



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MIDLOTHIAN



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Quarter 4 Report, 1st January – 31st March, 2016

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Introduction

This performance report provides information on our prevention, protection and operational response activities within the Midlothian for Quarter 4 of 2015-16 (1st January – 31st March) 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 2013-2016 outlines how the SFRS will deliver against these priorities and the outcomes against which this delivery can be measured.

The priorities contained within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 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.

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Performance Summary

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

	Apr to (& incl.) Mar					RAG rating
Key performance indicator	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	65	88	62	56	59	▲
All fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal (incl. p/c's))	29	20	35	20	10	●
All deliberate fires	438	187	316	275	285	▲
Special Service - RTCs	41	41	36	46	47	▲
Special Service Casualties - All	54	40	62	49	58	◆
False Alarm - UFAs	285	271	270	251	304	◆

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.

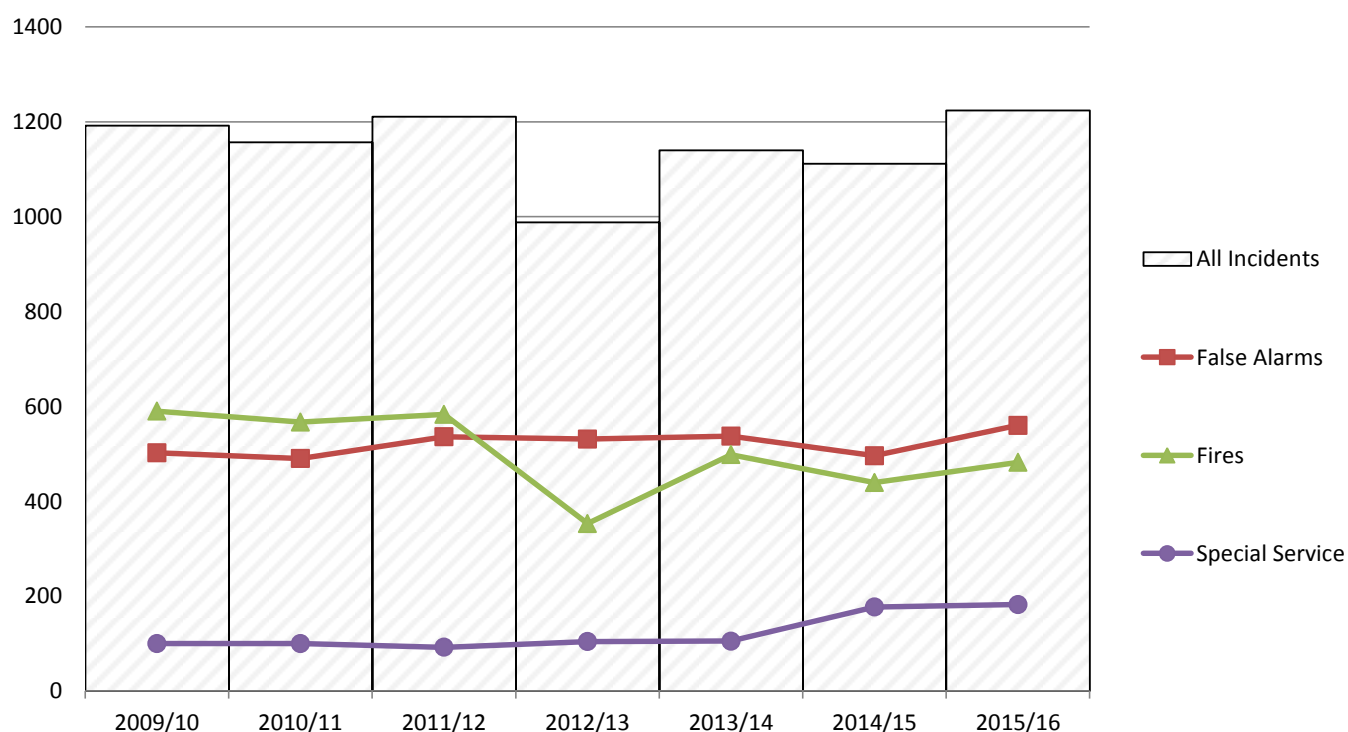
Note

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

During the year 2015-16, the SFRS responded to 1224 incidents in Midlothian, which is an increase of 112 incidents on the last reporting year.

