

Notice of Meeting and Agenda



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

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

Date: Monday, 18 February 2019

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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7 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is 3 June 2019 at 11.00 am.



Police and Fire and Rescue Board

Date	Time	Venue
19 November 2018	11.00am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Curran (Chair)	Councillor McCall
Councillor Muirhead	Councillor Munro

In attendance:

Midlothian Council Verona MacDonald, Democratic Services Team Leader	
Police Scotland Chief Superintendent Lesley Clark	Chief Inspector Kenny Simpson
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Stephen Gourlay, Area Manager	Dean Mack, Group Manager

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

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

2. Order of Business

The Clerk advised that the order of business was as per the agenda circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated.

4. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 27 August 2018 was moved by Councillor Muirhead and seconded by Councillor McCall. The Chair was authorised to sign the Minute as a correct record of the meeting.

5. Public Reports

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1.1	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Midlothian Local Performance Report – Quarter 2, 1 July to 30 September 2018	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>Stephen Gourlay by way of an update advised of a few matters worthy of noting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Chief Fire Officer for Scotland was about to retire and a public announcement would be made shortly regarding his successor; (ii) the national pay negotiations were still ongoing but it was hoped there would be some news in the next couple of weeks; (iii) the training project at Newbridge was progressing well with the technical training building hoped to be open March/April next year; (iv) he passed on his appreciation to Police colleagues for their support over the bonfire period and noted that there were no known problems in Midlothian during this time. <p>The Chair advised that all Councillors should have received an invite to the next meeting of the Fire Service Board being held on 13 December 2018 in Haddington.</p> <p>Dean Mack then provided the Board with a summary of the Quarter 2 report. He advised that it was a good report with 5 of the 6 outcomes being on target. He noted that the off target performance was in relation to unwanted fire alarm signals and this tended to be as a result of equipment failures. He further advised fire safety enforcement audits were just about on target and home fire safety visits were above target. He noted that the Service continued with their efforts to engage with youths and target high risk referrals from partner agencies.</p> <p>Councillor McCall, with regard to home fire safety visit referrals, noted that the majority came from the British Red Cross and wondered why there were not more from the Council. Mr Gourlay advised that the East and Midlothian Public Protection Committee had in September agreed that staff in social services and engineers carrying out other checks can make direct referrals to the Fire Service. Thereafter, the Chair advised he would raise an action with the Heads of Service for Property and Facilities Management and Customer and Housing Services to explore if there were any further opportunities for increased referral rates from both Council staff visiting tenants or contactors carrying out work on behalf of the Council within the housing stock.</p> <p>The Chair enquired whether the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) had</p>		

presented the Service with information sharing obstacles. Mr Gourlay advised that there would always be obstacles in this regard but he was unaware of any additional obstacles following the introduction of the legislation.

Decision

The Board noted the terms of the Quarter 2 report.

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2.1	Police Scotland Midlothian Scrutiny Report April to September 2018	Police Scotland

Outline of report and summary of discussion

Chief Superintendent Clark by way of an update advised:-

- (i) of changes made by the new Chief Constable to his management team together with changes in the local team;
- (ii) how officers were working closely with the Council's Joint Director, Health and Social Care to ensure that the out of office hours provision had a positive impact on individuals with mental health issues whilst releasing officers to undertake other duties and;
- (iii) of the planned consultation with local authorities in the new year relating to automatic number plate recognition and advised she would report back in this regard in the new year.

She then handed over to Chief Inspector Simpson who spoke to the terms of the quarterly scrutiny report. He advised that, on the whole, the report was positive. He then went through some of the variances. He noted that domestic abuse incidents had increased by 20% but there was no obvious reason for the increase; that there had been a significant downturn in anti-social behaviour with a decrease of 11.7%; drug cases had increased by 33.3% and it was anticipated that the figure will continue to increase. However, he advised there had been a significant detection and recovery recently in the district; he noted that the figure for housebreaking also showed an increase and advised that unoccupied dwellings were broken into to source the keys of cars sitting in driveways and unoccupied new builds were also being targeted.

Members then went through some of the matters listed within the report relating to hate crimes, neighbour disputes and the use of quad bikes by Police officers to address off road motor biking incidents. Chief Inspector Simpson responded to the queries raised.

Decision

Thereafter, the Board noted the content of the report.

Agenda No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2.2	Community Action Team Report – July to September 2018	Police Scotland

Outline of report and summary of discussion

Chief Inspector Simpson spoke to the terms of the Report which summarised the

activities of the Community Policing Team during the quarter July to September 2018. He advised that the report was an extremely positive one which demonstrated the significant impact the deployment of the Team was having within the community. He commented that seeing a Police presence deters criminal activity.

Decision

The Board noted the terms of the Report.

The meeting terminated at 11.42 am.



LOCAL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MIDLOTHIAN



SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
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Quarter 3 Report, 1st October–31st December, 2018

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The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

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 3 of 2018-19 (1st October – 31st December 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.

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Performance Summary

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

	Apr to (& incl.) Dec					RAG rating
Key performance indicator	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	YTD
All accidental dwelling fires	45	40	53	45	35	●
All accidental dwelling fire casualties (fatal & non-fatal)	8	6	10	14	7	●
All deliberate fires excl. dwellings	210	234	290	378	243	●
Special Service - RTCs	35	34	31	30	25	●
Special Service Casualties - All	36	46	43	44	24	●
False Alarm - UFAs	198	246	280	276	288	▲

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.

