, and our half year figures are more in line with the 5 year average.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hate Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
53	49	-7.5%



A pleasing first half year that has seen four fewer hate incidents compared to the previous year, a drop of 7.5%.

Like last year, there is no particular pattern or identified trends, with neighbour disputes still being the most common form of incident that has a hate related factor.

Antisocial Behaviour Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
3457	3051	-11.7%



This is a very satisfying figure when you consider the fantastic period of weather we enjoyed, which normally sees an increase in antisocial incidents.

The work of the MCAT's and our Community Beat Officers are playing a significant role in achieving this through intelligence led patrols.

Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation

2017/18	2018/19	Change
24	32	+33.3%



A proactive and intelligence led approach by our MCAT's has seen a significant rise in detections and I am confident that this will continue to rise as the year progresses.

The number of people caught in possession of drugs has also increased by 88% this year which again highlights the robust approach to substance misuse by officers in Midlothian.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Housebreaking (Domestic)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
46	74	+60.9%



Comparing year on year data was always going to be a challenge for this particular crime such was the success both in recorded and detected crimes in relation to domestic housebreakings.

However, overall housebreakings in Midlothian are down 32.2% in H1 compared to last year (181 crimes compared to 267 last year), with 86 fewer victims. Break in's to sheds/garages (non dwelling) has reduced by 59.1% and break in's to business premises have reduced by 40.4%.

Crimes of Dishonesty

2017/18	2018/19	Change
1279	1226	-4.1%



This is another positive figure in an area of business that gave us cause for concern last year. An overall 4.1% decrease from LYTD (53 fewer crimes) and the figures are also below the 3 and 5 year averages.

Violent Crime (Murder, Culpable Homicide, Attempt Murder, Serious Assault, Robbery)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
31	30	-3%



A positive start to this year with a continued drop in serious violent crime for the third successive year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Road Casualties



	2017/18	2018/19	Change
Fatal	1	1	0.0%
Serious	22	15	-31.8%
Slight	69	76	+10.1%
KSI	25	17	-32%
Children KSI	2	1	-50.0%

Missing Person Incidents - Child

2017/18	2018/19	Change
240	245	+2%



The figures show a marginal increase from LYTD with five more cases. Looked after and accommodated children (LAAC) account for over 43% (106 incidents) of all missing child related incidents, with many who repeatedly abscond.

Child mispers always have an element of vulnerability and are prioritised accordingly. The volume of cases places a high demand on resources.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Protecting People - Adults (Bogus Crime, Missing Persons)



Police and their partners in Midlothian are recognised as a leading authority regarding their proactive work with Op Monarda. This operation has been undertaken in May and September this year with some positive activity focussing on the following:

- Days of action – road checks implemented targeting work vans in conjunction with VOSA.
- Visits and engagement with staff/clients providing advice and leaflets to all banks, libraries, care homes, pharmacies, medical centres and post offices.
- Foot patrols engaging with members of the public in all town centres and to sheltered accommodation.
- Banks and building societies now all involved in new ‘banking protocol’
- Social media campaign providing help and advice throughout the initiative.
- Media releases issued when scams are identified on a day to day basis.

Domestic Abuse



This continues to be a high priority for Police Scotland.

In conjunction with our Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit, high tariff perpetrators are identified and processed through the MATAC process, and victims identified and supported via MARAC.

The new disclosure laws are actively being used and several disclosures made to relevant partners/individuals with a view to protecting further victimisation.

Proactive bail checks being robustly enforced on a daily basis.

Good use of police bail conditions when being liberated from custody on an undertaking for a future court date to protect victims.

Referring victims to relevant local and national support agencies.

Submission of iVPD forms for all children and young people affected/witness to domestic abuse

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Antisocial Behaviour & Hate Incidents



Weekly partnership TAC process identifying problematic individuals/locations, which are thereafter tasked to MCAT/CBO/Response officers to target.

Working with Midlothian Council ASB/Legal to actively pursue recidivist offenders with ASBO/CRASBO.

Problem Solving Partnerships established to tackle larger location/community focussed issues.

High viz patrols during Gala days/festivals in order to deter ASB/underage drinking.

Underage drinking initiative, led by the MCAT's throughout the summer holiday period.

Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation



There has been a significant increase in drug enforcement over the first half of this year, with the MCAT's playing a leading role in this regard.

Several significant seizures of Class A and B drugs have been made in the first quarter, which has also seen a number of cash seizures.

The new electronic briefing site operating within Midlothian is affording officers up to date intelligence at every briefing.

Intelligence is key to success in this area of business and our community officers are now hosting mobile drop in/surgeries in an effort to increase community engagement and provide a platform for people to speak to the police face to face.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Crimes of Dishonesty (including Housebreaking)



Lock Down Crime roadshows continue utilising premises with large footfall to maximise publicity. Lamp post wraps have also been attached and have caused a great deal of discussion to date, which has raised peoples awareness of the campaign, and more importantly, the need to secure their premises. This campaign has seen a significant decrease in the break ins to sheds/garages within Midlothian.

