

14 June 2017**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 February 2017 to 01 May2017 compared with the same period in 2016.

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 period of this report

L.I 4 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings

No injuries were reported during the period of this report

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

8 incident this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period,

Date	Time	Ward	Type
03/02	19:17	Houghton	Industrial Manufacturing
05/03	17:10	Houghton	Industrial Manufacturing
06/03	15:38	Houghton	Industrial Manufacturing
23/03	19:33	Hetton	House
02/04	17:44	Houghton	Entertainment& culture
05/04	16:40	Shiney Row	House
18/04	20:18	Houghton	Outdoor storage
25/04	09:49	Copt Hill	Purpose Built Flat

LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires.

Date	Time	Ward	Property level 3
06/02	04:30	Hetton	Car
15/02	18:54	Hetton	Van
11/04	17:51	Hetton	Motorcycle
12/04	21:57	Hetton	Car
15/04	20:40	Shiney Row	Car
21/04	01:00	Shiney Row	Car
26/04	02:16	Copt Hill	Car
28/04	02:57	Shiney Row	Car
28/04	22:36	Shiney Row	Car
29/04	23:48	Copt Hill	Van

10 incidents this compares to 8 Incidents in the previous year for this period. These type of fires have remained the same level we will continue to work with partners to identify culprits.

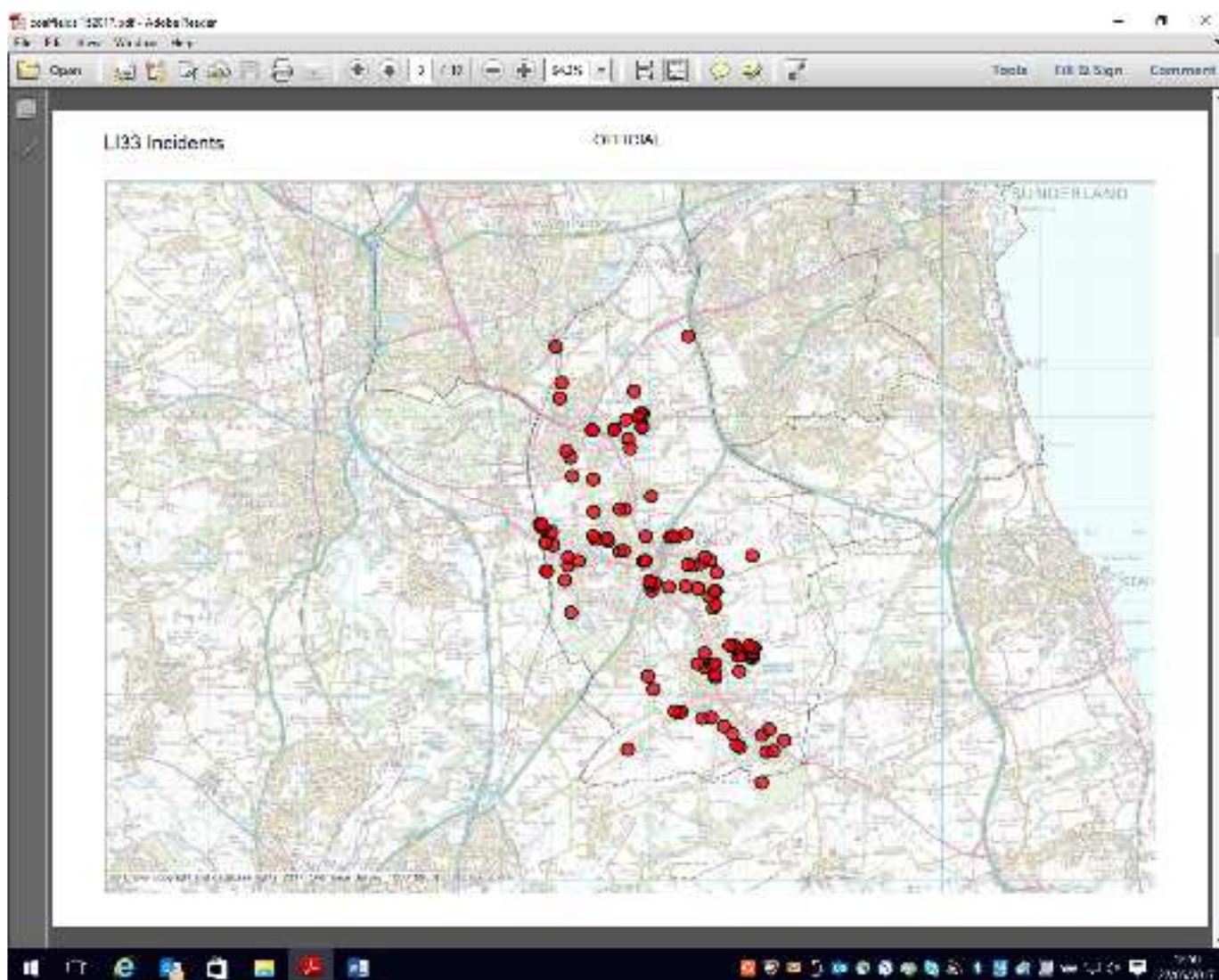
LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

Incidents by Ward and by Month:

Date	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
February	4	6	3	5	18
March	6	6	8	2	22
April	15	19	12	9	55
Grand Total	25	31	23	16	95

Type of items deliberately set on fire by ward area:

Property level 4	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	11	16	11	9	47
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	8	12	3		23
Scrub land		3	1		4
Refuse/rubbish tip			1	2	3
Fence				2	2
Wheelie Bin	2		2	2	6
Garage			1		1
Hedge	1				1
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture					
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1		1	1	3
Common external bin storage area					
Waste land	1				1
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)			1		1
Small refuse container			1		1
Roadside Vegetation	1		1		2
Grand Total	25	31	23	16	95



95 incidents this is an increase from 51 incidents from the same period last year.

As shown in the tables above during February and March the number of secondary Fires remained low and in line with previous years. A substantial increase in April with the main areas of concern were cross wards (i.e Hetton and Copt hill) this was mainly around the Hettons Lyon Country Park(Downs Pit Lane Area) which accounted for 60 % of calls within these two wards. Joint working with Northumbria Police has seen this drop and TWFRS have only had 2 calls since 25/04/17.

Houghton Ward has also seen large increase from previous year up from 11 to 29 most of these incident have centred around the old TKT Cosyfoam site and the previous owner has now taken remedial action to resolve this issue.

Loose Refuse and Grassland fires remain the two highest time consuming incidents across all Wards with 49 and 24 incidents respectively up from 24 and 3 which is a concern to TWFRS. Crews will continue to carry out Anti –Social Behaviour Tours to identify Flytipping, refuse within property boundaries, unsecure premises and areas with large amounts of refuse to Place Management.

Once again I have the unfortunate responsibility of having to inform the committee that 4 of my firefighters were subject to physical violence whilst attending an incident in the Shiney Row ward which culminated in one firefighter attending hospital and missing work for 2 days with concussion and facial injuries. The alleged culprit was arrested and charged with 4 counts of common assault and will appear in court later in the year.

Lighter Nights Campaign

Tyne and wear Fire & Rescue Service is currently progressing with its Lighter nights campaign with partners and ASB Hot Spot areas will be targeted as part of our Core business.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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