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



Progress on local fire & rescue plan priorities
Local Risk Management and Preparedness
<p>The Service must identify, prioritise and plan to meet the risks in each local community.</p> <p>We said we would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • train our staff to deal with our local risks • gather and analyse risk information • work with partners to mitigate risks • deal with major events
<u>Train our staff to deal with our local risks</u>
<p>All 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. We conduct Post Incident Debriefs to identify any lessons that can be learned from our preparedness and response to emergency events. 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

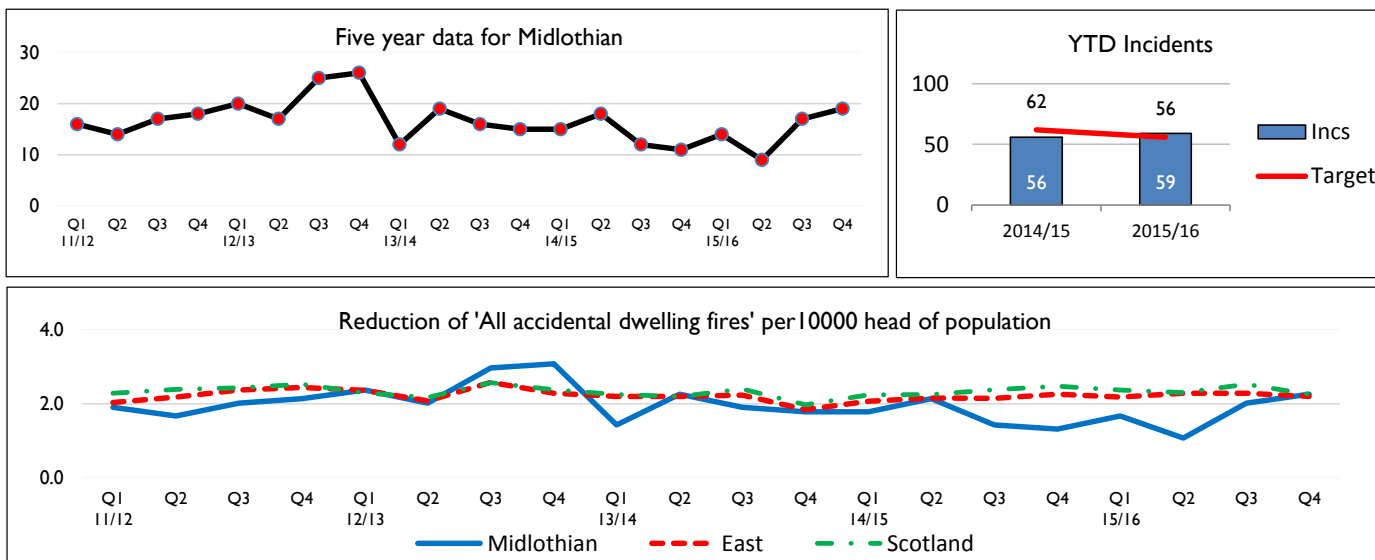
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 19 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 8 incident from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population is in line with both the Scottish and East Delivery Area trends.

Reasons

Of the 19 dwelling fires attended, nearly 60% occurred in single occupancy households with 30% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were cooking (60%) or smoking materials (15%). 60% of the fires started in the kitchen and 20% in the bedroom with 100% confined to the room where the fire started. It is clear from this evidence for the need in continuing to target those mostly at risk in single occupancy households as well as the need to continue to ensure those properties have working smoke detection.