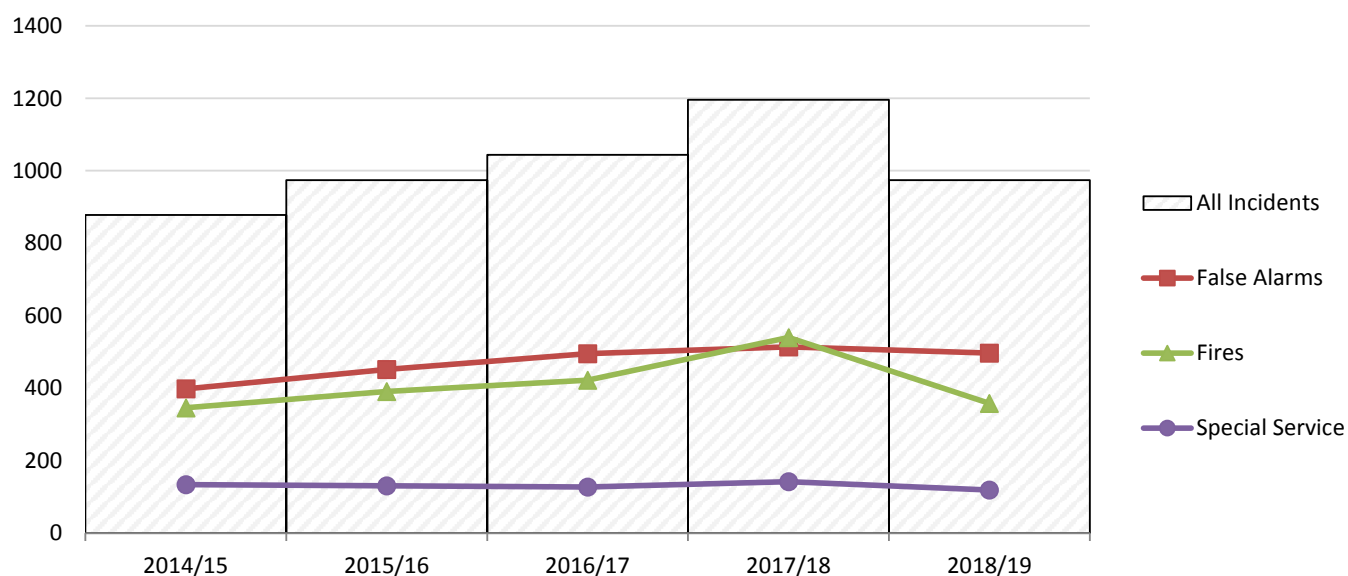
Note

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 – 31st December 2018), the SFRS, responded to 974 incidents in Midlothian, which is a decrease of 222 incidents compared with the same reporting period last year.

The chart below illustrates incidents YTD attended within Midlothian council over the last 5 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>

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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

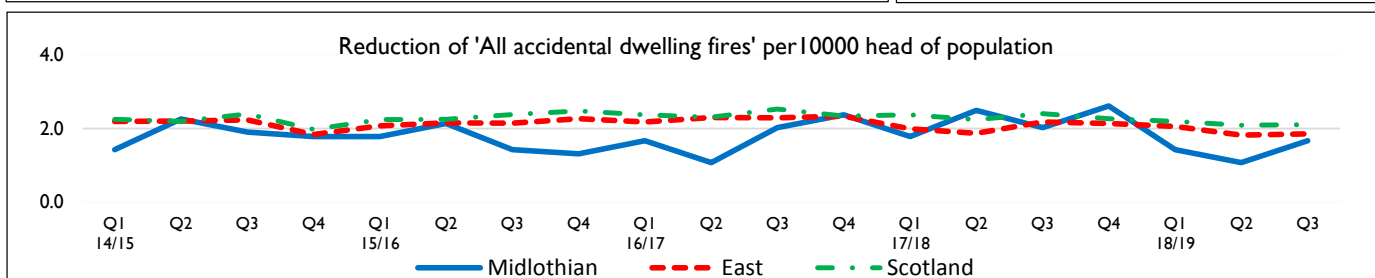
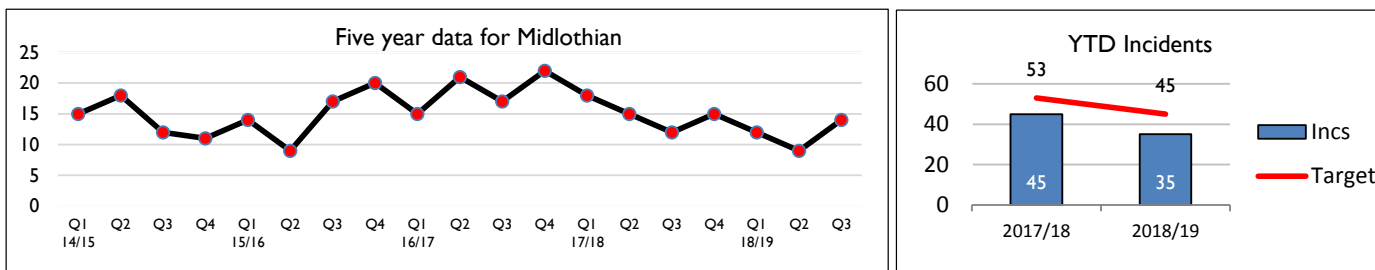
We aim to reduce Accidental Dwelling Fires in Midlothian by contributing towards the SFRS target of 10% reduction per year, over a three-year rolling period. During this quarter, we responded to 14 Accidental Dwelling Fires, which is an increase of 2 incidents from the same period last year. The long-term trend based upon incidents/10,000 population shows Midlothian well below the Scottish and East Service Delivery Area trend line.

Reasons

Of the 14 accidental dwelling fires attended, 78% occurred in single occupancy households, with 15% being in the over 65 category. The main causes were cooking (50%) and faulty equipment (30%). All 14 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. 100% of these properties had smoke detectors fitted although 4 did not operate.

Actions

During this reporting period, 256 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 - 6	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	45	40	53	45	35	
Penicuik	5	8	10	8	3	
Bonnyrigg	5	6	9	8	3	
Dalkeith	13	12	17	7	7	
Midlothian West	5	4	9	7	10	
Midlothian East	9	4	2	8	5	
Midlothian South	8	6	6	7	7	

