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Report to East Lothian Council Performance Update 1 April – 30 September 2013

1. Purpose

This report provides an update to Elected Members on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within East Lothian for the period 1 April to 30 September 2013.

2. Background

2.1 Quarterly performance reporting of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service takes place at the East Lothian, Safe and Vibrant Communities Meetings under the Community Planning Partnership arrangements. The reports are presented by the Local Senior Officer (LSO) and the local East Lothian Group Manager.

2.2 There is currently, a local fire and rescue service plan in place for East Lothian covering the Period 2013/14. The current local plan includes the following headline priorities.

- Objective 1: To reduce the occurrence of accidental fires in the home resulting in deaths and injury;
- Objective 2: To reduce the occurrence of road traffic collisions and the resulting in death and injury;
- Objective 3: To reduce the occurrence of special service incidents and resulting death and injury;
- Objective 4: To reduce the occurrence of other primary fires and resulting death and injury;
- Objective 5: To reduce the occurrence of unwanted fire signals and the associated disruption;
- Objective 6: To reduce the occurrence of deliberate secondary fires and associated anti-social behaviour.

The specific performance indicators contained within the headline priorities are reported on in the attached report for the first six months of 2013/14.

3. Recommendations

Members are invited to comment or otherwise note the update.

4. Look forward

4.1 The local East Lothian fire and rescue service plan for 2014/17 has been drafted and will be out for consultation from December 2013 until February 2014. This will set out the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service priorities for the East Lothian Area.

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Local Authority - East Lothian

Reporting Period - 1st April to 30th September 2013

Population (based on GROS mid-year estimates 2011) = 98170
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Dwellings (based on GROS mid-year estimates 2011) = 45138

Land mass = 70094 Hectares

GROS - General Register Office for Scotland



ID	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Pg	Target	Q2	
				Perf.%(+/-)	% Targets
2bi	All accidental dwelling fires	3	DWELLING	29%	-10%
1bi	All deliberate dwelling fires	4	AVE.	-100%	
3ai	All fatal fire casualties	5	CASUALTY		-5%
3aii	Non-fatal fire casualties (excl. precautionary checkups)	6	CASUALTY	-100%	-5%
3aiii	Non-fatal fire casualties (incl. precautionary checkups)	7	AVE.	-100%	
5a	Special Service - RTCs	8	AVE.	118%	
5c	Special Service - Extrication	9	AVE.	67%	
5b	Special Service - Flooding	10	AVE.	-77%	
5d	Special Service - Others	11	AVE.	63%	
2b	All accidental primary fires	12	AVE.	-10%	
1b	All deliberate primary fires	13	AVE.	-37%	
10d	False Alarm - Equipment failure	14	AVE.	18%	
10c	False Alarm - Malicious	15	AVE.	-50%	
10b	False Alarm - Good Intent	16	AVE.	5%	
1c	All deliberate secondary fires	17	AVE.	76%	

Commentary

The above table summarises the key performance indicators that are reported to the Safe and Vibrant communities meeting on a quarterly basis. This report provides statistics for the first six months of 2013/14, the period 1 April to 30 September 2013.

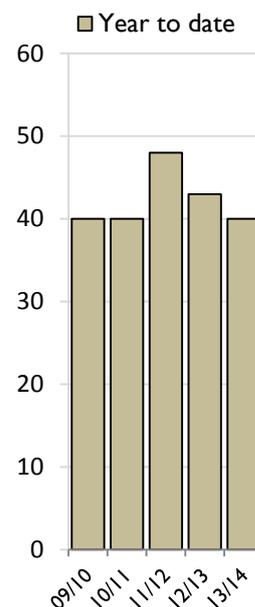
They are rolled up into the following headline priorities.

- Accidental Dwelling Fires
- Fire Fatalities
- Fire Casualties
- Road Traffic Collisions
- Other Special Services
- Other Primary Fires
- Deliberate Secondary Fires
- Unwanted Fire Signals

Where a target is shown this reflects a Scottish government set target.

