

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	5
Report No	NC/14/26

Committee: Nairn Area Committee

Date: 24 August 2026

Report Title: Scottish Fire and Rescue Area Committee Performance Report

Report By: Local Senior Officer for Highland

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Nairn Area Committee Members on progress against the priorities outlined in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Area Committee Plan.
- 1.2 Priority areas are identified through a range of Intervention, Prevention and Protection activities which are delivered through partnership to reduce the risk to the communities of Nairn and Nairnshire.
- 1.3 The report also contains previously agreed information and performance as requested by Area Committees.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to comment and scrutinise the attached Area Performance Report.

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** - There are no implications arising from this report
- 3.2 **Legal** - There are no implications arising from this report
- 3.3 **Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)** - There are no implications arising from this report
- 3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** - There are no implications arising from this report
- 3.5 **Risk** - There are no implications arising from this report
- 3.6 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – There are no implications arising from this report
- 3.7 **Gaelic** - There are no implications arising from this report

4 Nairnshire Committee Performance Report

- 4.1 The attached performance report provides the current figures for the reporting year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 and from the previous four reporting years from the central Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) performance management database against the key indicators and timelines from previous reports.
- 4.2 In achieving the priorities within the Area Plan a number of prevention activities are being progressed including; the delivery of free home fire safety visits (HFSV) through our operational On-Call Staff and Community Safety Advocates (CSA), post domestic incident response (PDIR) both of which are aimed at reducing accidental dwelling house fires following our attendance at any incidents of this type. Local managers will also support the partnership delivered road safety programmes, Driving Ambition and the reduction of fire-related antisocial behaviour through targeted youth engagement activities and thematic action plans.

The continued application of the Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Policy provides a means of targeting premises that the Service attends repeatedly and by engagement reduce the number of calls.

Staff also undertake Operational Intelligence (OI) visits to the higher risk premises in Nairn to gather vital information on the hazards and risks on these sites which can help our operational response and firefighter safety.

The Service continues to commit to agile working through electronic and modified methods to deliver partnership and community activities to support those most vulnerable within our communities.

- 4.3 It must be emphasised that the baseline figures for some of the indicators within the report are very low and this can make meaningful statistical analysis challenging. The low figures can also make it inappropriate to provide detailed data analysis which could compromise personal information.
- 4.4 Both Fire Fatalities and Fire Casualties were at zero in this reporting period, which are welcomed by SFRS. For the year Deliberate Fires has remain relatively the same in this reporting period but continue to be at a very low level in the area with only ten in this reporting year.

Special Service – Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) are low, with the total annual figure remaining comparable with previous years. We will continue to work with partners and educational establishments to promote road safety.

False Alarm UFAS incidents continue to be at a very low level in the area. SFRS personnel 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, particularly those who have had multiple alarm actuations. Where improvement cannot be demonstrated, SFRS Enforcement teams will liaise with premises holders to improve building management and reduce unwanted fire alarms.

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Background Papers: Highland – Nairn Area Committee – Performance Report



