

20 March 2019

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 2018 to 28 February 2019 compared with the same period in 2019.

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

L.I 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

1 recorded death from fire. This incident occurred at Manor House, Easington Lane. TWFRS with Northumbria Police are investigating the cause of the fire. TWFRS carried out an initiative post incident to fit smoke alarms and give fire safety advice to residents within the community. 86 Home safety checks were completed and 63 smoke alarms fitted.

L.I 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

2 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 3 incidents in the previous year for this period. There is no pattern to these incidents but were all domestic properties and all are investigated by either Fire service or police and passed onto partners to address where it is required.

LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

There has been a decrease in the number of Vehicle fires from 12 to 6. All incidents were reported and investigated by both Police and Fire Investigators to establish any links. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police to identify trends and perpetrators.

LI 33 Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

117 incidents, this is a slight increase from 112 incidents (4.5%) from the same period last year, (109 secondary fires, 6 vehicle fires and 2 property fires). The increase is due to the increase in loose refuse incidents. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/ deliberate fires have occurred.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen an increase from 24 incidents to 26, an increase of 8% during this period. The area of Market Street/Seaham road have caused an issue with deliberate fires.

Houghton Ward Has seen a decrease from 31 to 25 a 13% decrease in the number of fires. For all there has been a decrease the area of Brinkburn Crescent and Newbottle Street are problematic for loose refuse fires.

Hetton Ward has seen an increase in incidents 26-55. The main area of concern is Moorsley Road and Hazard Lane. The increase is due to loose refuse/wheelie bin fires. Work in both areas is ongoing by partner agencies which to date is proving successful.

Shiney Row Ward has seen a 64% decrease in incidents (31-11) over the reporting period. With No issues affecting this area.

4. Lighter /Darker Nights

With the onset of the lighter nights it is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager), so I can action with my crews. We continue trialling with partners the recording of Fire risks and are looking to enhance this with mapping capabilities. Each of my watches continue to work within their allocated ward areas, each watch has also been allocated a Police officer as a single point of contact. This is not just about ASB fires but all deliberate fires, ensuring proper stacking/ storage of items outside a premise that may have an impact on property and life.

Summary

The figures show a small overall increase in number of incidents in the Coalfields area, this in particular is due to Hazard Lane and Moorsley Road with refuse and wheelie bins being the cause. Station Manager Burns is working closely with partners to reduce these incidents via LMAPS and initiatives.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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