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

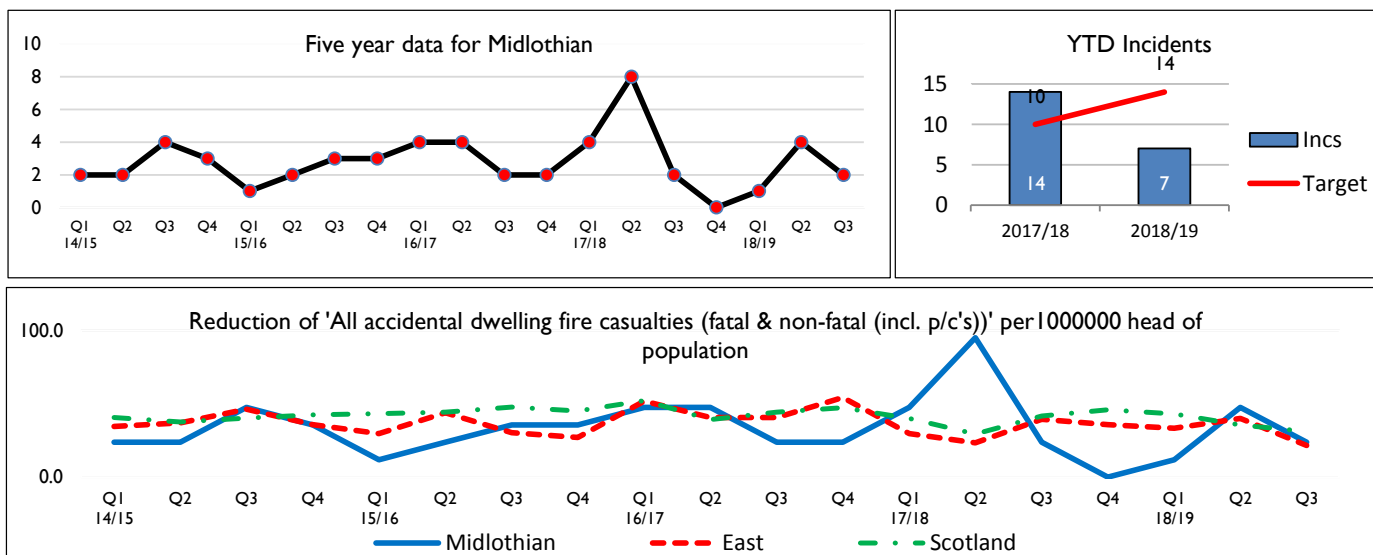
We aim to reduce fire casualties in Midlothian each per year, which contributes towards the SFRS target of reducing Fire Casualties by 5% per year, over a three-year rolling period. In this reporting period, SFRS dealt with 2 casualties (no fatalities) due to fire within a dwelling, the same number as Q3 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 Service Delivery area average.

Reasons

Historically Midlothian has had low numbers of casualties from fires and it is pleasing to note that this trend continues. The casualties were a result of house fires in single occupancy premises. Both casualties had a precautionary check-up at the scene. The main contributory factors were cooking.

Actions

During this reporting period, 256 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	8	6	10	14	7	
Penicuik	1	2	3	2	1	
Bonnyrigg	1	0	3	0	0	
Dalkeith	2	1	1	2	0	
Midlothian West	2	2	1	0	1	
Midlothian East	1	0	2	1	4	
Midlothian South	1	1	0	9	1	

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

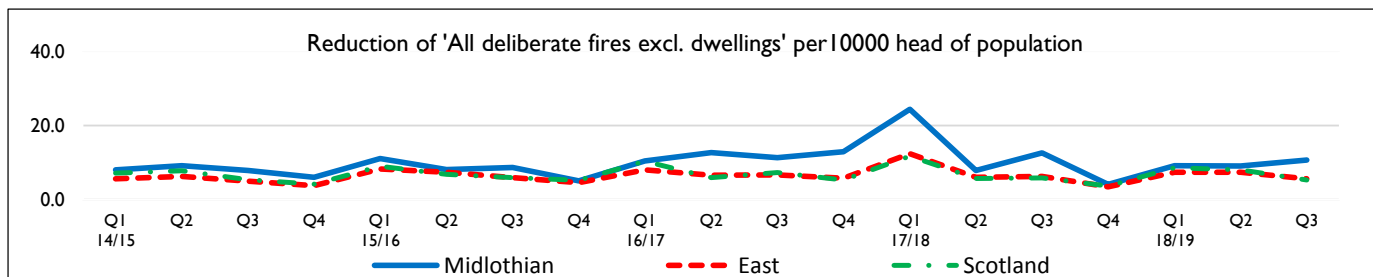
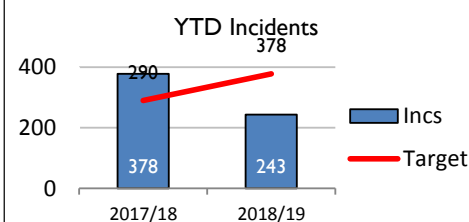
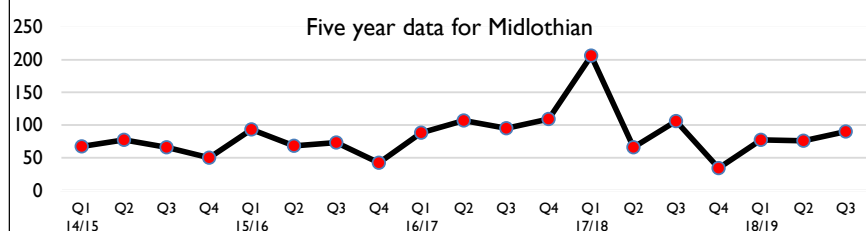
There were 90 deliberate fires within the reporting period, which is a decrease of 16 when compared to the same period last year. Although Midlothian's fire setting has been on the increase recently it has fallen back in line with previous reporting levels. Midlothian East, South and Dalkeith wards suffered most from this type of fire setting.

Reasons

Nearly 93% of all deliberate fires attended were 'deliberate secondary fires' with 64% in waste or scrubland, wood or crop, 29% involved refuse/bins including wheelie bins, 1% vehicle fires and 6% 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 - 41	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	210	234	290	378	243	
Penicuik	17	11	13	46	14	
Bonnyrigg	15	25	21	24	19	
Dalkeith	53	58	58	92	58	
Midlothian West	33	43	67	53	30	
Midlothian East	62	48	66	86	59	
Midlothian South	30	49	65	77	63	

