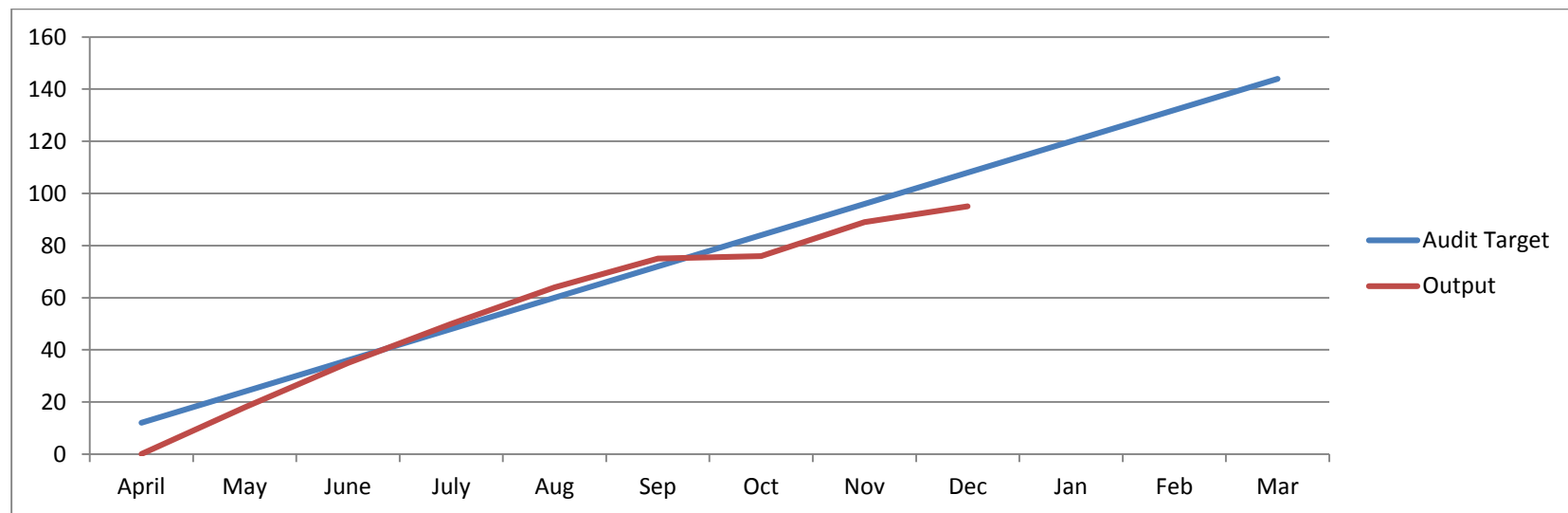


Prevention & Protection Activities

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. This quarter has resulted in audits falling below target. This in part has been due to staff leave, however it is envisaged that the shortfall will be made up in quarter 4.

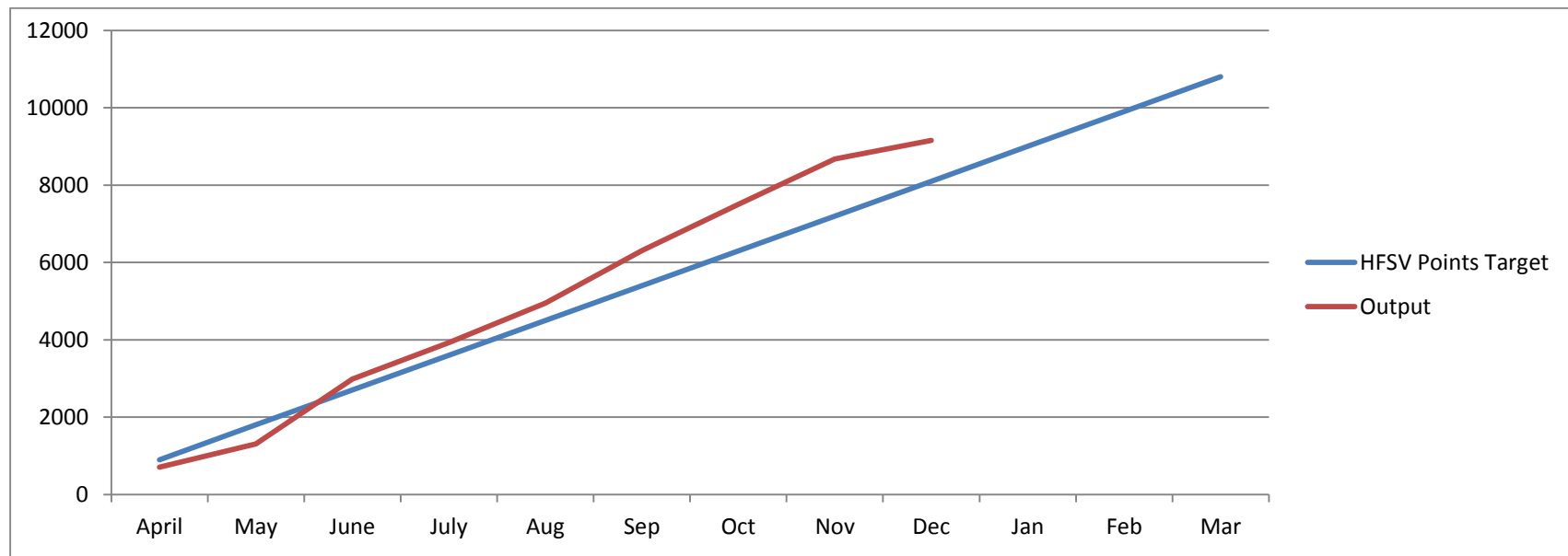
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	0	18	35	50	64	75	76	89	95				



