

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

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Report Title: Scottish Fire and Rescue Area Committee Performance Report
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The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

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The key performance indicators (KPIs) above have been extracted from the suite of KPIs contained within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Framework Document 2013.

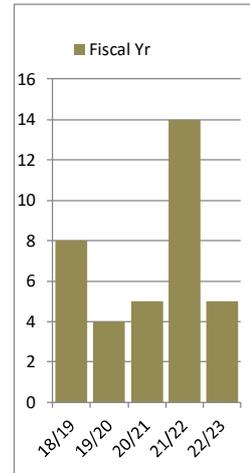
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00416181.pdf>

The KPIs above also represent the main priority areas for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, identified by elected members and communities during the ward consultation sessions in 2013 as;

- Reducing accidental dwelling house fires and the resultant fatalities and casualties
- Reducing deliberate fires
- Reducing road traffic collisions
- Reducing the number of attendances to unwanted fire alarm signals (false alarms)

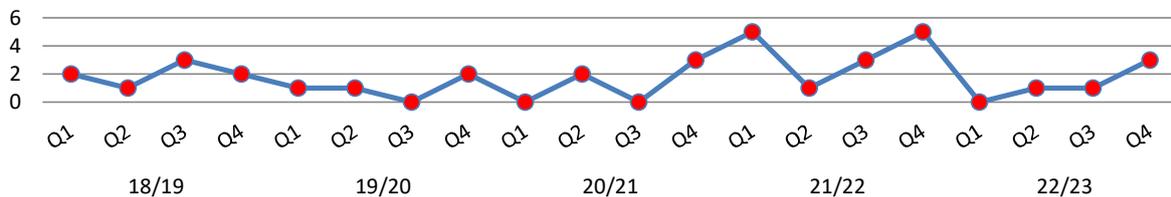
All accidental dwelling fires

Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
April	1	1	0	2	0	12
May	1	0	0	2	0	9
June	0	0	0	1	0	10
July	1	0	0	0	0	11
August	0	0	1	0	1	13
September	0	1	1	1	0	10
October	0	0	0	2	1	17
November	2	0	0	1	0	12
December	1	0	0	0	0	12
January	1	2	0	3	0	10
February	1	0	0	2	2	14
March	0	0	3	0	1	12
Fiscal Yr	8	4	5	14	5	142



Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fiscal Yr	8	4	5	14	5

Qtr/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
Quarter 1	2	1	0	5	0	31
Quarter 2	1	1	2	1	1	34
Quarter 3	3	0	0	3	1	41
Quarter 4	2	2	3	5	3	36



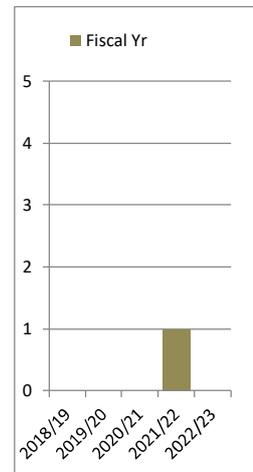
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The tables above represent the number of accidental dwelling house fires that occurred within the Area Committee boundary. Tolerances are set in context of the number of previous incidents by reporting month and, where there has been an increase in overall incidents, the colour coding is identified with the application of the red, amber and green (RAG) system. Trend lines also identify the number of incidents over the reporting 5-year period, by reporting quarter.

The Service works closely with partner agencies and communities to reduce the number of accidental dwelling house fires through the delivery of targeted home fire safety visits and the installation of free smoke detectors. Supporting the targeted delivery, partner agencies routinely share data identifying residents that would benefit from this free service, aiming to reduce the risk of fire and harm to householders and their property. This period shows 5 accidental dwelling fires in 2022/23 with a high of 2 in the February. SFRS will continue to work with partners and communities to educate and improve fire safety to drive this figure to zero consistently. We actively seeking engagement opportunities to increase our ability to reach the most vulnerable in the community.