Actions

During this reporting period, 227 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 98 smoke detectors were fitted within Midlothian. Of this total, 72 visits were carried out in premises deemed as being 'high risk'. A number of initiatives and events aimed at reducing accidental dwelling fires were conducted. We have introduced a '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 - 10	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Midlothian	65	88	62	56	59	
Penicuik	19	21	13	6	11	
Bonnyrigg	7	11	4	5	9	
Dalkeith	8	13	18	17	16	
Midlothian West	11	14	5	7	8	
Midlothian East	11	15	12	12	7	
Midlothian South	9	14	10	9	8	

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

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

Results

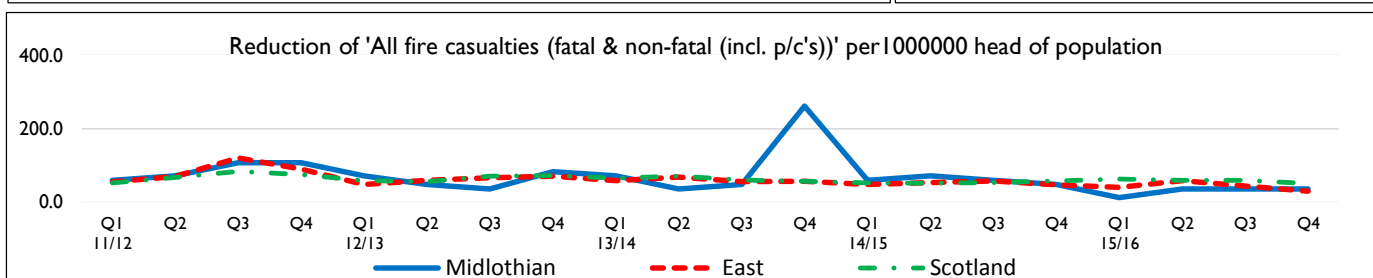
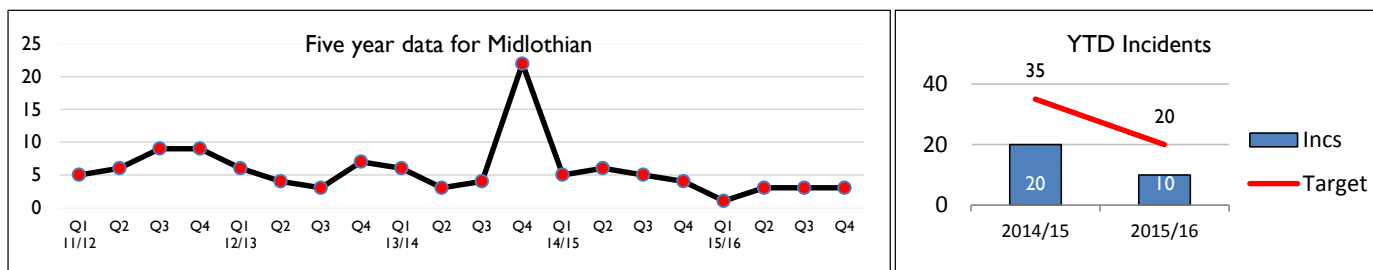
There were no fire fatalities in this reporting period. We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 3 casualties due to fire. This was a decrease of 1 in the same reporting period last year. The long-term trend based upon casualties/10,000 population shows that we are in line with the Scottish and East delivery area average. It is pleasing that casualty numbers have decreased by around two thirds in the last 5 years.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing that trend is continuing to reduce. The casualties who were rescued because of the fire received first aid at the scene and did not attend hospital. Smoke detectors were fitted within the properties.

Actions

During this reporting period, 227 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out and 98 smoke detectors were fitted within Midlothian. Of this total, 72 visits were carried out in premises deemed as being 'high risk'. 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 - 2	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Midlothian	29	20	35	20	10	
Penicuik	9	6	4	2	2	
Bonnyrigg	3	3	9	2	2	
Dalkeith	1	4	9	5	1	
Midlothian West	4	1	0	2	3	
Midlothian East	6	3	8	6	1	
Midlothian South	6	3	5	3	1	

Reduction of 'All deliberate fires'

Although deliberate fire setting is not a significant problem for the SFRS in Midlothian 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