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). This will ensure valuable resources are put to use with greatest effect. We remain well ahead of target this quarter.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target	900	1800	2700	3600	4500	5400	6300	7200	8100	9000	9900	10800	10800
Completed	704	1308	2984	3932	4948	6304	7500	8672	9156				



Total Number Of Home Fire Safety Visits By Risk Category

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
High	20	10	52	20	20	37	30	32	12			
Medium	26	36	38	35	29	31	42	38	21			
Low	18	27	15	12	14	15	28	27	20			

Total Number Of Smoke Detectors Fitted By Risk Category

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
High	7	3	14	13	3	21	12	11	3			
Medium	8	14	17	21	18	13	18	14	7			
Low	6	10	5	6	2	4	8	10	7			

Community Safety Engagement

ACTIVITY	MIDLOTHIAN
Enhanced Home Safety Visits (No. of households/occupiers visited)	4
Visits to Schools	11
Nursery Visits	1
Youth Programmes (Cooldown Crew - No. of Programmes)	1
Youth Programmes (Cooldown Crew - No. of youths attending)	8
Youth Programmes (Phoenix - No. of Programmes)	1
Youth Programmes (Phoenix - No. of youths attending)	15
Road Safety Education (No. of Programmes)	0
Road Safety Education (number of pupils)	0
Firesetters Intervention Programme (No. of sessions with youths)*	1
Community Safety Talks / Attendance at Community Events**	76
Risk Factory (number of visiting schools from Midlothian)	3
Risk Factory (number of visiting pupils from Midlothian)	40

Definitions

*A one to one counselling session with a young person to discuss the consequences of being involved in wilful fire raising.

**Comprises non-school events including: appliance visits to community groups (fetes, galas etc); group visits to fire stations; specific campaigns (Stair Aware, Cooking Safety, etc); and Community Fire-fighter talks/stall events.

Partnership Working

In line with the Services Autumn Thematic Action Plan (TAP), the main focus for Youth Engagement activities over the past quarter has been Bonfire and Firework Safety. A huge amount of work by both operational and Community Action Team (CAT) personnel has ensured that pupils in every Primary 6 class in Dalkeith, Mayfield, Woodburn, Bonnyrigg, Gorebridge, Newtongrange, Rosewell and Penicuik has been engaged with and given advice on Bonfire and Firework Safety.

On 21 October 25 children (plus 4 adult helpers) from the Brownie Group at St Johns Church, Dalkeith visited Dalkeith Community Fire Station. The Blue watch took the Brownies through the learning outcomes to enable each child to gain their Fire Safety Badge. They were also given a Firework Safety talk. A letter of appreciation was subsequently received by the Blue Watch from the Brownie Group leader.

On 9 November FF Joe Buchan visited Rosewell Primary School and engaged with 20 pupils to speak about 'People Who Help Us'. On 11 November a group of 5 special needs children plus 3 adult carers from Saltersgate School, Dalkeith visited Dalkeith Community Fire Station also to find out about 'People Who Help Us'.

From 19 to 23 October, 8 S3 and S4 pupils from Penicuik High School took part in a Cooldown Crew at Dalkeith Fire Station. These young people were identified by the school as having either behavioural difficulties, self-esteem issues or were on the cusp of making poor life choices. On completion of the course, the feedback from both the young people and the school has been very positive, with a number of the attendees being offered a place on the Phoenix Project.

On 15 October Station Manager Jaffray and CAT hosted an initial meeting with representatives of STRIVE and Volunteer Midlothian in an attempt to strengthen and develop closer links to Third Sector Interfaces (TSI) within Mid and East Lothian. Further meetings are planned for the New Year with TSI representatives.

FF Joe Buchan visited Heisberg House, Penicuik on 21 October and gave a Fire Safety presentation to 19 residents of this sheltered housing complex. He also arranged 8 HFSV's following his visit.

FF Buchan also accompanied Dalkieth Blue Watch on a visit to Salisbury View Sheltered Housing Complex in Mayfield on 20 October to give a Fire Safety presentation.

