

17 March 2021

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. The data is a direct comparison for January 2021 in relation to the same period 2020

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

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

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

0 incidents in this reporting period this compares to 1 incident in the previous year for this period. TWFRS and partners will continue to work to identify vulnerable buildings and ensure these are secured.

LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fire

There has been an increase in the number of Vehicle fires from 3 to 4. 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)

16 incidents, this is a decrease from 31 incidents (48%) from the same period last year, (loose refuse 13-6 and rubbish 3-3). For all most areas have seen a decrease the reduction in loose refuse incidents and wheelie bin related incidents have seen the biggest reductions. The Hotspot map shows the main areas where ASB/deliberate fires have occurred.

Copt Hill Ward Has seen a decrease from 8 incidents to 3, a decrease of 62% during this period. Incidents over this period vary from loose refuse to rubbish.

Houghton Ward Has seen a decrease from 7 to 2 a 71% decrease in the number of fires. Refuse and rubbish predominately are the cause of the decrease

Hetton Ward has seen a 50% decrease in incidents 14-7. Refuse and rubbish predominately are the cause of the decrease

Shiney Row Ward has seen an increase in incidents (2-4) over the reporting period. Loose rubbish/refuse are responsible for the increases.

4 Lighter /Darker Nights

Service lighter nights campaign will be launching soon but work has started at Farringdon to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Kevin Burns, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action with my crews. Each of my watches have been given ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). 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. Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

Summary

There are significant decreases within all wards but Shiney Row. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority to investigate and identify any trends. Refuse also remains problematic, Station Manager Burns will be working closely with partners to reduce these incidents.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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