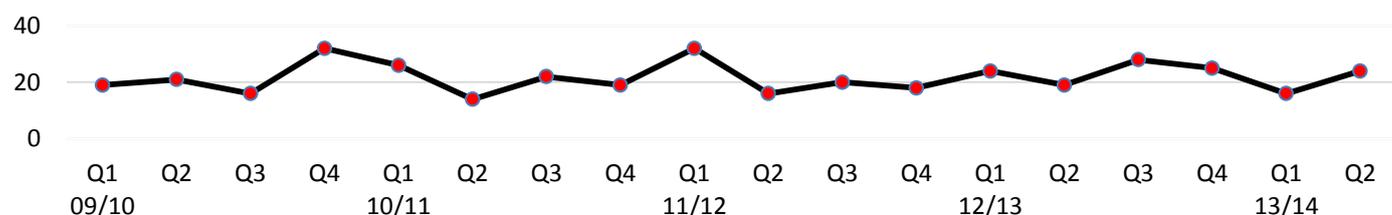
All accidental dwelling fires

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	10	12	8	8	6
May	4	9	14	10	7
June	5	5	10	6	3
July	7	6	5	5	11
August	8	6	3	6	8
September	6	2	8	8	5
October	5	2	6	13	0
November	4	9	5	6	0
December	7	11	9	9	0
January	11	6	9	11	0
February	8	10	3	6	0
March	13	3	6	8	0
Fiscal Yr	88	81	86	96	40



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	40	40	48	43	40

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	19	26	32	24	16
Quarter 2	21	14	16	19	24
Quarter 3	16	22	20	28	0
Quarter 4	32	19	18	25	0



Commentary

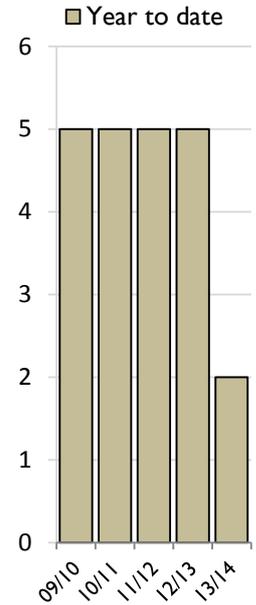
Each dwelling fire represents a tragedy for the individuals concerned, however within East Lothian the number of occurrences of accidental fires in the home is relatively low.

The number has remained stubbornly consistent for the previous years and hence this will continue to be a priority for our local plans moving forward.

We are engaging with local authority partners to work towards better data sharing to enable us to target resources to the most at risk or vulnerable to activity reduce the number of accidental fires in the home.

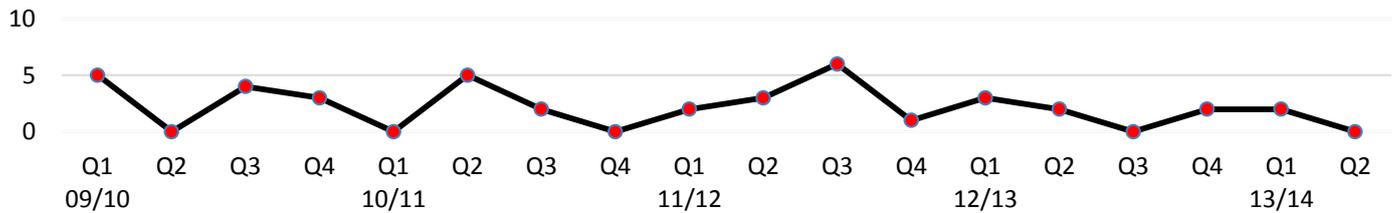
All deliberate dwelling fires

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	2	0	1	1	0
May	1	0	1	0	2
June	2	0	0	2	0
July	0	2	1	1	0
August	0	3	2	0	0
September	0	0	0	1	0
October	3	0	1	0	0
November	1	1	3	0	0
December	0	1	2	0	0
January	2	0	0	2	0
February	1	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	1	0	0
Fiscal Yr	12	7	12	7	2



