25th June 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 West Committee area from 1.4.2014 to 31.5.2014.

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 firesNo Deaths were recorded during the time frame of this report

3.2 LI3/4 Injuries from Accidental Dwelling fires

Victim severity	Victim age	Victim Gender	Ward	Fire start location	Source of Ignition
Precautionary check recommended	42	female	doxford	kitchen	Domestic appliance; washer/dryer
Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be Serious	80	female	pallion	Living room	Candles / naked flame
Victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be Serious	80	male	pallion	Living room	Candles / naked flame

There was 1 injury reported in previous period from 1/1/4 to 31/3/14

 Incident in Pallion followed a gas explosion where a female suffered severe burns to back and neck, whilst male suffered burns to hands in an attempt to beat out the flames.

3.4 LI8 Accidental Fires in Dwellings

Ward	Room of origin	Victims involved?	Main FRS action	Source of Ignition
Sandhill	Garage	No	hosereel	Not known
Barnes	Kitchen	No	Removal from heat source	cooking
Doxford	kitchen	no	Removal from heat source	cooking
Pallion	Living room	yes	Ventilation and gas isolation	Candle / naked flame
Doxford	kitchen	no	Smothering	cooking
Doxford	kitchen	yes	hosereel	Washer/dryer appliance

There were 5 incidents in this area in the last reporting period 1/1/14 to 31/3/14 compared to 6 this period. Operational crews have been tasked with highlighting dangers in kitchens during home safety checks as these incidents are starting to rise again.

3.5 LI14 All Deliberate Property Fires

Ward	Property level 4	Victims involved?	
Sandhills	Garden shed	no	
Sandhills	Plastic poly-tunnel	No	

There were 2 incidents in previous reporting period from 1/1/14 to 31/3/14.

3.6 LI15 Number of vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward	Property level 3
St Anne's	Car
St Chads	Car
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St Anne's	Car

There was 1 incident in this area in last reporting period compared to 4 this period.

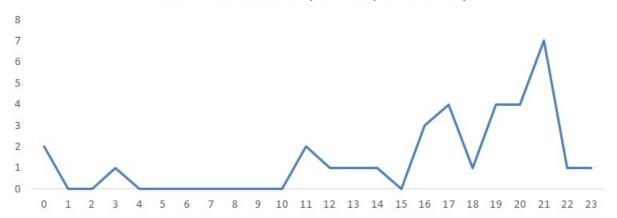
- 2 incidents in St Chads ward both occurred in Abercorn road, Farringdon. FRS are liaising with police to determine if a link exists.
- 3.7 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 33 deliberate secondary fires report from 1/4/14 to 31/5/14 period compared to 37 in the previous report.

Working with police and other partners there has been a joint approach to tackle problem areas. This included installation of 3G cameras, additional police patrols and a joint school visit with FRS and police to nearby schools.

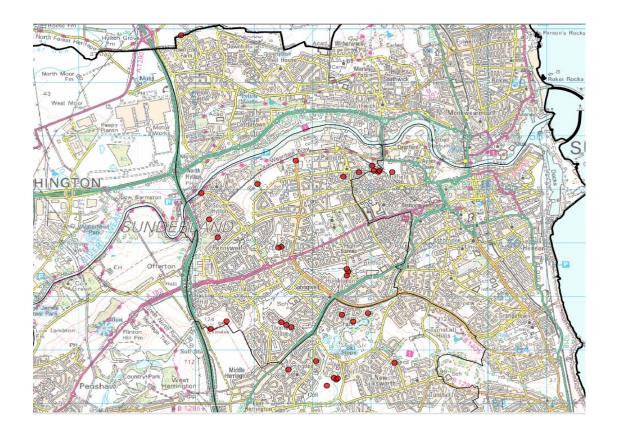
As can be seen from tables below; Pallion again has the highest numbers of secondary / rubbish fires. Although within the boundaries of West area the actual locations fall within the boundary of Sunderland Central fire station; I have liaised with colleagues to ensure action is taken from FRS and to raise it with police and enforcement officers.

Deliberate Secondary Fires by time of day



Property Type	ĮΨ	Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)		11
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)		3
Wheelie Bin		3
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		3
Refuse/rubbish tip		3
Wasteland		1
Park		1
Roadside vegetation		1
Canal/riverbank vegetation		1
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)		1
Scrub land		1
Railway trackside vegetation		1
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1
Fence		1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area		1
Grand Total		33

Ward	ĮΨ	Total
Pallion Ward		9
St. Chad's Wa	rd	7
Sandhill Ward		5
St. Anne's Wa	rd	5
Silksworth Wa	rd	4
Barnes Ward		3
Grand Total		33



4. Recommendations

Note the content of the report. 4.1

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