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

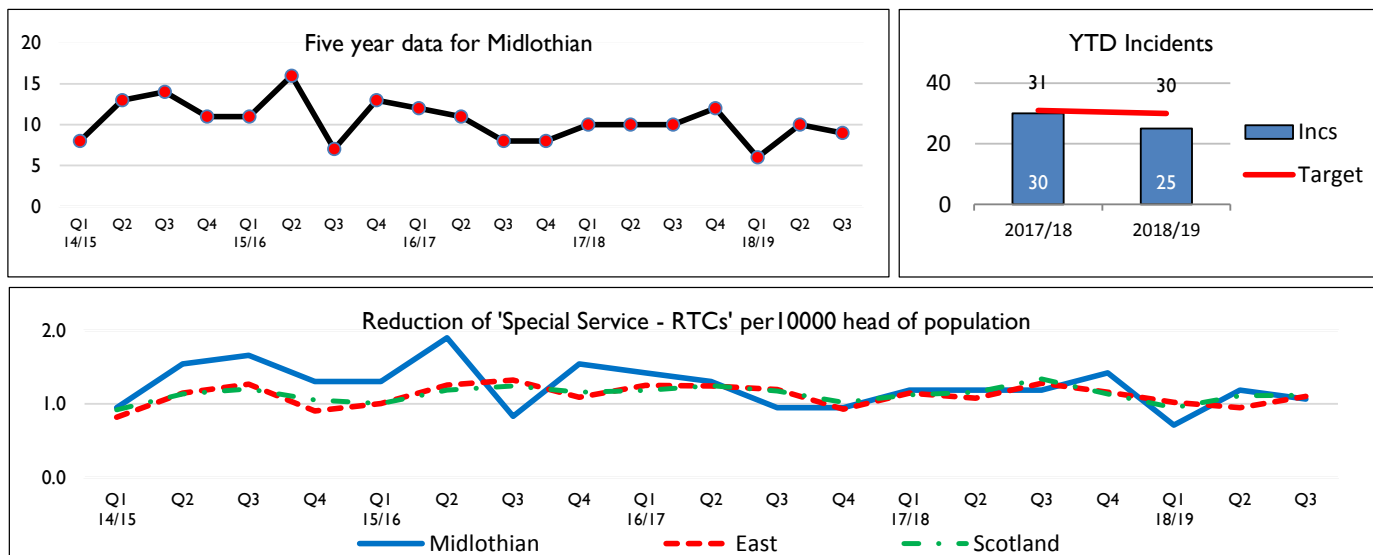
We attended 9 Road Traffic Collisions during this period; a decrease of 1 from Q3 last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is in line with the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

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.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	35	34	31	30	25	
Penicuik	7	8	8	4	2	
Bonnyrigg	1	0	3	3	0	
Dalkeith	3	4	5	4	11	
Midlothian West	12	8	5	7	4	
Midlothian East	4	9	6	4	6	
Midlothian South	8	5	4	8	2	

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

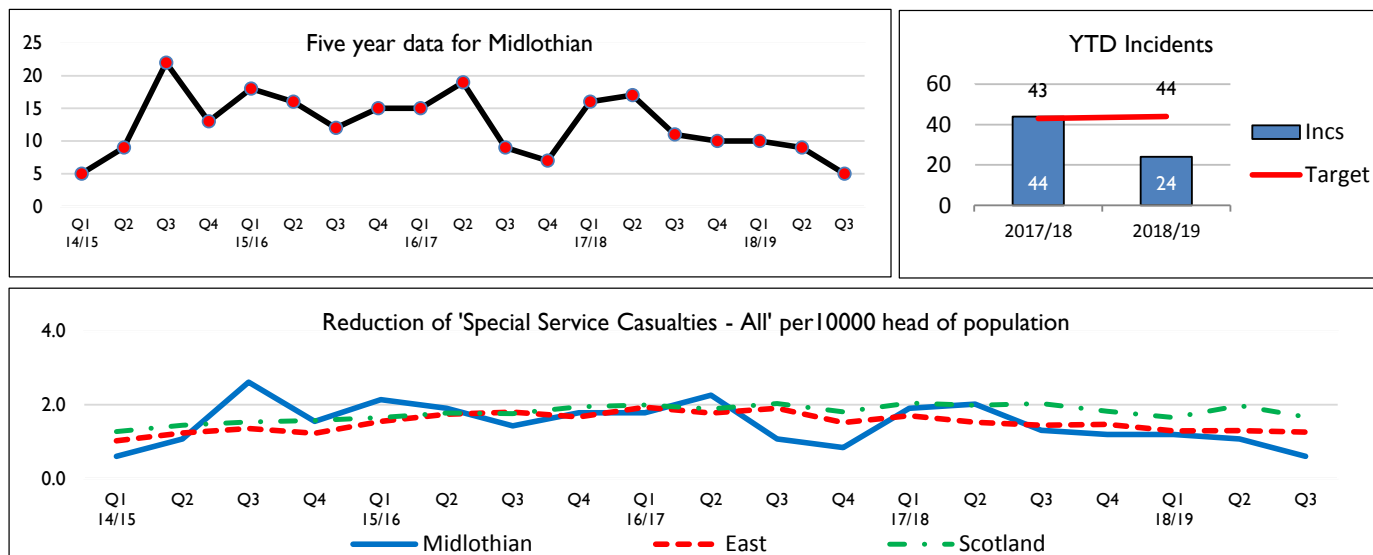
We attended a total of 2 fatal and 3 non-fatal casualties. This is a decrease of 6 casualties in comparison to the same period last year. Per 10,000 head of population, Midlothian is below the Scottish and East Service Delivery area trend.

Reasons

Road Traffic Collisions accounted for 3 non-fatal casualties. There were 2 fatal casualties 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 - 4	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	36	46	43	44	24	
Penicuik	5	14	8	10	4	
Bonnyrigg	4	3	3	5	0	
Dalkeith	1	2	12	5	6	
Midlothian West	13	12	6	6	7	
Midlothian East	5	9	7	13	4	
Midlothian South	8	6	7	5	3	

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

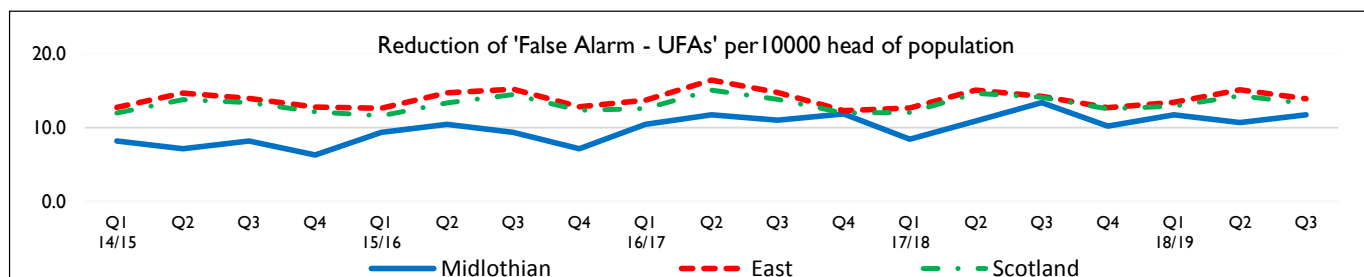
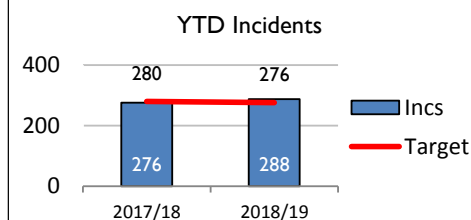
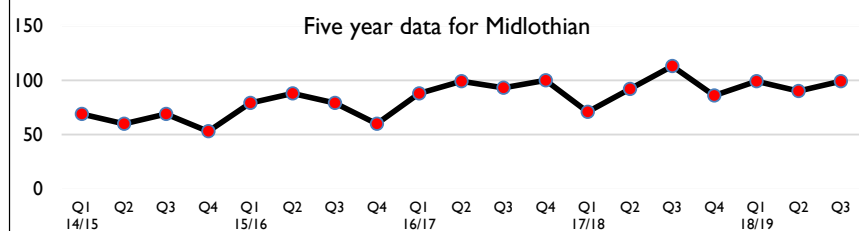
SFRS attended 99 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals incidents during this reporting period, which is a decrease of 14 from the same period last year. Midlothian trend line is slightly below that of Scotland and the East delivery area.