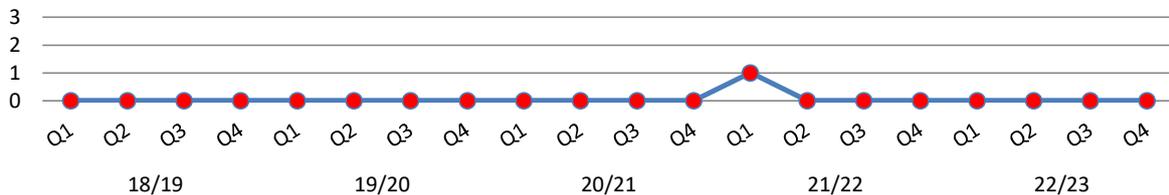
All fatal accidental dwelling fire casualties

Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
April	0	0	0	1	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Yr	0	0	0	1	0	0



Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fiscal Yr	0	0	0	1	0

Qtr/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
Quarter 1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Quarter 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 4	0	0	0	0	0	0



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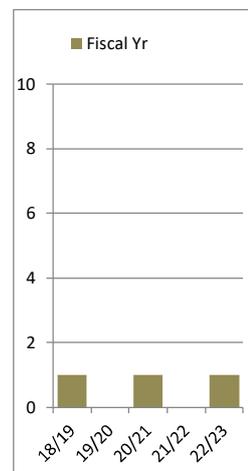
The attached tables identify the number of dwelling house fires that have resulted in fire related fatalities over the reporting 5-year period. The Service is committed to reducing this figure to eliminate all events and occurrences that result in a fatality. As identified previously, partnership working and data sharing supports this key aim and the delivery of targeted life safety advice and information.

The data shows no accidental dwelling fire fatalities during the reporting period.

SFRS continue to work in communities to ensure that this positive trend continues.

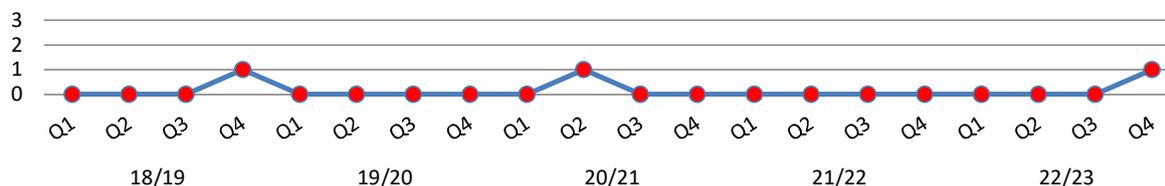
Non-fatal accidental dwell. fire casualties (excl. precautionary check-ups)

Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
April	0	0	0	0	0	1
May	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	4
August	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	1	0	0	1
October	0	0	0	0	0	1
November	0	0	0	0	0	5
December	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	1	0	0	0	0	3
February	0	0	0	0	1	3
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Yr	1	0	1	0	1	18



Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fiscal Yr	1	0	1	0	1

Qtr/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
Quarter 1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Quarter 2	0	0	1	0	0	5
Quarter 3	0	0	0	0	0	6
Quarter 4	1	0	0	0	1	6



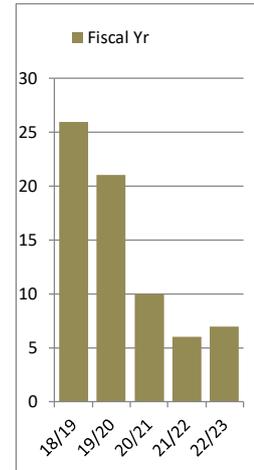
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The attached tables identify the number of dwelling house fires that have resulted in fire related casualties over the reporting 5-year period. The Service is committed to reducing this figure overall, therefore reducing the impact on the community.

The numbers show one accidental dwelling fire casualties during the reporting period. As previously stated, SFRS continue to work in communities to ensure that these positive trends continue. SFRS are actively seeking engagement opportunities to increase our ability to reach the most vulnerable in the community. SFRS will look to work with partners and communities to educate and improve fire safety in the home across Nairn and Nairnshire.