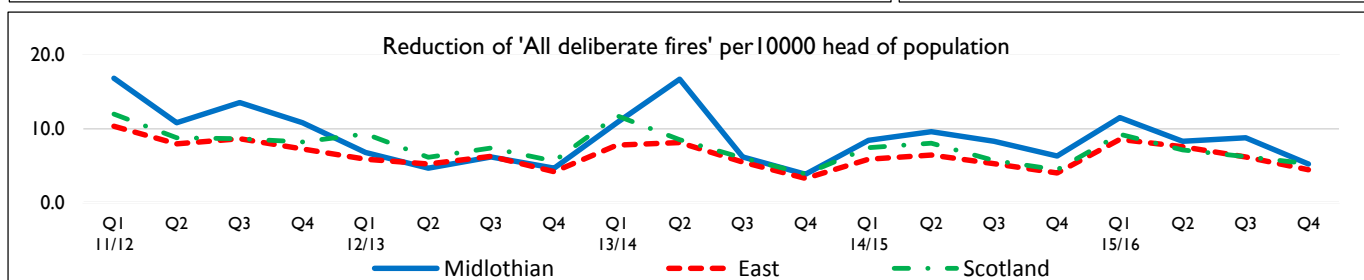
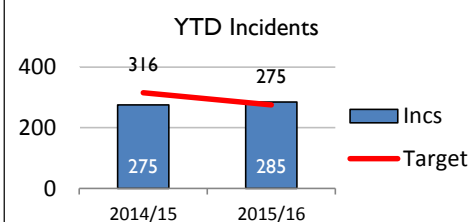
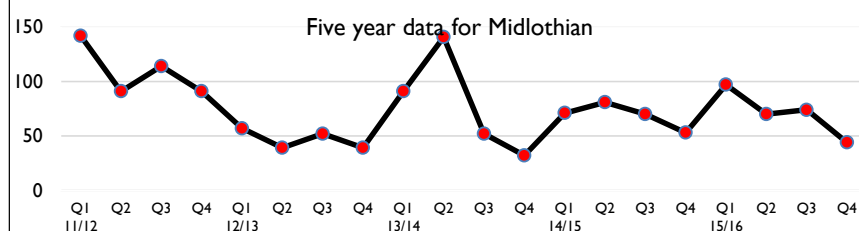
There were 44 deliberate fires during this reporting period, a decrease of 9 on the same period as last year. The wards most likely to suffer from this type of fire are Dalkeith and Midlothian East and South. The long-term trend based upon Deliberate Fire Setting /10,000 population shows us slightly above the Scottish average and below that average in the East delivery area but it is pleasing that the numbers in the last 5 years have dropped.

Reasons

Nearly 66% of the incidents attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' in waste or scrubland, 12% were car fires and 12% involved refuse/bins. There were no patterns emerging from these incidents.

Actions

SFRS continues to work with partner agencies attending the weekly TACG meetings and provision of monthly tactical assessments by the Midlothian Partnership Analyst. 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 - 48	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Midlothian	438	187	316	275	285	
Penicuik	32	16	18	19	25	
Bonnyrigg	19	12	27	21	28	
Dalkeith	119	64	60	65	64	
Midlothian West	67	24	44	44	47	
Midlothian East	126	41	104	83	63	
Midlothian South	75	30	63	43	58	