Reasons

61% of UFAS attendances were caused by equipment failure within the fire alarm system, 2% were malicious calls, 31% 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.



YTD ward ave. for Midlothian - 48	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Sparklines
Midlothian	198	246	280	276	288	
Penicuik	21	26	40	27	30	
Bonnyrigg	40	40	40	46	46	
Dalkeith	39	44	61	41	48	
Midlothian West	45	75	74	85	83	
Midlothian East	37	41	38	38	41	
Midlothian South	16	20	27	39	40	

Appendix 1

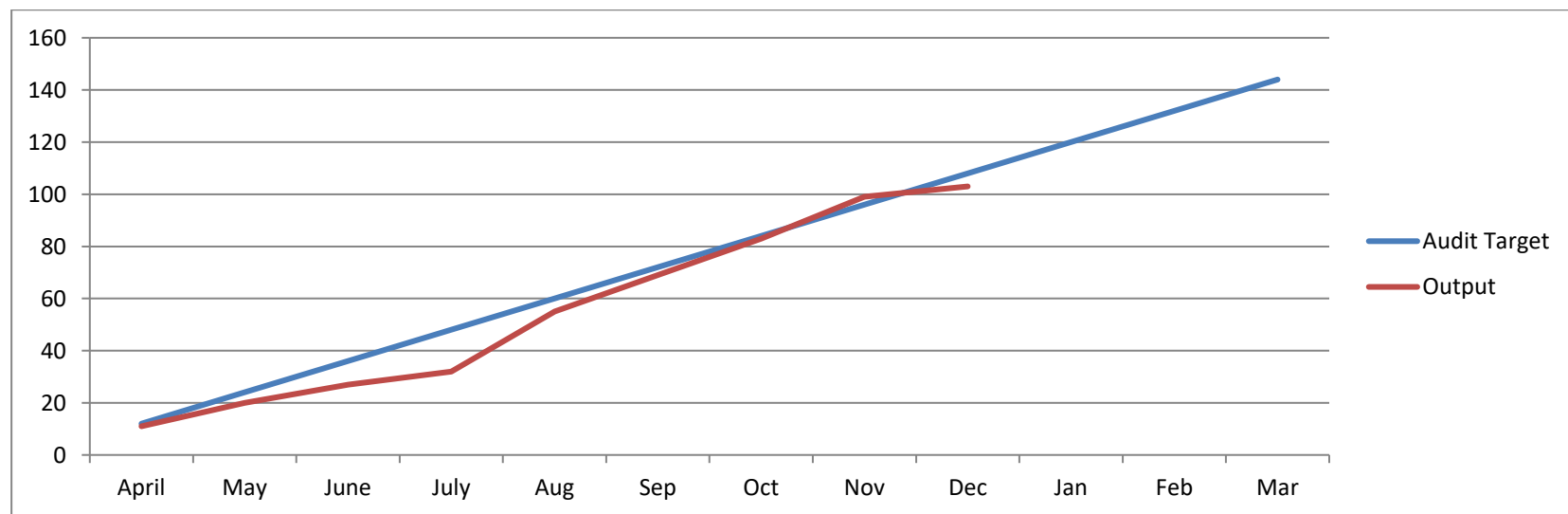
Midlothian Prevention & Protection Activities

Quarter 3: 1st October – 31st December 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.

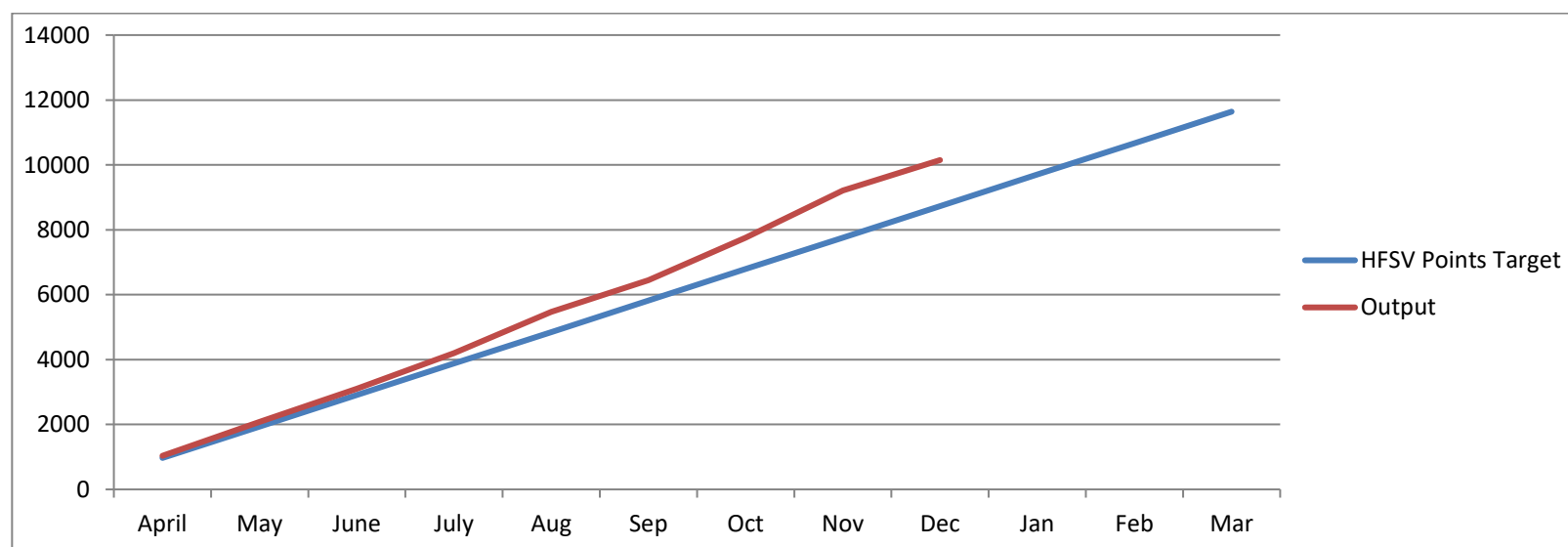
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Target:	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	144
Completed:	11	20	27	32	55	69	83	99	103				