Continued media campaign providing security/crime prevention advice.

The Straiton Retail Crime Partnership is nearing its launch to raise awareness and information on known shoplifters within the various retailers who have signed up to date.

Crime prevention advice being offered to the many new developments throughout Midlothian, identified vulnerable premises or repeat victims.

Dedicated housebreaking teams who share intelligence with neighbouring authority areas to target travelling criminals (Op Bistra/Greenbay/Hayes)

Violent Crime



Monthly partnership ASBVO group seeks interventions/enforcement actions on known offenders

Detailed night time dispersal plan to reduce alcohol related violence

Robust enforcement of bail curfews/conditions on violent offenders

Intelligence led stop and searches for weapons

Development of Fearless/NKBL/MVP programmes within schools to deter violence and encourage information/intelligence

Early intervention with known violent offenders released from HMP.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Road Casualties



Increased sites for Camera Safety Partnership, both static and mobile

Local hand held radar checks at identified community hotspots

Structured patrol matrix for local road policing resources at identified casualty hotspots

Supporting national campaigns eg: speeding, mobile phone, drink/drug driving

Working with partners in Midlothian Council to identify and improve road engineering issues

Regular engagement with vulnerable road users (young drivers and motorbikers) providing advice and support on road safety related matters

Supporting Road Policing officers with Op Close Pass aimed to reduce injuries to pedal cyclists

Serious & Organised Crime



Working with Midlothian Council on a joint action plan (Integrity Group) to reduce the harm to our communities from Serious and Organised Crime.

Actively encourage intelligence/information on any serious and organised crime activity in the area.

Exploring every opportunity to seize any cash or assets from known SOCG's

Raising awareness amongst the community of the impact of SOCG through engagement sessions

In conjunction with MLC Education, ensure SOCG plays a part within the Curriculum for Excellence framework.

ACHIEVING PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Counter Terrorism



Working with Midlothian Council on a joint action plan (Integrity Group) to reduce the harm to our communities from Counter Terrorism.

Raise awareness of CT issues within our communities

As part of the PREVENT agenda, educate our young people on CT related matters

Ensure the security of our premises through integrity testing

Ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities through training

PREVENTION & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Events, Operations & Activity from 1st July - 30th September

Best Bar None: Having had 14 premises signed up last year, through some excellent engagement and encouragement from Community Beat Officers, we have over 40 premises on board this year which is an excellent return.

Rural Crime Initiative: Continued work around the Pentland Hills/Parks and Estates in Midlothian engaging with dog walkers regarding their responsibilities to keep their dogs under control and free from sheep worrying. Additional engagement with farmers and landowners regarding rural thefts and wildlife crime, in particular hare coursing. Very well received by the rural community.

Young People: Increased engagement with children and young people over the summer holiday period helping to support initiatives such as the Summer Newbattle Learning Community.

Lock Down Crime Campaign: Continuation of roadshows and lamp post wrap arounds now in place at Straiton advertising the campaign. Work now underway with retailers in Dalkeith Town Centre.

ASB/Underage Drinking Campaign: Campaign delivered by MCAT's tackling ASB/underage drinking at identified hotspots over the summer holidays. Some good seizures of alcohol made and a reduction of ASB as a consequence. This initiative also seen checks and engagement with local off sales to deter any proxy purchase.

Off Road Bikes: Officers deployed on quad bikes to address off road motor biking throughout Midlothian. These deployments have been a real deterrent in addition to some youths being charged or issued with ASBO warnings.

Road Safety: Very good support and returns from Midlothian officers in the Drink Drive campaign between 29th June-13th July and lots of good work supporting mobile phone/seatbelt campaign.

Fake ID: Working with licencees to raise awareness of the growing trend of young people using fake ID as proof of age



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

July – September 2018

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Anti-Social behaviour:		
Time spent on dedicated patrols of identified ASB & areas of concern:	Hi-visibility foot patrol:	171
	Mobile patrol:	1907
ASB:	Number of Youth ASB calls attended:	88
ASBO:	Breach of ASBO calls attended	
Substance misuse:		
Drugs - :		
Searches:	Persons + ve	39
	Persons - ve	23
	Dwellings / Property + ve	16
	Dwellings / Property - ve	4
Alcohol - :		
Licensed Premises Visits	Public house	2
	Off-Sales	56
Seizures:	Persons + ve	26
	Persons - ve	3
Violent crime:		
Searches:	Weapons (Persons) + ve	
	Weapons (Persons) - ve	
Aquisitive crime:		
Searches:	Stolen property +ve	1
	Stolen Property -ve	1
Offender management:		
Court Bail & restrictions (Curfew)	Bail Curfew check + ve (compliant)	299
	Bail Curfew check - ve (failed to comply)	15
Arrest Warrants:	Persons Arrested on Warrant	21

Road Safety:		
Prevention & Enforcement	Static road checks:	30
	Fixed Penalty notices issued (RTA only)	11
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	6
	Breath Tests - negative	123
	Breath Tests - positive	6
Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	1
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	

MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN (Month - Year)		
Joint Agency activities:		
Number of Incidents Joint activity attended with partners:	Fire service	1
	Ambulance / NHS	3
	Local Council	1
	Organised public event	2
Other Information:		
Standard Police reports submitted:	Adult	29
	Juvenile	7
	Juvenile VPD submission to Youth Justice	17
	Recorded Police warnings	30
Persons identified at risk: (Misc VPD submissions)	Adult	7
	Juvenile	10
Incidents / Arrests of note:		

MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(Month - Year)

Focus continues to be directed towards areas within Midlothian where youth anti-social behaviour is an ongoing problem and MCAT officers have been deployed to attend 88 such calls from the public. Hi-visibility foot and mobile patrols have also been carried out providing reassurance to our local communities, a deterrent impact on offenders and also opportunity to engage with groups of youths in the area. A number of MCAT officers have been trained this quarter in the use of off road capable quad bikes. These have been utilised in several areas such as Waterfall Park, Dalkeith, Shawfair and Millerhill and around Penicuik. This new capability will continue to be used to target areas not always accessible to conventional officers.

MCAT officers have continued to pro-actively target the illegal supply of controlled drugs in Midlothian. Over the course of the quarter 16 addresses in Midlothian have been searched and drugs recovered. As a result a number of individuals have been reported for offences including being concerned in the supply of drugs. Also seized during these searches were weapons and thousands of pounds in cash. Across the quarter 39 persons were found to be in possession of controlled substances during searches carried out across the county.

During the summer period and in particular the school holidays MCAT officers led an initiative with a focus on alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour and visited 56 off licence premises. This was to highlight issues around under-age drinking and in particular the issue of proxy purchase of alcohol by adults to supply to minors. The operation was a success with MCAT officers welcomed when visiting off-sales premises and a general reduction in calls across the summer. Advice and information was given and was well received by staff. This activity will continue with proactive engagement with youths and staff in off-sales premises to support responsible sales and ensure compliance with legislation regarding underage access to alcohol.

Pro-active bail curfew checks have also been carried out throughout the past 3 months. These curfews are set by the courts to disrupt and deter recidivist and high tariff offenders and during this period 314 checks were carried out. On 15 occasions they have been found to have been breached and this has led to a number of reports being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and a number of individuals remanded.

MCAT provided support to Midlothian Environmental Health dealing with an incident regarding the importation of medication not meeting UK standards. They have also been involved in an operation with Midlothian Trading Standards, HMRC and the Police Licensing Section in relation to a local business operating without the relevant licence and being pursued by HMRC for outstanding monies.

MCAT officers have also made a significant contribution to road safety throughout the quarter conducting 30 static and a number of mobile road checks and detecting a variety of road traffic offences, 11 of which have been dealt with by Fixed Penalty Notices. This work has led to the seizure of 6 vehicles from the roads, 123 negative breath tests, and 6 positive tests. These checks have been targeted in areas identified through calls to the police and also as highlighted by local community councils.

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**MIDLOTHIAN CPT 1 & 2
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(Month - Year)**

The next quarterly period will see MCAT officers heavily involved in the police operation around Halloween and Bonfire Night and also the festive period. Halloween and Bonfire Night usually results in an increase in anti-social behaviour revolving around fireworks and bonfires. Officers will work with partners such as Midlothian Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to identify problem bonfires to ensure they are removed prior to the night in question and also monitor any reports of fireworks being sold to or supplied to minors.

Officers will also be an integral part of the Festive plan to target issues such as drink driving, shoplifting and licensed premises over the Christmas and New Year period.

MCAT will also continue to utilise intelligence to target the supply of drugs and acquisitive crime in Midlothian.

Abstractions:

During the quarter across the 14 MCAT officers there were 125 days leave and 16 training days.

CPTM

VISION & ACTIVITIES

Vision

Impact positively on life quality within the communities of Midlothian by reducing all types of antisocial behaviour through prevention, disruption and enforcement.

Activities

- 1. High Visibility Patrolling:** the provision of community support and reassurance by undertaking high visibility vehicle, foot and cycle patrols focusing on identified antisocial behaviour issues.
- 2. Offenders:** intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with 5 specific attention being given to persons subject to ASBOs and judicial bails (including curfews).
- 3. Youth Engagement:** actively engage with youths and foster a positive image of the police and their local communities. Act as primary first responders to youth calls, disrupt antisocial behaviour and enforce appropriate legislation firmly but fairly. Maximise alcohol seizures. Engage with partners and CBO colleagues to identify appropriate support and diversionary activities.
- 4. Licensed Premises:** monitor licensed premises activity and act as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents whenever possible.
- 5. Support Partners & Colleagues:** engage with community partners to work together towards the vision and promote joint patrolling. Support divisional colleagues by acting as first responders to antisocial behaviour related incidents that are occurring in real time whenever possible. Instigate and contribute to operations and initiatives linked to the core vision.
- 6. Road Safety:** tackle antisocial vehicle use, giving specific attention to inconsiderate vehicle use on the Midlothian road network and the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. Maximise the appropriate use of ASBO warnings and vehicle seizures.