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	5	5	5	5	2

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	5	0	2	3	2
Quarter 2	0	5	3	2	0
Quarter 3	4	2	6	0	0
Quarter 4	3	0	1	2	0

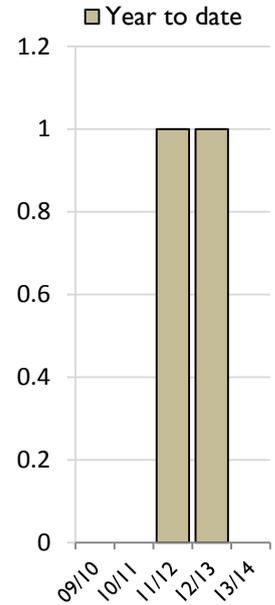


Commentary

Deliberately set fires in the home are fortunately low across East Lothian . As part of the ongoing work on home safety we will continue to focus attention on fires in the home and the causes. We are and will work with Community planning partners to improve this outcome.

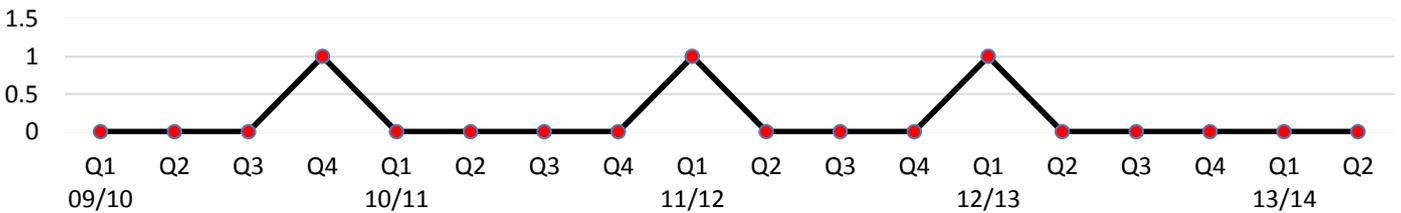
All fatal fire casualties

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	1	0	0
June	0	0	0	1	0
July	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0
January	1	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Yr	1	0	1	1	0



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	0	0	1	1	0

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	0	0	1	1	0
Quarter 2	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 4	1	0	0	0	0



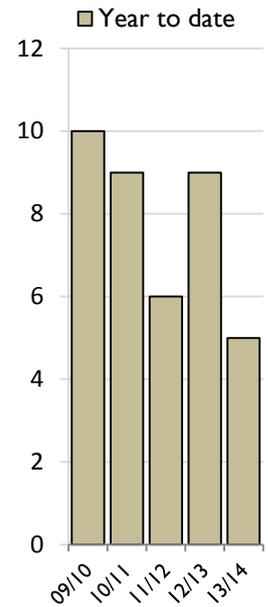
Commentary

There were no fire fatalities during the first six months of the year in East Lothian. Although the number of dwelling fires has remained stubbornly consistent it is pleasing that the number of fatalities and casualties has been going down.

It is with sadness that I advise that in the previous few weeks (Quarter 3) a person has died in a house in East Lothian where there was a fire. This remains under investigation at this time.

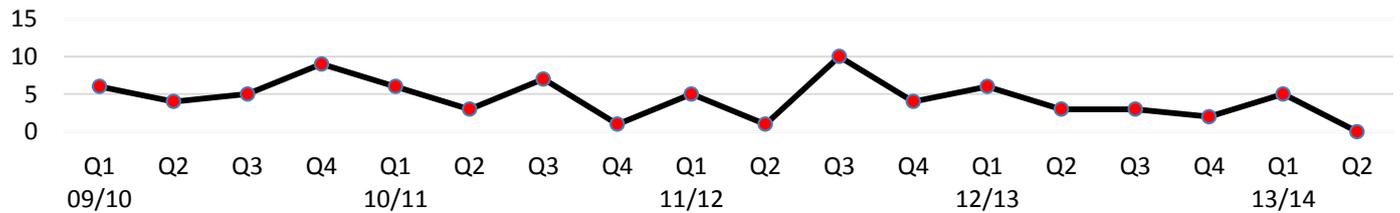
Non-fatal fire casualties (excl. precautionary checkups)