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. The number of HFSVs completed has also increased in comparison with previous reporting periods this year.

	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	7760	9208	10148				



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	41	
Dalkeith	48	48	58	
Midlothian East	28	63	46	
Midlothian South	46	44	47	
Midlothian West	34	36	38	
Penicuik	18	26	26	
TOTAL	210	250	256	

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 have been delivered to Newbattle and Dunbar Grammar School during this period.

Members of our CAT have supported delivery of two (2) Fire Skills Employability award course at Polmont Young Offenders Institute during this reporting period.

Local SFRS staff supported CPR input at Earlston High School, with similar arrangements in place to deliver a YE course in the City of Edinburgh. This approach highlights to benefits of the Single Service and the flexibility to move resources when and where required. Such arrangements are often reciprocated to the benefit of Midlothian

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 **3** referrals being processed to Social Services.

The CAT have completed **6** 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. We are unable to provide exact numbers for this reporting period due a technical fault with our reporting system. Referrals have been received from the following partners.

British Red Cross
Midlothian Contact Team
Midlothian Council Housing
Midlothian Falls team
NHS

Self-referrals were received via our Community Safety Engagement Toolkit (**CSET**) system with local crews completing **256** home safety visits during this quarter.

SFRS have just secured referral pathway training to all the staff from Melville Housing, Midlothian's largest Registered Social Landlord with almost 2,000 properties. This should assist with identifying those at greater risk of fire within the home environment.

Living Safely in the Home (LSITH) pilot project has generated **1** referrals to the Midlothian Falls team.

Road Safety

CAT team have supported Drivewise event on 15th-18th Oct

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.
- Our LALO contributed to one (1) Multi-Agency case conference during this period.
- LALO has delivered partnership referral training with the orchard centre to reinvigorate referral pathway process, also discussed opportunities to support other events.
- Local staff have delivered partnership referral refresher training with the red cross
- 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 Action Team have delivered several fire safety talks to groups in the community.
- SFRS supported World Mental Health Procession Day, providing support and guidance to participants
- The CAT and LALO attended Domestic Abuse course which could be used internally to raise awareness for operational crews attending incidents.
- The LALO attended a Human Trafficking course, with the awareness to be shared with Operational crews.



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Scrutiny Report

1st April 2018 – 31st December 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 3 period of 01/10/2018 - 31/12/2018.

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 2nd January 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Missing Person Incidents - Adults

2017/18	2018/19	Change
113	94	-16.8%



Q1-3 has seen a welcome decrease in the number of adults being reported as missing, down by 16.8% (a reduction of 19 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 12% 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	3	-



Bogus workman incidents recorded by police remain at a similar level to last year with three recorded. Cold callers targeting elderly and vulnerable victims for gardening work continues to be the MO of choice.

A lot of prevention focussed activity continues throughout Midlothian under the banner of Operation Monarda and it is hoped this will continue to prevent crimes of this nature.

Domestic Abuse Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
711	898	+26.3%



There has been a significant rise in the number of domestic related incidents this year compared to the corresponding period last year. The number of incidents that resulted in a crime being recorded has however decreased in the last year by 9.5%, with 36.9% of all incidents reported to the police subsequently recorded as a crime.

I am pleased to announce an increase in the detection rate for domestic abuse – currently 73.2%.

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Hate Incidents

2017/18	2018/19	Change
73	74	+1.3%



Police have recorded 74 hate incidents in 2018, one more than the previous year resulting in an increase of 1.3%. Good work has been undertaken in regards to solving hate crimes, which has increased by 15% in the last year (77% up from 62% in 2017).

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
5009	4474	-10.7%



Reports of ASB continue to decrease across Midlothian, with 497 incidents per 10,000 population. The work of the MCAT's and our Community Beat Officers are playing a significant role in achieving this through intelligence led patrols, as did our Festive Operation, which ran during the month of December focused around tackling ASB, theft shoplifting, night time economy and violence.

Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation

2017/18	2018/19	Change
36	55	+52.8%



A proactive and intelligence led approach by our MCAT's has seen a significant rise in detections which continues to rise as the year progresses.

The number of drugs possession charges has also increased by 68 % this year (450 and 268 respectively) which again highlights the robust approach to substance misuse by officers in Midlothian.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Housebreaking (Domestic)

2017/18	2018/19	Change
66	105	+59.1%



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 in 2017/18.

Education around crime prevention and securing property appears to be improving with 40% of all domestic housebreakings YTD being attempts and 60% being successful. The previous year 80% of break-ins were successful.

A reduction of 31.1% overall is seen in housebreakings, with non-dwellings - down 58.4% YTD (87 in 2018 from 209 in 2017). A similar picture is seen in business housebreakings which have decreased from 112 in LYTD to 74 in 2018 (-33.9%).

Crimes of Dishonesty

2017/18	2018/19	Change
1883	1762	-6.4%



This is another positive figure in an area of business that gave us cause for concern last year. An overall 6.4 decrease from LYTD (121 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
50	45	-10%



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

Crimes of serious assault continue to decrease with six fewer crimes in 2018 than the previous year, and no crimes of murder recorded. Minor assaults remain a challenge for police with an increase of 46 in 2018 compared to the previous year, however an ongoing national enquiry into historical crime accounts for over 60 of these..

