

11th December 2019

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 September 2019 to 30th November 2019.

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 1 deliberate property fire a decrease of 1 from last year. TWFRS, Northumbria Police, Environmental Health and other Local Authority partners have been working in partnership to reduce these incidents. An example of this is the partnership approach regarding Farringdon Police Station and Farringdon Social Club.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 26 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there was 10. Hotspot area for vehicle fires is Sandhill ward with 10. 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 65 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 77 over the same period last year. This is a decrease of 16% over the same reporting period. Hot spot areas are Pallion and Sandhill wards (map attached Annex 1). TWFRS and Northumbria Police over the darker night's campaign have targeted these areas to educate the importance of safe storage of combustible material and wheelie bins.

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

There were a total of 92 deliberate fires in this reporting period. This is an increase of 3% on last Year. This is due to an increase in vehicle fires and grassland. TWFRS are working with Northumbria Police concerning vehicle fires, fire crews are working to educating children/residents regarding grassland fires.

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, we have also attended local community events over the summer period. Farringdon Community Fire Station have hosted a talk for students of Sunderland College studying Uniformed Services.

3.7 On-going Issues

Darker evenings are now upon us, 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.

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