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	1	2	1	2	3
May	4	0	1	1	2
June	1	4	3	3	0
July	3	0	0	1	0
August	1	0	1	0	0
September	0	3	0	2	0
October	0	0	4	2	0
November	2	2	3	1	0
December	3	5	3	0	0
January	3	1	3	1	0
February	1	0	1	1	0
March	5	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Yr	24	17	20	14	5



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	10	9	6	9	5

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	6	6	5	6	5
Quarter 2	4	3	1	3	0
Quarter 3	5	7	10	3	0
Quarter 4	9	1	4	2	0

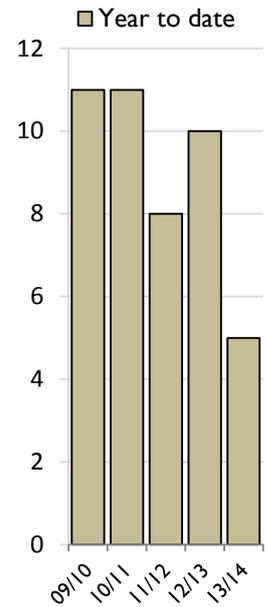


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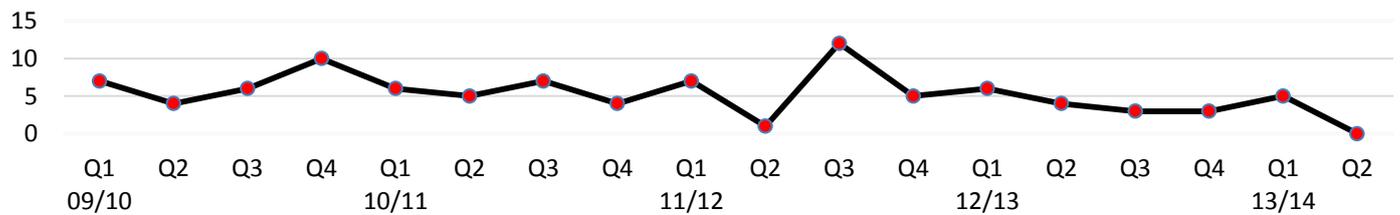
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Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	1	2	3	2	3
May	5	0	1	1	2
June	1	4	3	3	0
July	3	1	0	1	0
August	1	1	1	0	0
September	0	3	0	3	0
October	0	0	4	2	0
November	2	2	4	1	0
December	4	5	4	0	0
January	3	1	4	2	0
February	1	3	1	1	0
March	6	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Yr	27	22	25	16	5



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	11	11	8	10	5

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	7	6	7	6	5
Quarter 2	4	5	1	4	0
Quarter 3	6	7	12	3	0
Quarter 4	10	4	5	3	0

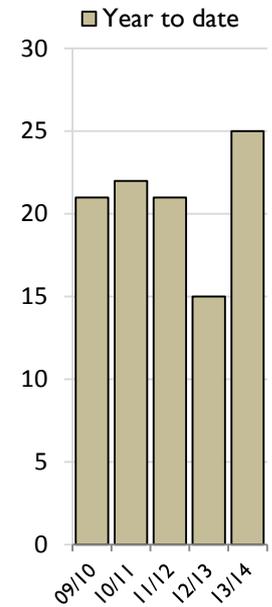


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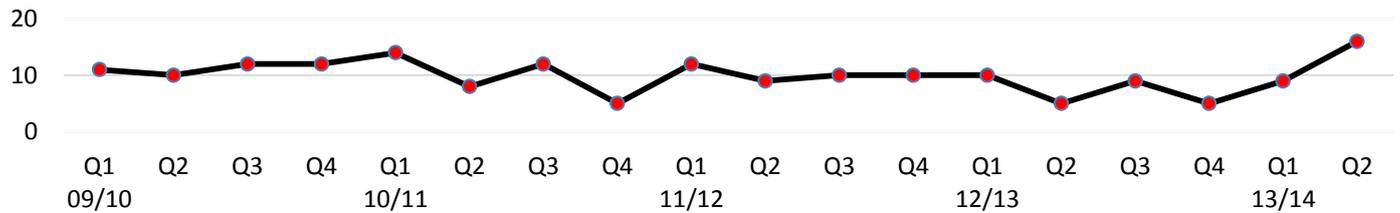
Special Service - RTCs