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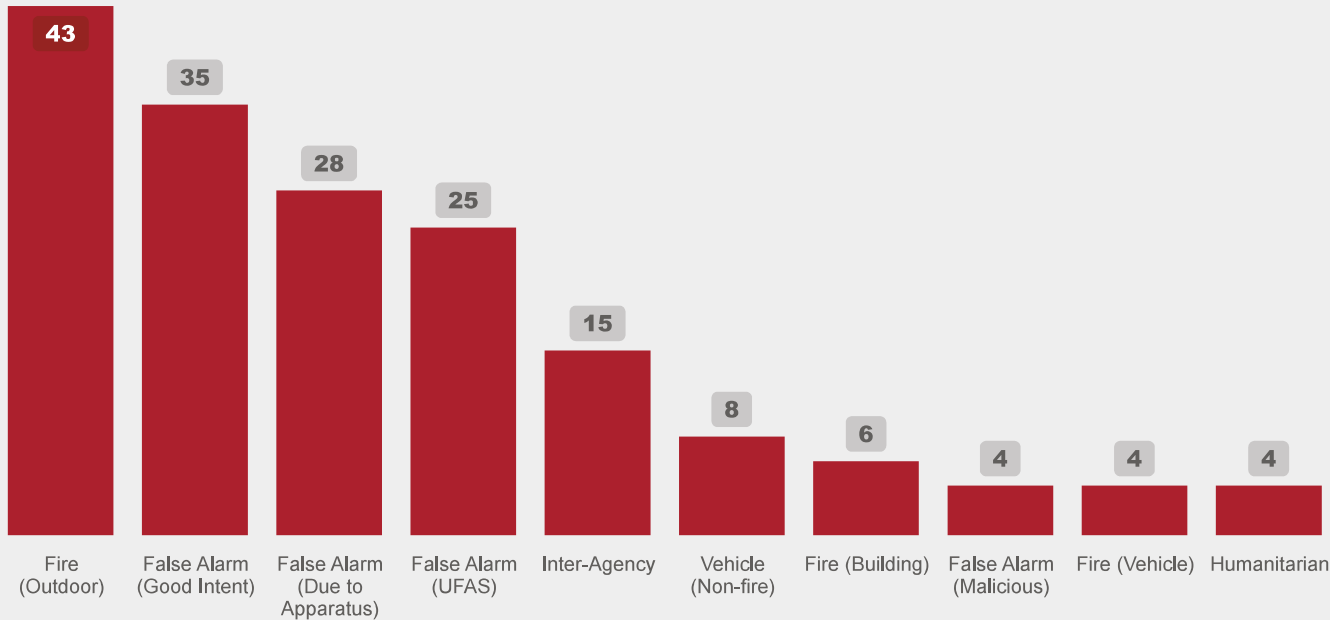
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About the statistics within this report

The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

 181 Total Incidents (Incl. Incompletes)	 53 Fires	 36 Non-Fire Incidents	 92 False Alarms	 25 UFAS
 4 People Rescued by Firefighters	 1 People Receiving First Aid or Hospital Treatment (Fires)	 0 Fire Fatalities	 4 People Receiving First Aid or Hospital Treatment (Non-Fire)	 4 Non-Fire Fatalities
 62 Home Fire Safety Visits	 16 Fire Safety Audits			