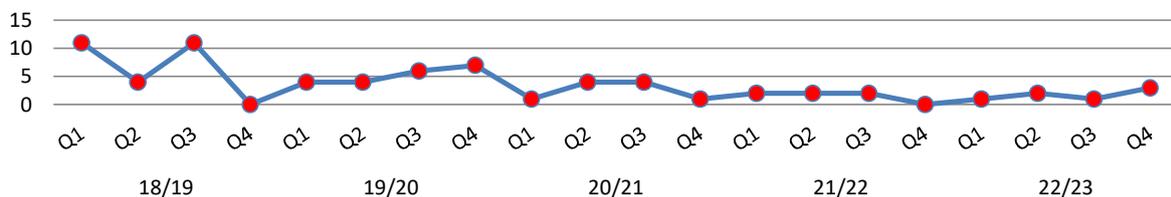
All deliberate fires

Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
April	8	3	0	2	1	25
May	1	0	1	0	0	21
June	2	1	0	0	0	28
July	1	2	3	0	1	29
August	1	2	1	0	1	20
September	2	0	0	2	0	14
October	11	2	0	1	0	11
November	0	4	4	0	1	15
December	0	0	0	1	0	6
January	0	7	1	0	0	6
February	0	0	0	0	1	17
March	0	0	0	0	2	25
Fiscal Yr	26	21	10	6	7	217



Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Fiscal Yr	26	21	10	6	7

Qtr/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
Quarter 1	11	4	1	2	1	74
Quarter 2	4	4	4	2	2	63
Quarter 3	11	6	4	2	1	32
Quarter 4	0	7	1	0	3	48



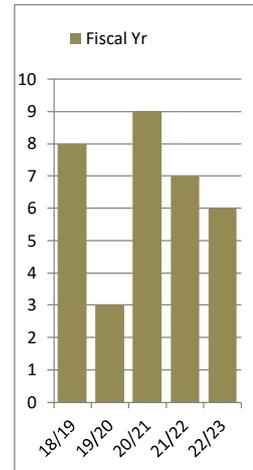
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Deliberate fires include those as a result of fire related antisocial behaviour (ASB) and wildfires. Analysis of the overall incidents and the periods in when they occur, identify seasonal variations e.g. muirburning season and holiday periods. The Service has introduced a number of fire reduction strategies and thematic action plans targeting these types of incidents. Working in partnership with other key agencies, the Service is working hard to reduce these incidents overall. SFRS continues to engage and promote best practice and partnership working through the Scottish Wildfire Forum (SWF) and targeting key groups ahead of known peak activity periods.

Whilst SFRS are encouraged by the consistently low numbers of incidents, we will continue to work in partnership with Police Scotland to address the causes of any such activity.

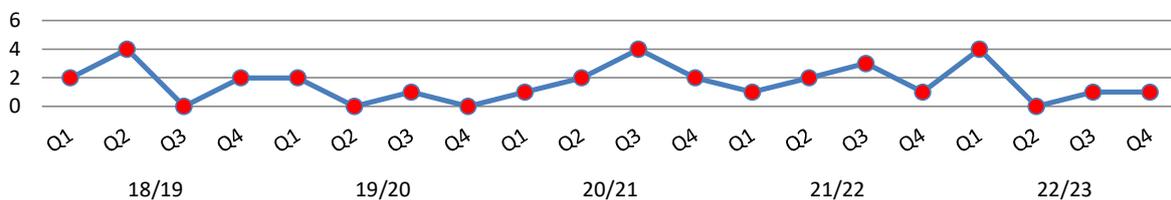
Special Service - RTCs

Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
April	0	0	1	0	0	19
May	1	0	0	1	3	13
June	1	2	0	0	1	14
July	2	0	1	1	0	19
August	1	0	0	0	0	19
September	1	0	1	1	0	22
October	0	0	1	0	0	16
November	0	1	1	1	1	11
December	0	0	2	2	0	16
January	1	0	2	1	0	21
February	1	0	0	0	1	13
March	0	0	0	0	0	10
Fiscal Yr	8	3	9	7	6	193