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	4	2	6	2	3
May	5	5	3	5	3
June	2	7	3	3	3
July	5	3	2	1	8
August	4	4	4	2	4
September	1	1	3	2	4
October	4	5	4	1	0
November	2	4	2	6	0
December	6	3	4	2	0
January	3	2	6	1	0
February	3	2	1	2	0
March	6	1	3	2	0
Fiscal Yr	45	39	41	29	25



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	21	22	21	15	25

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	11	14	12	10	9
Quarter 2	10	8	9	5	16
Quarter 3	12	12	10	9	0
Quarter 4	12	5	10	5	0



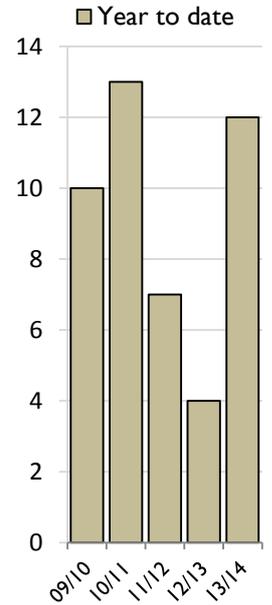
Commentary

This outcome only reports on those road traffic collisions that the Fire and Rescue Services is called out to and does not represent the total number that occur across the area. Road traffic collisions is an issue we will continue to focus on along with our community planning partners to work to make our roads safer. Our young drivers initiatives and focus on young drivers will continue. For this reason, road traffic collisions will be a specific priority in our local plan moving forward.

It is with sadness that at the beginning of Quarter 3 a terrible tragedy occurred in which a number of young people from East Lothian were killed.

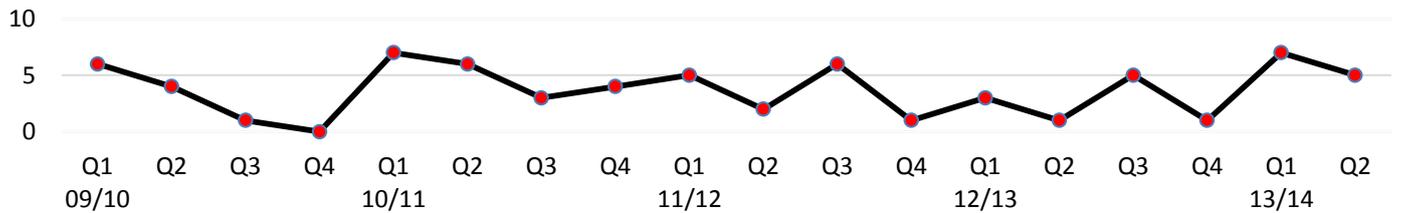
Special Service - Extrication

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	2	3	2	2	1
May	3	1	2	0	3
June	1	3	1	1	3
July	1	2	0	0	2
August	2	3	0	1	2
September	1	1	2	0	1
October	0	2	2	1	0
November	0	1	0	3	0
December	1	0	4	1	0
January	0	2	0	1	0
February	0	2	0	0	0
March	0	0	1	0	0
Fiscal Yr	11	20	14	10	12



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	10	13	7	4	12

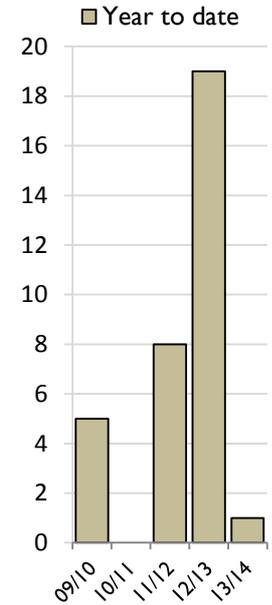
Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	6	7	5	3	7
Quarter 2	4	6	2	1	5
Quarter 3	1	3	6	5	0
Quarter 4	0	4	1	1	0