Top 10 Incident Types

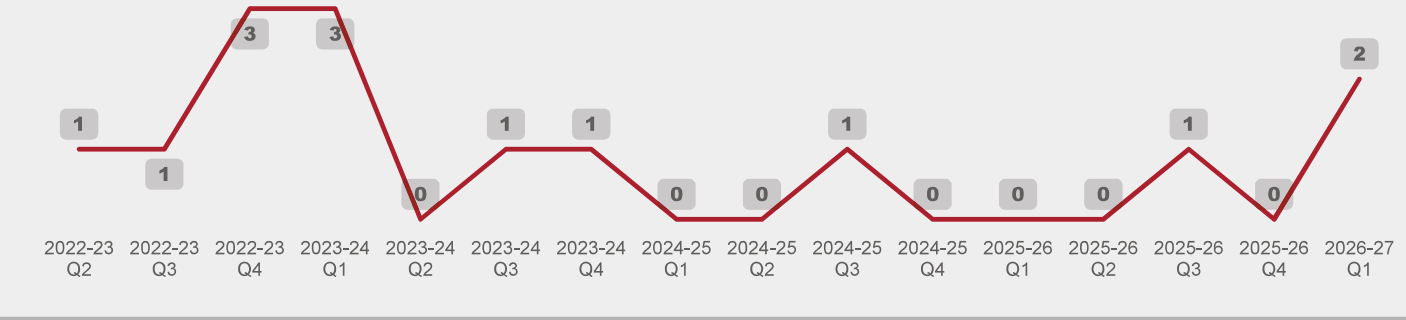


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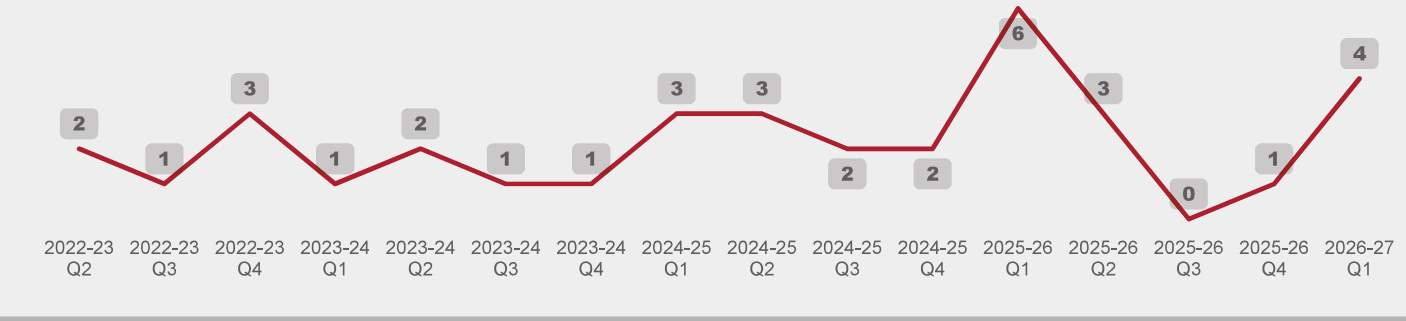
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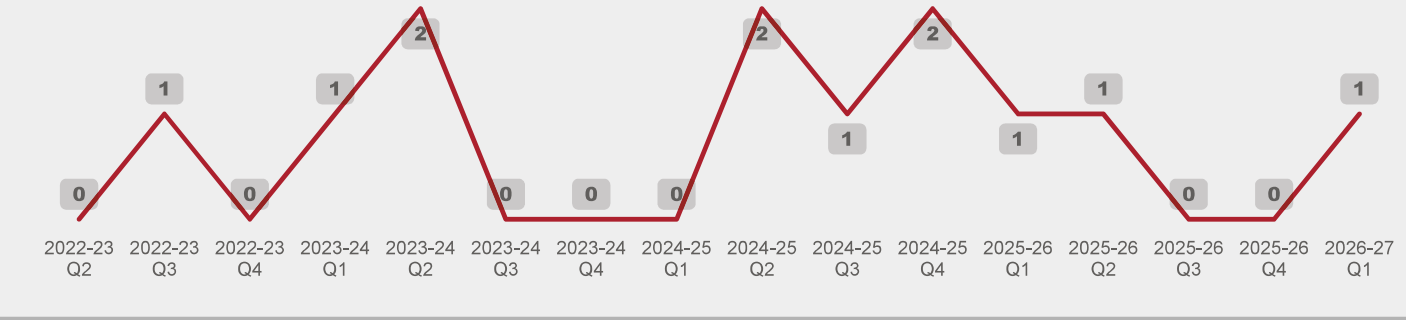
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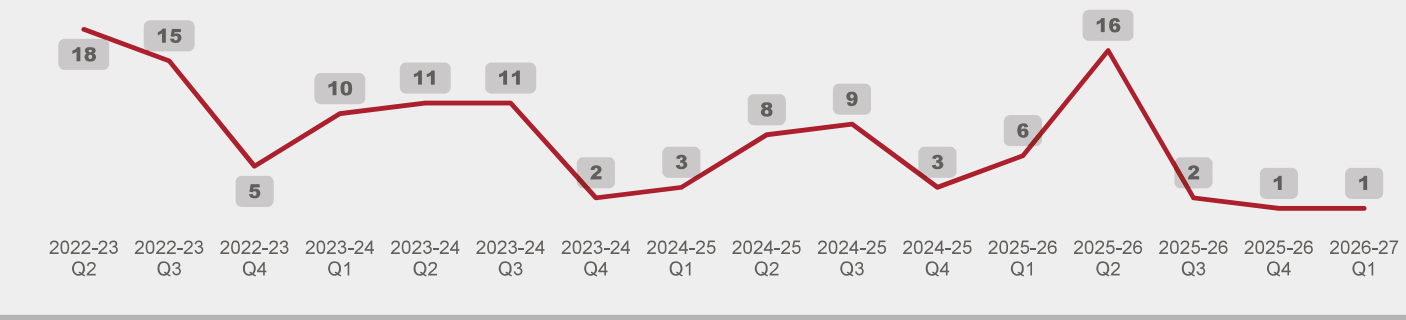
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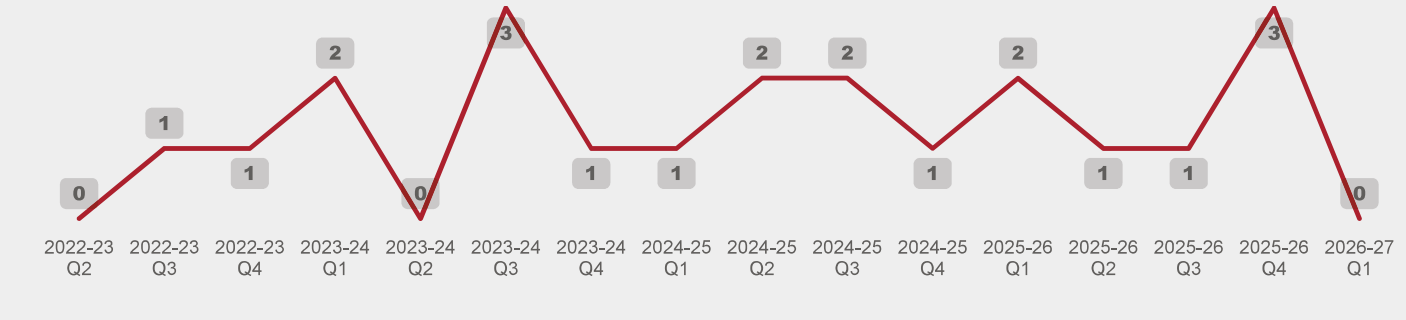
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Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