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

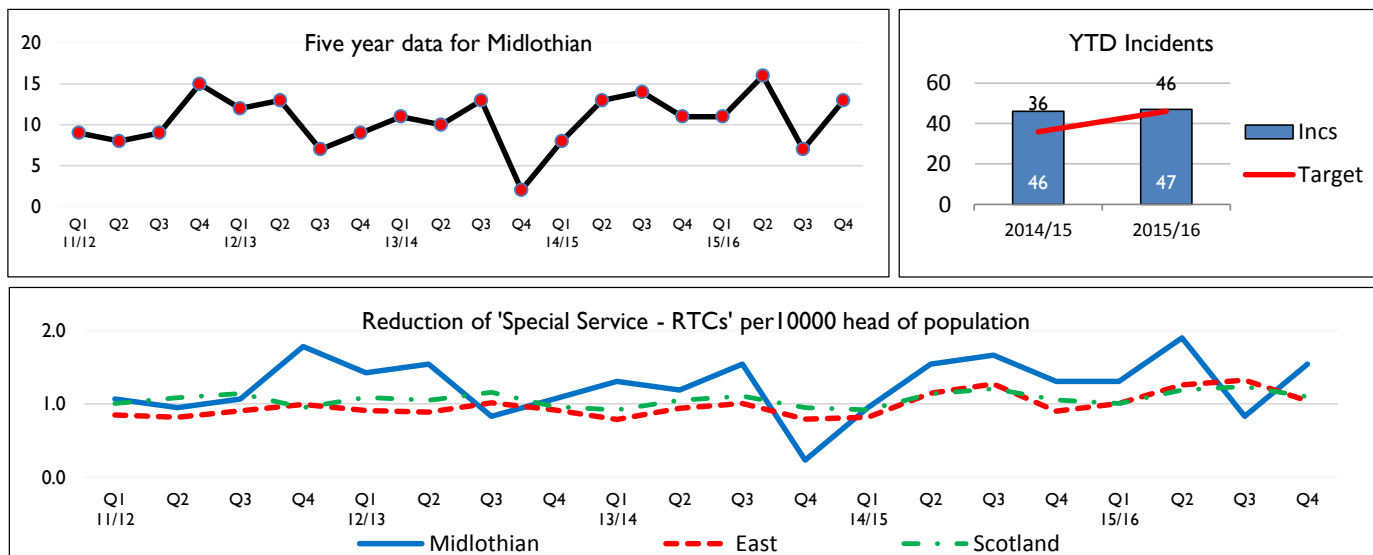
We attended 13 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; this is an increase of 2 on the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is above the Scottish and East delivery area trend and has the highest number in the last 5 years.

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.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 8	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Midlothian	41	41	36	46	47	
Penicuik	7	9	6	8	12	
Bonnyrigg	2	3	2	1	2	
Dalkeith	8	9	2	6	6	
Midlothian West	10	10	12	15	10	
Midlothian East	7	8	8	7	12	
Midlothian South	7	2	6	9	5	

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

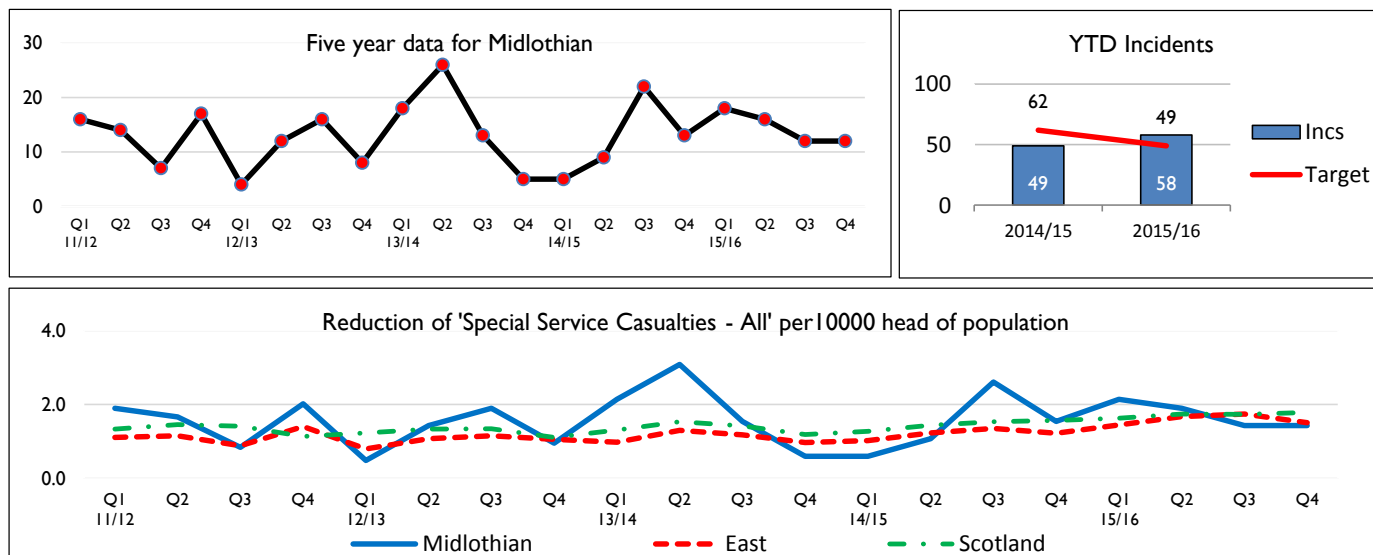
We attended to 12 casualties one of which was a fatality, from non-fire emergencies in Midlothian. This is a decrease of 1 casualty when compared to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for injury to 5 people. The other 7 casualties were mainly due to the SFRS assisting with medical emergencies as co or first responders. The fatality was in the first responder category.