Commentary

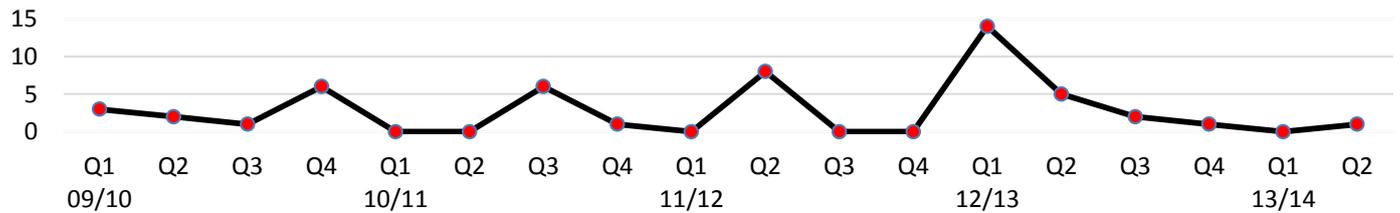
Special Service - Flooding

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	0	0	0	1	0
May	0	0	0	1	0
June	3	0	0	12	0
July	0	0	0	3	1
August	0	0	8	1	0
September	2	0	0	1	0
October	0	1	0	0	0
November	1	0	0	1	0
December	0	5	0	1	0
January	0	1	0	1	0
February	0	0	0	0	0
March	6	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Yr	12	7	8	22	1



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	5	0	8	19	1

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	3	0	0	14	0
Quarter 2	2	0	8	5	1
Quarter 3	1	6	0	2	0
Quarter 4	6	1	0	1	0

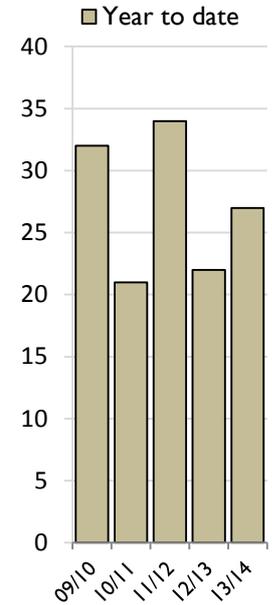


Commentary

The instances of flooding across East Lothian have, to date this year been very infrequent. This may be partly attributable to the very dry summer. During 2012/13 East Lothian, like many other areas experienced a higher than normal number of flooding events due in part to the very wet year.

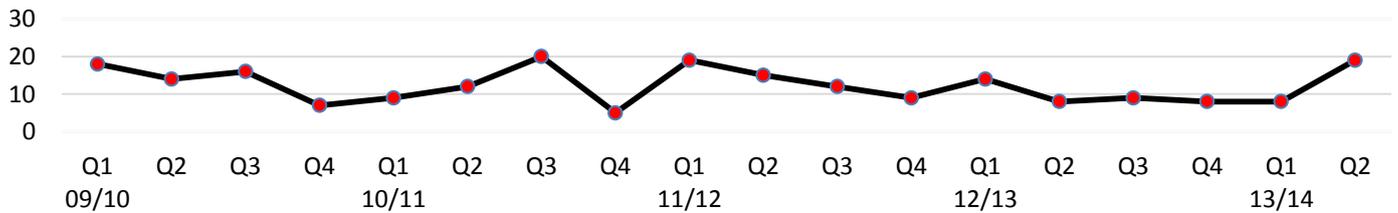
Special Service - Others

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	7	5	7	1	1
May	4	4	8	9	3
June	7	0	4	4	4
July	5	3	4	0	10
August	4	5	6	5	5
September	5	4	5	3	4
October	4	5	4	3	0
November	8	8	4	1	0
December	4	7	4	5	0
January	2	4	5	1	0
February	5	1	1	5	0
March	0	0	3	2	0
Fiscal Yr	55	46	55	39	27