As part of Electrical Safety Week, CFF Ian Fleming accompanied operational crews from Dalkieth Red and White Watches to Mayfield Hub and Gorebridge Foodbank on 9 and 10 November. Midlothian Council Trading Standards also attended to exchange old 'block' style electrical adaptors for new 'trailing' adaptors. This was an excellent opportunity for engagement with vulnerable members of the community and also to reinforce an important part of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Autumn TAP message.

We continue to work with Midlothian MARAC and attend monthly meetings at the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh. In the last quarter 5 enhanced home safety visits (EHSV's) have been carried out either as a result of discussion at the MARAC or as direct referrals to SFRS from Domestic Abuse Advisers.

Midlothian Volunteer Actions 'Get Ready For Winter' brochure has been passed to Dalkeith operational watches. This will enhance HFSV's by providing vulnerable adults with additional safety information on topics ranging from norovirus prevention and winter driving and road safety to welfare reform and sources of local support. In addition to this, SFRS have a HFSV advert in the Midlothian Council Older Peoples Directory 2016 edition.

Operational watches at Dalkeith Fire Station continue to work through the Midlothian Lone Occupancy Initiative, in addition to carrying out routine HFSV's generated via CSET.

On 13 and 14 October FF Joe Buchan (assisted by a CFF from the City of Edinburgh) visited Sainsburys Store at Straiton to promote HFSV's. Over the two day period SFRS generated approximately 20 HFSV's and engaged with and gave advice to many more members of the public.

Ongoing business includes attending the weekly Tasking and Co-ordinating Group every Thursday at Fairfield House. This allows SFRS, Police Scotland and various departments of Midlothian Council to effectively tackle anti-social behaviour within Midlothian. CAT also attend the monthly Community Safety Partnership Delivery Group with Group Manager (GM) McGrath, where community safety strategies are planned amongst numerous partner agencies, ranging from Police Scotland and SFRS to Womens Aid and Midlothian Trading Standards.

On 5 October, a residents meeting was arranged to address anti-social behaviour in the Thornybank Square area of Woodburn which included vandalism, wilful fire raising, harassment, etc. One of the topics which was also raised was fly tipping and rubbish accumulation within common stairs. In addition to CFF Ian Fleming representing SFRS, Police Scotland and Midlothian Council also attended this meeting.

Around 10 October, operational crews started calling on every house within the four streets surrounding this area, engaging with local residents and leafleting properties that they could not gain access to. They also tried to encourage residents to remove accumulated refuse from common areas.

On 19 October Dalkeith Blue Watch attended a fire within a common stair at 2 Thornybank Square. The cause of this fire was combustible rubbish set alight by local youths. Following this incident, GM McGrath and CAT attended numerous meetings with Midlothian Council representatives and Police Scotland to try to resolve the problem (as these are mostly council properties). It was agreed that prior to 5 November a free waste amnesty would be arranged for Friday 30 October, to uplift fly tipped material and remove clutter from common stairs. This was carried out by individuals on Community Payback Orders in conjunction with Midlothian Council Cleansing Department. The effect of this in the run-up to Bonfire night was a significant reduction of nuisance fire calls to the area.

In the meantime and with the agreement of the head of Midlothian Council Community Safety, CAT developed Stair Aware posters. An electronic copy of this poster has been passed to Dalkeith operational crews to display in the Thornybank area. It has also been passed to community safety partners within the council and also Police Scotland, who have agreed to display it wherever they encounter similar problems.

On 8 October, GM McGrath and CAT attended the 'Weed Them Out' Cannabis Cultivation event at The Scottish Mining Museum, Newtongrange. This was hosted by Police Scotland and dealt with various topics, ranging from tell-tale signs of cultivations to the illegal procurement of electrical supplies. It was attended by representatives of various organisations, such as Womens Aid, Mid and East Lothian Council Housing, Scottish Power, NHS and various RSL's. The event was so successful, it was decided to invite Detective Sergeant Graeme Paterson from Police Scotland to Dalkeith Fire Station to cascade his training presentation to the operational watches. These presentations took place in early December 2015.

In line with national SFRS strategy, White Watch and the CAT from Dalkeith hosted the first national British Heart Foundation CPR day at Dalkeith Fire Station on 16 October. A follow up to this has been organised at the Ikea Superstore, Straiton on 3, 4, 7 and 8 December and will be attended by the operational watches from Dalkeith with support from paramedics from the Scottish Ambulance Service. Operational personnel will also use this as an opportunity to promote Winter and Festive Safety, in line with the SFRS Winter 2015 Thematic Action Plan.

On 25 November, CAT attended an Adult Support and Protection Financial Harm workshop. This was with a view to raising awareness of financial harm amongst the operational crews who carry out HFSV's.

On 1 December, CFF Ian Fleming gave a Fire Safety Awareness training session to 18 newly appointed Midlothian Council Housing Officers at Fairfield House.