

**9 March 2016**

**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 November 2015 to 01 February 2016 compared with the same period in 2014/15.

**2 Background**

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

**3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update**

**LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No Deaths were recorded during the time frame of this report

**LI 03 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings.**

1 incident where injuries were sufficient for casualty to attend Hospital

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property
21/11/2015	20:13	Shiney Row ward	Accidental	House - single occupancy

**This is an increase of 1 from last year**

**LI 08 - Number of accidental fires in dwellings.**

Date	Time	Ward	Area of property	Property
21/11/15	20:13	Shiney Row	Kitchen	House –
13/12/15	08:17	Hetton	Living room	House
13/12/15	10:04	Houghton	Living room	House -

This compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period.

**LI 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles**

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property level 4
05/11/15	17:14	Houghton	Deliberate - others property	Outhouse
05/11/15	21:31	Shiney row	Deliberate-others property	Fire work placed through letterbox
29/11/15	04:47	Houghton	Deliberate-others property	Insulation boards within compound
10/01/16	15:39	Copt Hill	Deliberate - others property	Shed

This compares to 1 incidents in the previous year for this period,

## LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property
1/11/15	22:15	Hetton	Deliberate -	Car
16/11/15	15:22	Houghton	Deliberate -	Caravan
18/11/15	15:55	Hetton	Deliberate -	Van
07/12/15	19:40	Hetton	Deliberate -	Car
23/12/15	03:19	Hetton	Deliberate -	Car
23/12/15	03:37	Hetton	Deliberate -	Van
03/01/16	18:07	Hetton	Deliberate -	Car
25/01/16	00:15	Houghton	Deliberate -	Caravan

8 deliberate vehicle fires this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period.

## LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

Incidents by Ward and by Month:

Date	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
November	1	5	1	0	7
December	1	3	1	3	8
January	0	2	1	2	5
Grand Total	2	10	3	5	20

Type of items deliberately set on fire by ward area:

Property level 4	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	1	8		2	11
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc			1		1
Scrub land					
Refuse/rubbish tip	1	1			2
Fence					
Wheelie Bin					
Education					
Straw/stubble burning					
Animal Boarding / kennels					
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture		1		2	3
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)			1		1
Common external bin storage area					
Golf Course					
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)				1	1
Small refuse container			1		1
Cycle path , bridle way , public footpath					
Grand Total	2	10	3	5	20

This is a reduction of 12 incidents recorded from same period last year.

In 2014 the following ward count was:

Copt Hill 7, Hetton 5, Houghton 12 and Shiney Row 8. As can be seen Houghton has seen the largest decrease in incidents, with Hetton Ward having a large increase.

By time of day the deliberate fire incidents follow the national trend for this type of incident, with the majority of them taking place between 16:00 – 23:00.

During this reporting period and leading up to this reporting period Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service in conjunction with our partners from the Police, Sunderland Council, Gentoo and voluntary groups took part in our Darker Nights campaign.

This campaign targets Anti- Social Behaviour fires and activities across the Sunderland District we used Historical data to target hotspot areas, when these areas were identified we carried out litter picks, wheelie bin stickering and attended schools that were identified as being in the locality of the Hotspot Area and spoke in assemblies showing a DVD of the injuries that can be caused by playing with fireworks.

In the Coalfields Area the data shows that recorded and attended Fires were down 37% on last year's figures and across Sunderland down 22%.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service would like to thank all our partners and people that assisted during this period and hopefully the same partners and more will assist in our Lighter Nights campaign that starts from 21<sup>st</sup> March until 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Myself personally would like to thank Gentoo for their assistance in allowing TWFRS to use one of their properties in the Avenue Vivian area to test out new firefighting technology this was invaluable to ourselves in evaluating new equipment that will allow the Fire Service to reduce the amount of damage to a property through fire and firefighting actions and reduce the risk to people living within that property.

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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