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	32	21	34	22	27

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	18	9	19	14	8
Quarter 2	14	12	15	8	19
Quarter 3	16	20	12	9	0
Quarter 4	7	5	9	8	0

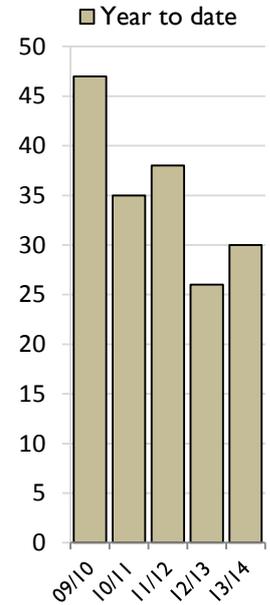


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These incidents included releasing trapped people from machinery, effecting entry to people in distress trapped in property, rescue of people trapped at height, medical response as co responder, trapped animals and incidents involving hazardous materials.

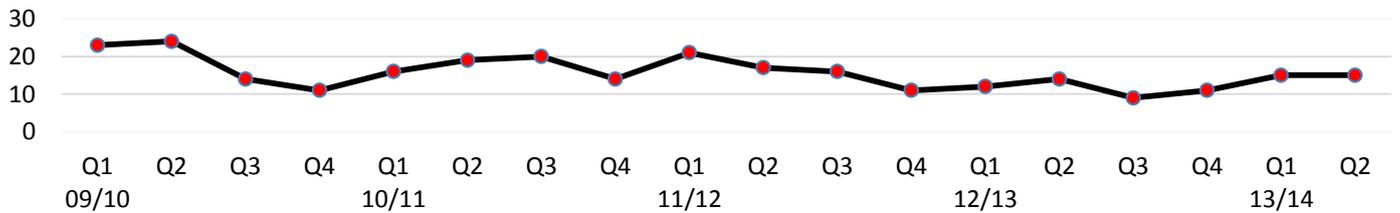
All accidental primary fires (excluding dwelling fires)

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	10	7	7	5	6
May	4	3	7	2	2
June	9	6	7	5	7
July	8	4	4	3	5
August	7	6	5	5	5
September	9	9	8	6	5
October	7	7	5	4	0
November	4	5	3	3	0
December	3	8	8	2	0
January	0	0	4	4	0
February	5	1	5	4	0
March	6	13	2	3	0
Fiscal Yr	72	69	65	46	30



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	47	35	38	26	30

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	23	16	21	12	15
Quarter 2	24	19	17	14	15
Quarter 3	14	20	16	9	0
Quarter 4	11	14	11	11	0

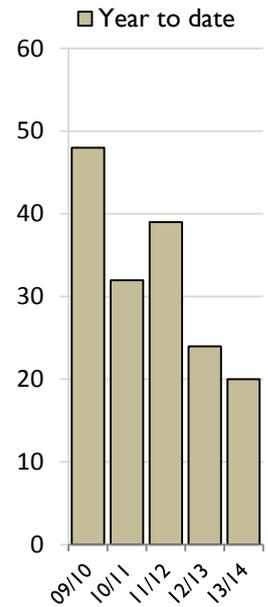


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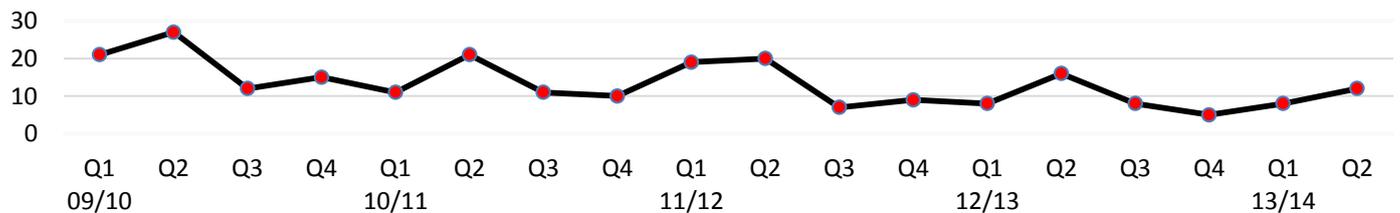
All deliberate primary fires (excluding dwelling fires)