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.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 10	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Midlothian	54	40	62	49	58	
Penicuik	15	8	7	6	17	
Bonnyrigg	4	4	1	4	3	
Dalkeith	7	4	6	3	7	
Midlothian West	13	5	17	20	15	
Midlothian East	5	13	13	8	9	
Midlothian South	10	6	18	8	7	

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

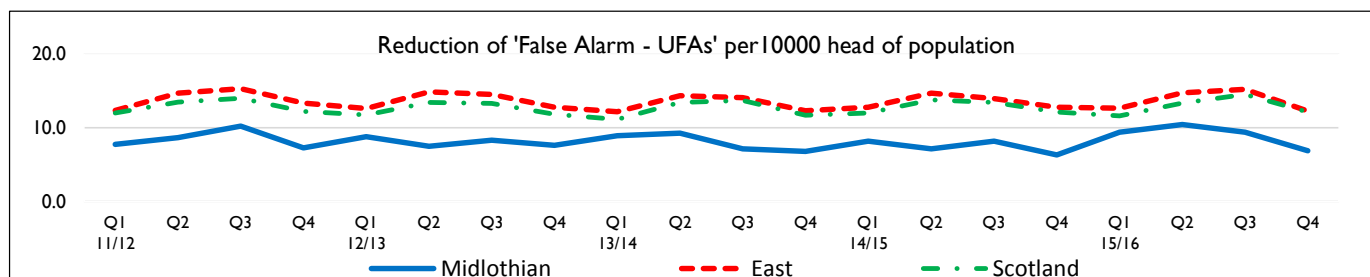
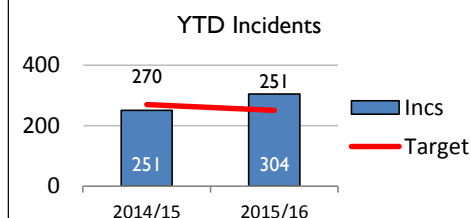
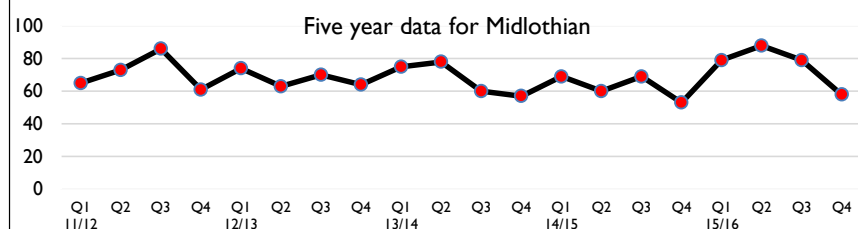
SFRS attended 58 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is an increase of 5 for the same period last year. Midlothian trend line is significantly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area, the year to date figure remains steady.

Reasons

Causes of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals in this reporting period, 62% caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 4% were malicious and 34% caused by people, cooking 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.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 51	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sparklines
Midlothian	285	271	270	251	304	
Penicuik	21	16	19	33	32	
Bonnyrigg	33	34	45	43	44	
Dalkeith	67	71	41	54	58	
Midlothian West	98	62	89	57	91	
Midlothian East	47	70	45	44	57	
Midlothian South	19	18	31	20	22	