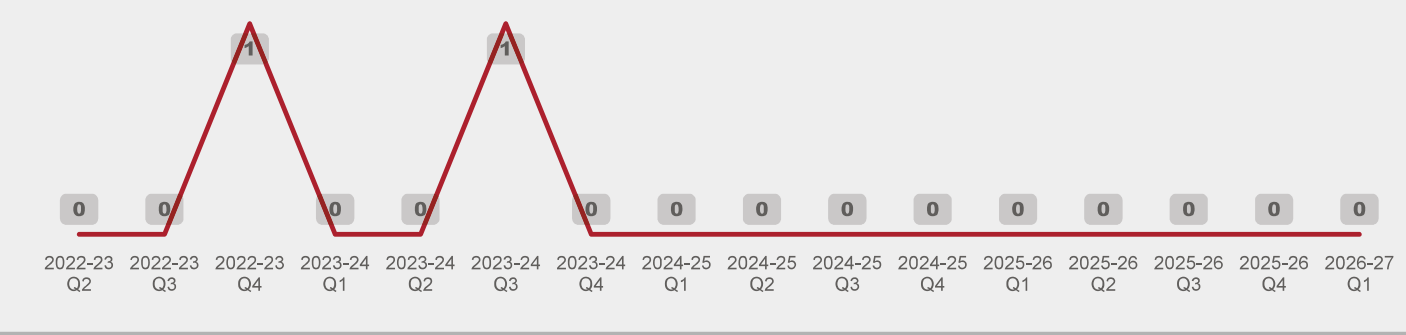
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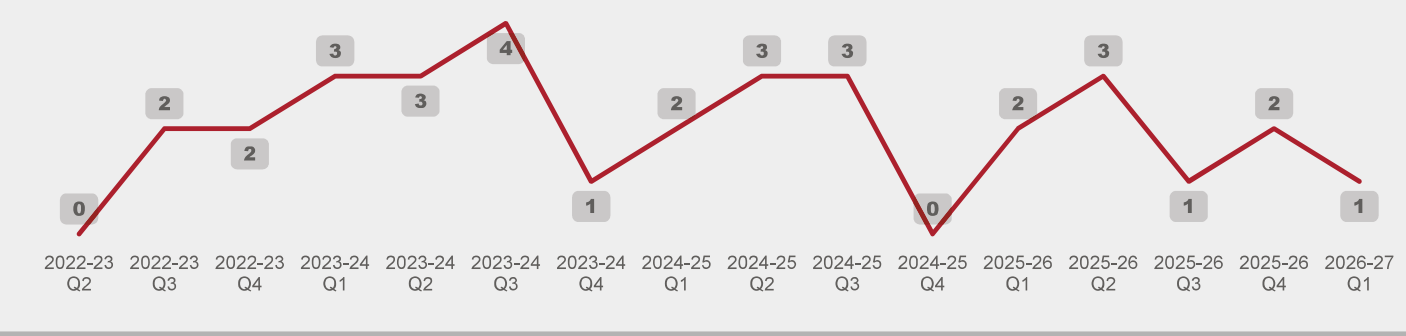
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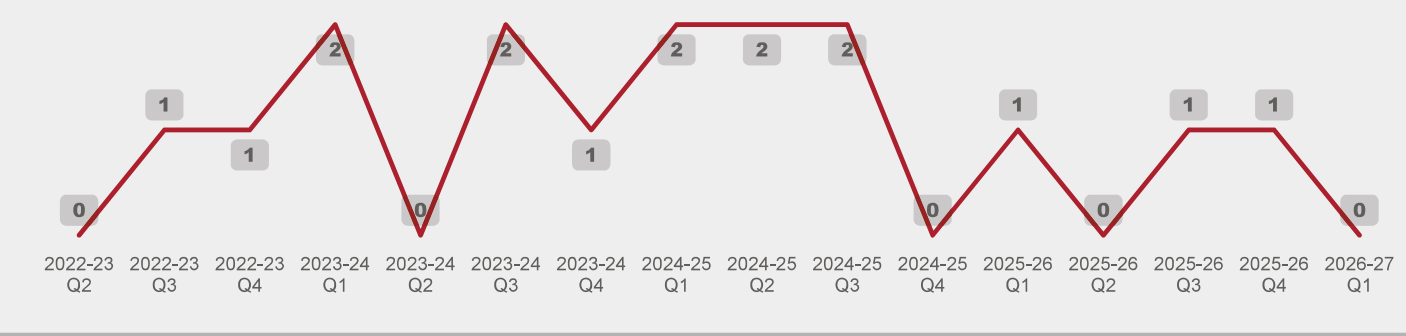
