

3 December 2014

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 Sunderland Coalfield Committee area from 25.9.2014 to 20.11.2014.

2 Background

2.1 At its November 2011 meeting 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

3.1 LI2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI3/4 Injuries from Accidental Dwelling fires (including precautionary checks)

There were no injuries in the Coalfields Area during the reporting period compared to 2 the previous reporting period (1/7/14 to 24/9/14)

3.3 LI8 Accidental Fires in Dwellings

There were no LI 8 incidents compared to two the previous reporting period.

3.4 LI14 All Deliberate Property Fires

There were five deliberate property fires in the Coalfields Area compared to three the previous reporting period.

- 3 incidents at Penshaw house, an unused former residential home awaiting sale/demolition. Two FF were injured during one incident when part of the ceiling fell on top of them whilst they were attacking the fire. Cause of the fire was deemed malicious.
- 2 incidents in Durham street; one a timber shed on allotments and another timber building containing horse riding equipment and feed.

3.5 LI15 Number of vehicle fires started deliberately

There were two vehicle fires this period compared which is the same as previous reporting period.

3.6 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 38 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 34 over the previous reporting period. This is a 6% rise in incidents however this covers the bonfire period which is traditionally one of our busiest times and would look to see incidents fall back over the coming months. Partnership working with 'Responsive Local Services' (RLS) and Gentoo will continue to try and reduce these numbers.

Ten incidents occurred in Elemore lane area where over a period of several days FF came under verbal and physical attacks from youths throwing stones etc.; a fire appliance was damaged and a FF sustained minor injury during this period. In response police escorted crews into the area for a short period and increased patrols; a joint press statement was put out warning of prosecution if caught. Following this two visits were arranged by fire crews to talk to youths attending the community centre to educate youths on the effects of their actions and try and 'build bridges' with them. There have been no incidents in the past month in this area.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1.1 Note the content of this report and a more detailed one to follow once all data has been verified (Please note: attached data report attached at **Annex 1** covers the period from 1 September 2014 to 19 November 2014)
- 4.1.2 Note the content of a press release **Keeping vulnerable people in Sunderland safe** attached at **Annex 2**

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