Month/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
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Qtr/Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Highland
Quarter 1	2	2	1	1	4	46
Quarter 2	4	0	2	2	0	60
Quarter 3	0	1	4	3	1	43
Quarter 4	2	0	2	1	1	44



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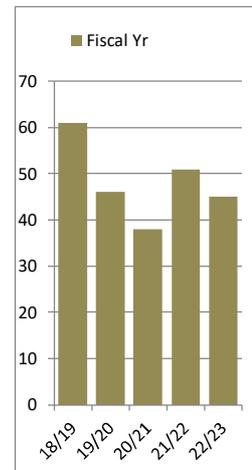
Special Service incidents involves an operational response to a range of emergency activities including life critical road traffic collisions, flooding events, industrial accidents and in support of other emergency service colleagues at larger multi-agency non-fire related events.

The most common type of special service is as a result of a road traffic collision involving, in most cases, a response from all three emergency services. The Service is working in partnership with other emergency response colleagues to reduce these incidents in the community of Nairn and Nairnshire.

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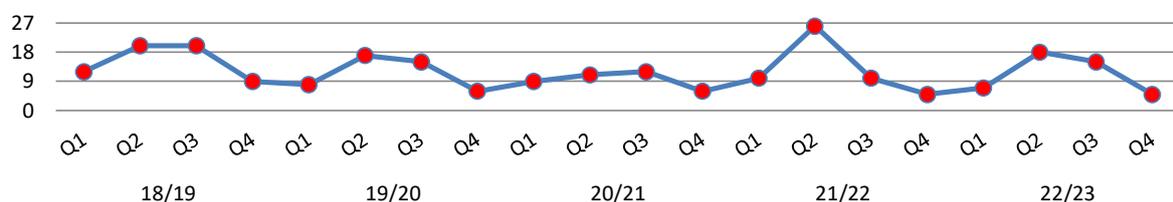
False Alarm - UFAS

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April	6	2	0	3	0	115
May	5	3	5	4	5	123
June	1	3	4	3	2	114
July	9	2	4	14	8	113
August	6	7	5	8	5	147
September	5	8	2	4	5	152
October	4	4	8	5	8	139
November	9	4	2	2	4	152
December	7	7	2	3	3	108
January	5	0	2	2	0	86
February	4	4	2	1	3	95
March	0	2	2	2	2	111
Fiscal Yr	61	46	38	51	45	1455



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Quarter 2	20	17	11	26	18	412
Quarter 3	20	15	12	10	15	399
Quarter 4	9	6	6	5	5	292



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The Service responds to a number of false alarms over the reporting year, most of which are Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).

The UFAS incidents for 2022/23 were marginally lower than the 5 year average. SFRS personnel will continue to work in partnership with the clear aim of trying to eliminate all incident types through our preventative work and targeted engagement with premises. Where improvement has not been demonstrated, SFRS Enforcement teams will work with premises holders to improve building management and reduce unwanted fire alarms.

It should be noted that since 1st July 2023 we are no longer attending automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial business and workplace premises such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities unless a fire has been confirmed. This change does not apply to sleeping premises such as hospitals, care homes, hotels or domestic dwellings. This change in policy which has been implemented across Scotland is in efforts to reduce the 28,000 incidents of this type we attend each year.

Station Availability

Station	Availability %	Male	Female	Staff	Staffing Change
Nairn – 1 st Appliance	98.31%	19	1	20	↗
Nairn – 2 nd Appliance	71.52%				
Nairn-shire Committee Totals		19	1	20	

Commentary

The table shows the current staffing levels on stations and total availability that these individuals have been available for calls, and how this affects the availability of the station's fire appliances.

The Service works closely with employers and On-Call staff to support an improvement in availability. However, we recognise the challenges faced by On-Call staff when combining primary employment and their operational availability across the communities in Highland area.

The Service now has a dedicated Watch Commander whose role is to work with Stations across Nairnshire, Badenoch and Strathspey. Their duties include recruitment, training and supplementing fire appliance availability across the district.

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