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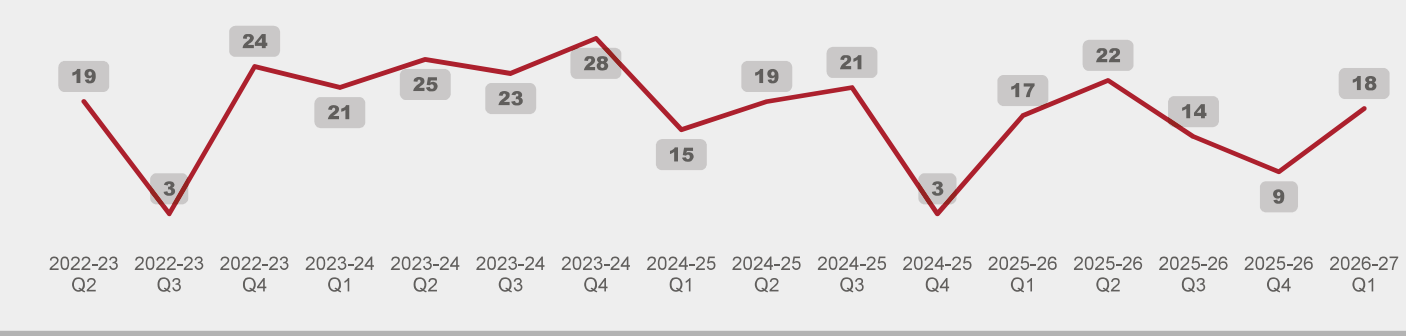
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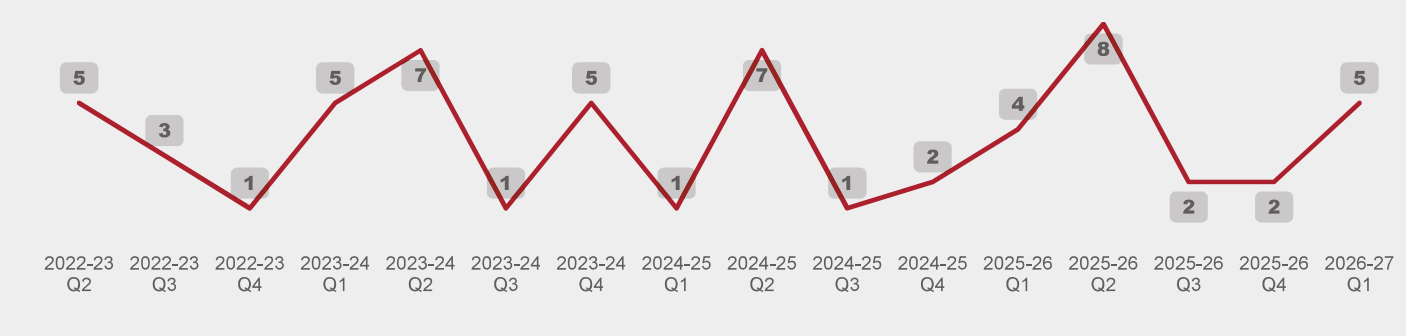
Road Traffic Collision Casualties



