

18 March 2020

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 December 2019 to 31st January 2020.

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 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There was 3 deliberate property fires an increase of 3 from last year. These incidents were due to fires within manufacturing premises. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents with estate visits. An example of this is the partnership approach regarding Farringdon Police Station.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 16 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 7. TWFRS are working with Police regarding this matter.

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

There have been 43 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 27 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 16% over the same reporting period. Hot spot area is Pallion (map attached Annex 1). TWFRS and partners have worked within the area to reduce the number of incidents during January and February.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

There were a total of 62 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is an increase of 28% on last Year. This is due to an increase in vehicle fires and loose refuse. TWFRS are working with Northumbria Police concerning vehicle fires and partners carrying out estate and site visits to reduce the number of loose refuse incidents.

3.6 Community Involvement

The Fire Service continues to support the local community where possible by attending events and with visitors to the Fire Station. A new cohort have started The Princes Trust based at Farringdon. Farringdon Community Fire Station have also hosted a talk for students of Sunderland College studying Uniformed Services.

3.7 On-going Issues

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.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

Contact Officer: Kevin Burns, Tyne and Wear Fire Service,
Tel: 0191 4441188, Email: kevin.burns@twfire.gov.uk