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Road Casualties



	2017/18	2018/19	Change
Fatal	2	1	-50.0%
Serious	28	24	-14.3%
Slight	106	105	-0.9%
KSI	30	25	-16.7%
Children KSI	2	1	-50.0%

Missing Person Incidents - Child



2017/18	2018/19	Change
312	338	+7.7%

The figures show a slight increase from LYTD with 26 more cases. Looked after and accommodated children (LAAC) account for over 45% 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 DVSA.
- 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.

Dalkeith CBO has recently taken on delivery of the 'Digital Parenting' booklets produced by Vodaphone. Woodburn Primary School has already asked for police inputs to every P6 class.

Domestic Abuse



This continues to be a high priority for Police Scotland.

- Following the development of the SafeLives and College of Policing programme 'Domestic Abuse Matters (Scotland)', training is now being delivered to all police officers.
- In conjunction with our Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit, high tariff perpetrators are identified and processed through the MATAAC 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



- A monthly partnership tasking and coordination partnership was initiated in December 2018 to target problem locations, offenders and emerging issues on a short term basis.
- ASB Liaison Officer is in the process of applying for a CRASBO for a recidivist Shoplifter.
- High viz patrols and Operations during school holiday periods, Gala days and festivals in order to deter ASB/underage drinking.
- Police continue to operate the Dalkeith Pubwatch.
- A new youth drop in centre at Cowden Pavilion has been initiated with joint working between Police, Aim High, Dalkeith Thistle CFC, Greggs and Dalkeith Miners Club. The club operates on Friday afternoons welcoming all secondary school children to deter ASB and underage drinking.
- A clean up has been organised in Lord Ancrum Wood in partnership with Forestry Commission and Newbattle Abbey College to remove damaged and fallen trees in an effort to remove the long standing and well used drinking den within the woods.
- Activity is being planned around off road motorbike initiatives in problem areas for later in the year.

Drug Supply, Production & Cultivation



- There has been a considerable increase in drug enforcement year to date, 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 value of cash and assets seized YTD is £33,600.
- 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.
- During Q3 Choices for Life Drugs resources were used for inputs to both S3 pupils at Lasswade HS and Newbattle HS.
- A number of MDA warrants were executed during the Festive initiative in December with approx. value £5000 of cocaine, £2000 heroin and £300 cash seized.

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.

The Straiton Retail Crime Partnership has had several meetings and a number of retailers now actively involved. This partnership will be enhanced with the introduction of a radio system that retailers will have to alert one another when known shoplifters are targeting the retail park.

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



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.

Op Dignity was established in November 2018 to review all outstanding Group 1 crimes of violence throughout the Lothian and Scottish Borders division in an effort to identify any learning, and new enquiry lines, with a view to improving performance.

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 e.g. 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 motorbikes) providing advice and support on road safety related matters. In October 2018 2morrrows driver event was delivered in partnership with MLC and Education.
- Supporting Road Policing officers with Op Close Pass aimed to reduce injuries to pedal cyclists
- Road Safety played a central part in the December Festive Operation with 36 road traffic offences detected 26 road checks carried out.

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 MC 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 October– 31 December 2018

Rural Crime Initiative: Continued work around the Pentland Hills/Parks and Estates in Midlothian in November 2018 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. A five-month multi-agency campaign was launched on 8 January 2019 at Penicuik House by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC), the aim of the campaign being "Your Dog - Your Responsibility".

Young People: Mental Health Awareness Conferences were held at Lasswade HS for S5 and S6 involving workshops and guest speakers. Choices for Life Drugs resources were used for inputs to both S3 pupils at Lasswade HS and Newbattle HS. Inputs continue to primary schools and local groups (e.g. air cadets) across the authority area on subjects such as personal safety, online safety, and road/cycle safety.

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: With the aim to divert teenagers away from anti-social behaviour, Dalkeith Community Beat officers have teamed up with Aim High, Dalkeith Thistle CFC and Dalkeith Miners Club to run a drop-in facility for all secondary school age youngsters every Friday afternoon at Cowden Park.

During December Police ran a Festive operation tackling ASB, theft shoplifting, night time economy ASB and violence which included school and hot spot patrols, safety talks within local health centres, acquisitive crime patrols at retail outlets, road safety talks within schools and rural crime patrols. Similarly an Operation took place on the run up to Halloween/Bonfire night (ASB focus), including liaison with community councils holding large events (e.g. Loanhead attracting 1,000 individuals), and partnership working with SFRS and Midlothian Council.

Protecting People: J Division is now in a position to share information with the Fire Service who are a statutory agency. This means that police do not require consent to share information if it is justifiable, proportionate and necessary. In November/December Police supported the White Ribbon Domestic Abuse Campaign. On 25 November Police participated in an intelligence led multi agency Operation relating to human trafficking day in the Bonnyrigg ward.

Road Safety: Road Safety Driver Event took place with 260 Army Personnel at Glencourse barracks involving Army, Road Policing, Safety Camera Unit, SFRS and Midlothian Council. Further, road safety was an element of the festive campaign with road safety talks delivered and support of the drink driving campaign.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM MIDLOTHIAN

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

October – December 2018

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**MIDLOTHIAN CAT
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(October – December 2018)**

Anti-Social behaviour:

Time spent on dedicated patrols of identified ASB & areas of concern:	Hi-visibility foot patrol:	133
	Mobile patrol:	2795
ASB:	Number of Youth ASB calls attended:	124
ASBO:	Breach of ASBO calls attended	

Searches:	Persons + ve	38
	Persons - ve	19
	Dwellings / Property + ve	19
	Dwellings / Property - ve	4

Licensed Premises Visits	Public house	5
	Off-Sales	7
Seizures:	Persons + ve	32
	Persons - ve	6

Searches:	Weapons (Persons) + ve	
	Weapons (Persons) - ve	1

Searches:	Stolen property +ve	4
	Stolen Property -ve	

Court Bail & restrictions (Curfew)	Bail Curfew check + ve (compliant)	334
	Bail Curfew check - ve (failed to comply)	33

Arrest Warrants:	Persons Arrested on Warrant	40
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Prevention & Enforcement	Static road checks:	23
	Fixed Penalty notices issued (RTA only)	9
	Number of Section 165 RTA Seizures:	2
	Breath Tests - negative	109
	Breath Tests - positive	

Vehicle ASBO Warnings and Vehicles Seized:	ASBO Warnings Issued	
	ASBO Vehicle Seizures	

**MIDLOTHIAN CAT
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(October – December 2018)**

Number of Incidents Joint activity attended with partners:	Fire service	6
	Ambulance / NHS	2
	Local Council	1
	Organised public event	1
Standard Police reports submitted:	Adult	37
	Juvenile	5
	Juvenile VPD submission to Youth Justice	13
	Recorded Police warnings	33
Persons identified at risk: (Misc VPD submissions)	Adult	3
	Juvenile	11

Incidents of note:

The period from October – December saw MCAT officers continue to make a positive and significant contribution within Midlothian communities. They have dealt with a great variety of incidents, some significant events and operations and their pro-active work has led to many notable successes.

