

**8th December 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 Sunderland West Committee area from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**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 were 4 deliberate property fires, no change from last year. 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 Barnes speaking with local residents about private garage security. Crews have been tasked with reporting unsecure premises in conjunction with ASB reporting just as crews did following the incident at FARRINGDON SOCIAL CLUB, ANTHONY ROAD in July.

**3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately**

There were 11 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 23. A decrease of 52%. St Anne's and St Chads both saw 3 vehicle fires over this period. It is believed that they were not connected in any way, however TWFRS are working with Police regarding this matter and shall continue to monitor.

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

There have been 175 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 136 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 28% over the same reporting period. Pandemic lock down during the same period last year played a part in these figures. The main problematic area being Sandhill Ward in particular Thorney close. Lots of great partner working with local authority, Gentoo, environmental services and Northumbria police. Joint social media targeting and messaging and letter drops. Special thank you to Cllr Mann and Cllr Edgeworth for your support.

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

There were a total of 190 deliberate fires in this reporting period. An increase of 16% on last Year. This is due to an increase in loose refuse/rubbish incidents and additional problems which were in and around the Thornrey close area. Vehicle fire incidents have

decreased. TWFRS are working with Sunderland city council environmental department, Gentoo to tackle loose refuse fires with work in the Sandhill and Pallion areas. Fire crews continue to monitor and report uplifts in the "hot spot areas". Continued partnership work (Northumbria police) 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. TWFRS have been involved with the hugely successful SARA project and city wide bonfire planning as part of the darker night's project. The fire service have been supporting the vaccine targeting program in Millfield/Pallion/Sunderland city centre. This coincided with the return of the majority of the student population, as vaccination take up hasn't been as high.

All secondary schools were targeted in the build up to bonfire night with some locations having joint police and fire visits enforcing key ASB and fire safety messages. Where crews are available to support and attend community events they shall continue to do so depending on restrictions. Since September, crews have been carrying out COVID Secure' safe and well visits, targeting our most vulnerable members of the community.

The Princes Trust based at Farringdon was due to resume in October at Farringdon Community Fire Station. Numbers have been problematic but with partner support and attendance alongside our whole time fire crew recruitment campaign, the numbers are starting to increase. The services recruitment campaign has been busy at school career fairs, branching out to underrepresented members of the community to enable further representation from underrepresented groups within the fire service.

### **3.7 On-going Issues**

The service's darker night's campaign was launched in collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partners. Work continues to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Andrew Nelson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction. The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services. Over this reporting period there were 9 attacks on crews with half of which were projectiles thrown towards firefighters and or appliances.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

## **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 Note the content of this report.

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