Home Fire Safety Visits



Fire Safety Audits



Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Extent of Damage	Incidents
Limited to item 1st ignited	1

Incidents by Ward

Nairn & Cawdor

1

Source of Ignition (Top 10)



Chimney

1

Accidental Dwelling Fires
in this period

There was **1 Accidental Dwelling Fire (ADFs)**, which was classed as low severity, requiring little or no intervention from the Service and minimal fire damage.

All ADFs are followed up with a HFSV and agency referrals where required.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Casualties by Ward

Nature of Injury/Cause of Death	Casualties
	▼

0

Non-Fatal Casualties

0

Fatal Casualties

0

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)



0

First Aid Given at Scene



0

Hospital Slight Injuries



0

Hospital Serious Injuries

There were **0 ADF Fatalities** and **0 ADF Casualties**. It should be noted that these figures do not include those who have been recommended to have a precautionary check up.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Nature of Injury/Cause of Death	Casualties
Back / Neck injury (spinal)	2
Not known	2
Chest / Abdominal injury	1
Chest pain / Heart condition / Cardiac arrest	1
Head injury	1
Other medical condition	1

Casualties by Ward



4

Non-Fatal Casualties

4

Fatal Casualties

3

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)



1

First Aid Given at Scene



3

Hospital Slight Injuries



0

Hospital Serious Injuries

Within this reporting year there were sadly **4 Non-Fire Fatal Casualties** which is an increase when compared to the previous years. Whilst there were **4 Non-Fire Non-Fatal Casualties** which is a reduction compared to the previous year.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Property Type	Incident
Grassland, woodland and crops	5
Other outdoors (including land)	2
Refuse	2
Dwelling	1