This quarter involved two periods which always have significant impact on police resources. Halloween/Bonfire Night sees increased demand due to anti-social behaviour therefore proactive prevention work was undertaken in partnership with Midlothian Council and the Fire Service identifying and arranging the removal of dangerously positioned bonfires. This nullified the risk caused to the public, had these been set alight. On the night of 5th Nov two MCAT officers were dedicated to travel with the Fire Service to any calls. This was hugely beneficial in deterring hostility which has previously been aimed towards Fire Officers attending calls and dousing bonfires.

The festive period is the other spike in demand and MCAT had considerable input in deterring and detecting shoplifting offences, alcohol fuelled disorder, particularly around closing time dispersal, and also road safety.

Dalkeith and Straiton Retail Park were a particular focus for shoplifting. A number of frequent offenders were identified and reported for thefts with a request that banning orders be sought. Relationships have been enhanced with many retailers due to the proactive manner in which MCAT targeted this issue. A Shopwatch Scheme is to be introduced in Straiton which should lead to even greater information sharing between retailers and provide support and reassurance to staff and customers in the retail park.

Many hours of patrols around licensed premises were also undertaken to deter alcohol fuelled disorder. MCAT provided a high visibility presence and friendly engagement with staff and patrons over this busy period reassuring revellers and staff. Occasional disorder did break out and MCAT were often the first officers on hand to deal with matters. Over the course of the festive period 13 people were charged with a variety of offences and 14 issued Recorded Police Warnings.

MCAT officers were an important part of the Midlothian Festive Road Safety campaign throughout December. Nine static road checks were undertaken at various locations, some in partnership with specialised Road Policing Officers. Where appropriate drivers were required to provide breath samples and vehicles were checked to ensure they were safe and no offences were being committed. Four fixed penalty tickets were issued and one vehicle was seized after the driver was found to have no insurance.

**MIDLOTHIAN CAT
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(October – December 2018)**

Over the period there was a significant increase in the volume of Youth anti-social behaviour (ASB) calls MCAT officers attended. This is in part down to a couple of 'hotspots' which have required focussed patrols, both mobile and on foot, in order to deter ASB and to apprehend and deal with offenders. As a result a number of youths have been reported most of whom are being dealt with through youth offending processes. This activity has been well received within the affected areas providing reassurance to residents who have been encouraged to report instances in order to ensure we have a true understanding of the extent of the issue and enabling appropriate response from MCAT. Thirty two alcohol recoveries from youths were made.

MCAT officers have been a regular presence in and around Lasswade Centre and at Newbattle High School following recent increases in ASB at both locations.

The negative impact of drugs within our communities continues to be a focus for MCAT who searched 23 different addresses over the course of the quarter recovering significant quantities of Heroin, Cocaine, Cannabis and assorted tablets, causing disruption to drug dealing in Midlothian. In separate searches 38 people were stopped and found to be illegally in possession of controlled drugs when searched. Much of this activity is intelligence led and we rely on our communities passing information to allow proactive enforcement.

MCAT officers have been involved in a number of significant incidents including assisting in the arrest of a male employed as a delivery driver who decided to steal rather than deliver a high number of parcels. All the parcels were subsequently recovered during searches of two houses. Assistance was given to the Community Investigation Unit in searching rural buildings believed to be being used by a gang stealing, breaking up and exporting vehicles. A number of items were seized and the lease terminated by the landlord.

MCAT officers took part in 'Operation Reaction' a multi-agency operation tackling human trafficking in Midlothian.

MCAT officers assisted in policing the 2 Scots Homecoming Parade in Penicuik. This was a high profile military event and officers engaged positively with hundreds of spectators and participants which was acknowledged by the parade organisers. They also played a prominent role in policing the many annual Remembrance parades which occur across the county ensuring they passed safely.

Bail curfew enforcement is an important duty of MCAT and 367 proactive checks were undertaken in this period. On 33 occasions people failed to present themselves to police at the door as required and all have since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Forty people were arrested on a variety of arrest warrants and detained in custody to attend court the next day, with MCAT officers proactively tasked with all priority warrants issued.

November saw the first meeting of a new monthly ASB partnership meeting. This has been formed to replace the weekly ASB Tactical Meeting and the Community Safety Delivery Group. MCAT Sergeants will be key members of this group along with Midlothian Council Community Safety, Education, Housing, Fire Service and reps from the two large Housing Associations. It is intended to enable and promote a joint approach to tackling ASB issues across Midlothian, working collaboratively to develop opportunities to address ASB. The first two meetings have set some parameters within which the group will work.

Forthcoming Activity:

**MIDLOTHIAN CAT
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RETURN
(October – December 2018)**

The anti-social use of off road motorcycles has become a regular concern in many areas of Midlothian but Shawfair in particular has seen a significant increase in recorded incidents. Buccleuch Estates own much of the land in the area and in partnership with Police Scotland, and particularly MCAT, are eager to deter riders and disrupt them by preventing access to the land.

Intelligence led activity to tackle acquisitive crime and drug supply will remain a focus for MCAT in the coming months.

Focus will also continue towards road safety with the use of hand held speed gun equipment in speeding hotspots.

The development of the ASB partnership meeting will also continue and MCAT Sergeants will be key contributors within this new forum.

Abstractions:

Over the quarter 86 shifts were taken as annual leave and three lost to sickness.

Twenty two shifts were used for training which included courses to enable some officers to utilise Digitally Recorded Interviewing, Police National Computer and Criminal History (Scotland) systems and the use of Mobile Phone Kiosks. These training courses will greatly increase the capabilities of MCAT by enabling trained officers to undertake these functions internally as opposed to relying on others to conduct checks on their behalf. This will lead to increased effectiveness and efficiency within MCAT.

MCAT

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. Recidivist Offenders:** intelligence led focus on individuals known to engage in antisocial behaviour, drugs use/supply and persistent alcohol abuse, with 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.