

14th June 2021

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Washington Area Committee from 1st March 2021 to 31st May 2021, compared with the same period in 2020. All statistics for this report were taken from the following wards:

- Washington Central
- Washington North
- Washington East
- Washington South
- Washington West

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 L.I 02 - Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

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

There were 2 incidents within this reporting period both occurred on the 3rd April 2021. The first was in Princess Anne Park, Washington Central ward and was stacked bale crop caused by youths. The second was in Blue House Lane, Washington West ward and was softwood/conifers. Both incidents were dealt with utilising 1 appliance. This figure shows a decrease from 5 when compared same period last year.

3.3 LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

4 incidents have been attended within the reporting period; this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year.

Ward	2020				2021			
	Mar	Apr	May	Total	Mar	Apr	May	Total
Washington Central ward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington East ward	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Washington North ward	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Washington South Ward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington West Ward	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	-	1	1	2	-	2	2	4

Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), along with the support from Northumbria Police, investigate all primary fires with the intent to identify trends and prosecute offenders.

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

106 deliberate fire related incidents were attended within this reporting period, this compares to 66 incidents when compared to the same period in the previous year. Types of incident include;

Car	3
Roadside Vegetation	1
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	26
Woodland/forest – Conifers/softwood	1
Heathland or moorland	1
Stacked/baled crop (including manure heap)	1
Hedge	1
Private garage	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Scrub land	7
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	12
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	33
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
Refuse/rubbish tip	4
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	8
Wheelie Bin	3
Railings	1
Van	1
Total	106

3.4.1 **Washington Central Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 6 to 18. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

Princess Anne Park	9
Parkway	2
Sunderland Highway	1
Washington Village	1
Biddick	1
Lambton	1
The Galleries	1
No Accurate Address	2

- 3.4.2 **Washington East Ward** has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 18 to 16. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Barmston</i>	6
<i>Washington</i>	2
<i>Penshaw</i>	1
<i>Fatfield</i>	1
<i>Stirling Close</i>	1
<i>Bonemill Lane</i>	1
<i>The Generals Wood</i>	1
<i>Kimberly</i>	1
<i>Biddick Lane</i>	1
<i>Northumberland way</i>	1

- 3.4.3 **Washington North Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 16 to 22. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Concord</i>	4
<i>Sulgrave</i>	3
<i>Usworth Cottages</i>	1
<i>Usworth</i>	2
<i>Albany</i>	3
<i>Glover</i>	1
<i>Stephenson Industrial Estate</i>	3
<i>A195</i>	1
<i>Newington Court</i>	1
<i>Spout Lane</i>	1
<i>Marwell Drive</i>	1
<i>Rutherford Road</i>	1

- 3.4.4 **Washington South Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 9 to 30. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Oxclose</i>	17
<i>Vigo Lane</i>	3
<i>Sedling Road</i>	1
<i>Lambton</i>	3
<i>Emmerson Way</i>	2
<i>Crake Way</i>	1
<i>Bonemill Lane</i>	1
<i>Washington Highway</i>	1
<i>Bramhall Drive</i>	1

- 3.4.5 **Washington West Ward** has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incident numbers from 17 to 20. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;

<i>Donwell</i>	6
<i>Springwell</i>	8
<i>Well Bank Road</i>	1
<i>Stridingedge</i>	1
<i>Emblehope</i>	1
<i>Blackfell</i>	1
<i>Leam Lane</i>	1
<i>Wardley</i>	1

4 Lighter / Darker Nights

- 4.1 Lighter nights are now upon us and it is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558.



- 4.2 Crews from Washington Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. As part of a local initiative, crews have carried out regular tours of the Washington area, to identify and report discarded items and fly tipping which have potential to be ignited in acts of anti-social behaviour. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Washington community.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 Summary

- 5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Washington Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively. Following the procurement and use of body worn cameras there has been a significant reduction in both verbal and physical attacks on fire crews.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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