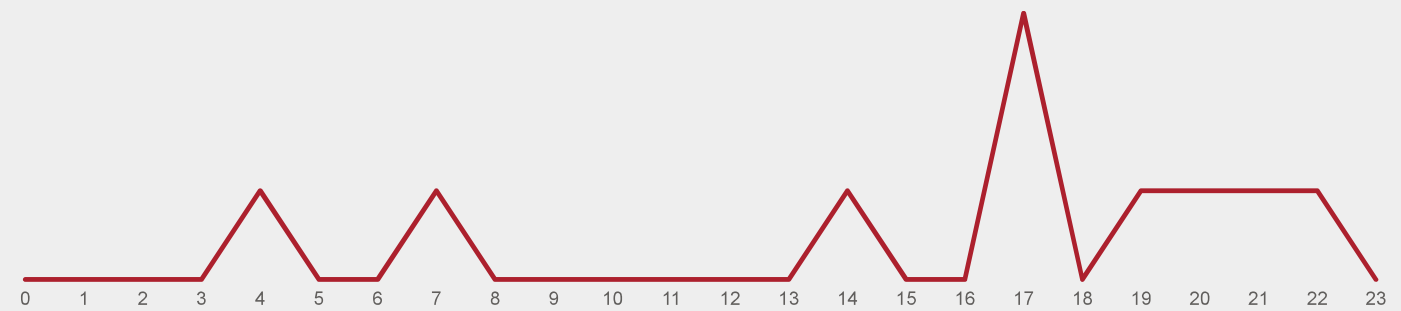
Incidents by Ward



10

Deliberate Fires
in this period

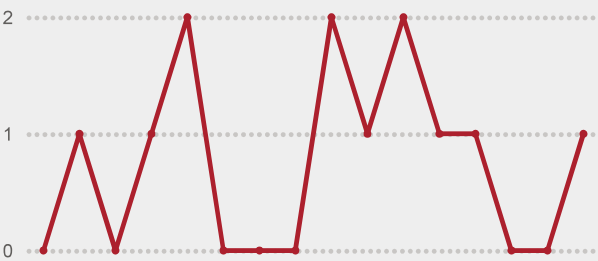
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There were **10 Deliberate Fires** within this reporting year, which is comparable to the previous year.

Referrals are made to other agencies for those at work within our communities.

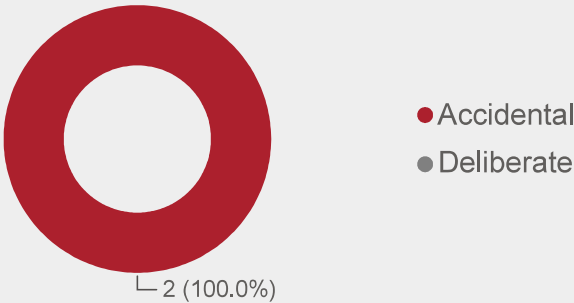
Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Top 15 Property Types

Property Type	Incidents
Food and Drink	1
Hotel/motel	1

Incidents by Ward



2

Non-Domestic
Fires in this
period

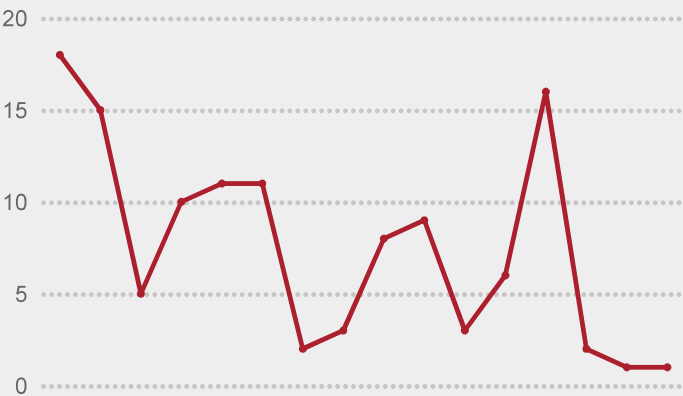
Extent of Damage



Limited to item 1st ignited

There were 2 Non-Domestic Fires within this reporting year, which is a decrease when compared to the previous year.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Incidents by Ward



Top 15 Property Types

Property Type	Incidents
Residential Home	16
Sheltered Housing - not self contained	5
Hotel/motel	2
Boarding House/B&B for homeless/asylum seekers	1
Hostel (e.g. for homeless people)	1

25

Unwanted Fire Alarm
Signals in this period

We attended **25 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)** which is a slight increase when compared to the previous reporting year. The figures continues to remain lower following the Service's change to attendance at commercial businesses and workplace premises.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



7

Road Traffic Collisions in this period

Property Type	Incidents
Car	7

Incident Type	Incidents
Vehicle (Non-fire)	7

Incidents by Ward

Nairn & Cawdor

7

3

Non-Fatal Casualties

0

Fatal Casualties

1

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)



1

First Aid Given at Scene



2

Hospital Slight Injuries



0

Hospital Serious Injuries

We attended **7 Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs)** which is just slightly higher when compared to the previous reporting year. These incidents resulted in **0 Fatal Casualties** and **3 Non-Fatal Casualties** which is a reduction compared to the previous year.

Our Prevention teams continue to work with partner agencies through the Highland Road Safety group, older driver Virtual Reality Scheme and Road Safety Scheme of new drivers.

HFSVs by Ward

62

Home Fire
Safety Visits

Nairn & Cawdor

62

11. Fire Safety Enforcement

Job Type	Count
Audit	16
Consultation	2
Short Post Fire Audit	1

Audits by Ward

Nairn & Cawdor

16

We undertook **62 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs)** within this reporting year. With the introduction of the new, modernised Home Fire Safety Visits system that enhances how we identify, assess and support the most at risk from fire, we may see an initial decline in referrals and HFSVs whilst the new system and referral pathways are embedded in.

Our Fire Safety Enforcement Officers and Auditing Officers have conducted **16 Audits**, together with **2 Consultations** and **1 Short Post Fire Audit** within this reporting year.

- 2 x On-Call Retained Duty System appliances across 1 Station

These Stations serve the Nairnshire population

***Please note the availability figures do not include Joint Mobilising availability.**

Station	1 Apr – 30 Nov 25 Availability* %	Staff 30.11.25	1 Dec 25 – 31 Mar 26 Availability* %	Staff 31.03.26
Nairn – 1 st Appliance	94.08%	18	96.01%	19
Nairn – 2 nd Appliance	50.01%		56.90%	

Due to a change in systems the availability has been split into two time periods to account for the change over date.

Defib Training

In September, Nairn Fire Station hosted Lucky2BeHere who were there to deliver a CPR training session to members of the public.

Fireskills Course

In November, the third Stay on Side Fire Skills course was run at Nairn Station, with 9 students completing the course and being presented with certificates, to recognised their achievements, at the passing out parade. The course is delivered in partnership with the Highland Council and Police Scotland.



Santa's Sleigh



The personnel from Nairn Station were hard at work giving a helping hand to Santa and his sleigh in December, raising monies for local charities and good causes across Nairn, Auldearn, Cawdor and Ardersier.

New Artwork on the Fire Station Wall



In March 2026 a piece of artwork was created on the wall which is the boundary for the training area at Nairn Station. The mural pays tribute to the local community, including Nairn County FC, High Life Highland Leadership Programme and was created in support of Mikeysline. The mural was created by Marc at Fresh Paint and celebrates kindness, connection and intergenerational support.



14. Glossary of Terms

Term - What it means

ADF

Accidental Dwelling Fire.

HFSV

Home Fire Safety Visit.

PDIR

Post Domestic Incident Response, a term used to indicate actions taken following attendance at a fire or other incident in the home. PDIRs include amongst things the offer of a free follow up home fire safety visit.

RTC

Road Traffic Collision.

Special Service

Calls to incidents which are not fires or false alarms such as RTCs, rescues, flooding, incidents involving hazardous materials or the provision of assistance to other agencies.

UFAS

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals. When an automatic fire detection and alarm system is activated as a result of anything other than an actual fire the activation is classed as a false alarm. If an attendance is made to such an event by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, then the event is recorded as an UFAS incident.

UFAS Policy Change

In response to COVID, on the 6th May 2020, the SFRS decided to send 1 pump to UFAS premises that did not have their own Predetermined attendance (PDA).

As of 1st July 2023, the COVID interim 1 pump response was ended and a new UFAS policy was implemented.

The new policy is to call challenge all UFAS incidents with the intention of non-attendance. Hospitals, care homes, and sleeping risk premises are all exempt and receive either 2 pumps or their premise specific PDA.



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