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	7	3	4	4	2
May	5	4	10	1	4
June	9	4	5	3	2
July	7	7	7	7	1
August	6	4	2	4	5
September	14	10	11	5	6
October	9	6	4	1	0
November	2	1	3	2	0
December	1	4	0	5	0
January	7	3	5	2	0
February	6	2	0	1	0
March	2	5	4	2	0
Fiscal Yr	75	53	55	37	20



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	48	32	39	24	20

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	21	11	19	8	8
Quarter 2	27	21	20	16	12
Quarter 3	12	11	7	8	0
Quarter 4	15	10	9	5	0



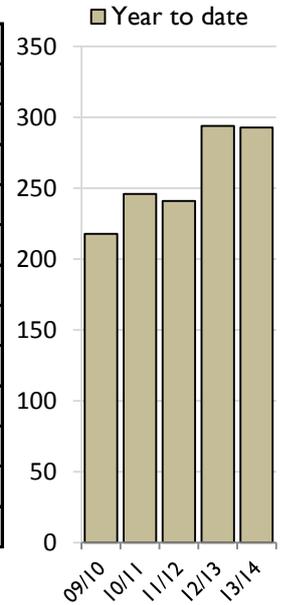
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Fires within this category can be, on occasion associated with anti-social behaviour. We will continue to work with community planning partners to reduce instances of these fires through local community safety teams.

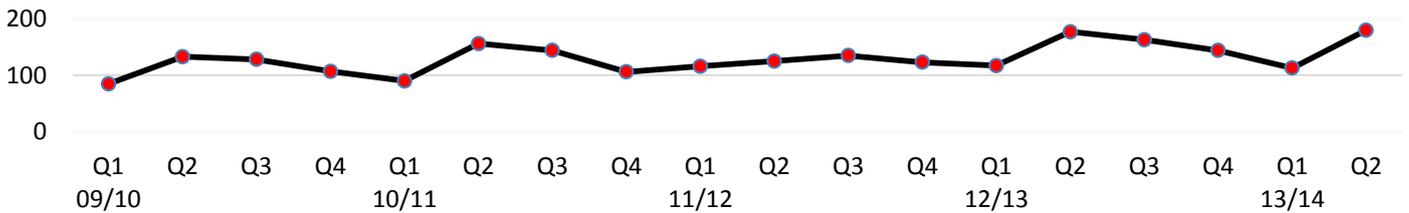
False Alarm - Equipment failure

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	24	41	44	33	49
May	29	30	30	41	32
June	32	19	42	43	32
July	44	60	31	56	74
August	50	50	54	68	48
September	39	46	40	53	58
October	60	46	53	52	0
November	38	54	37	53	0
December	30	44	45	58	0
January	23	29	51	43	0
February	43	35	37	43	0
March	41	42	35	58	0
Fiscal Yr	453	496	499	601	293



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	218	246	241	294	293

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	85	90	116	117	113
Quarter 2	133	156	125	177	180
Quarter 3	128	144	135	163	0
Quarter 4	107	106	123	144	0



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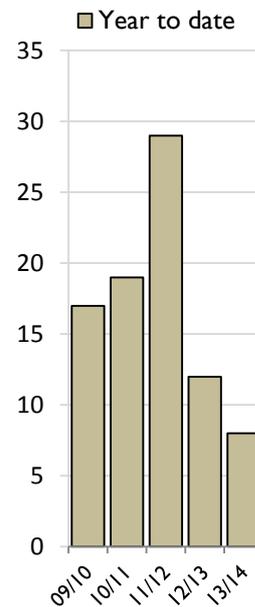
These are instances where the Fire & Rescue Service attends a location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed. These incidents remain stubbornly high and account for a significant amount of operational response time.

A specific initiative has been established in the last few weeks to actively follow up on repeat calls to a premise with a view to reducing and eliminating unwanted calls.

Our fire safety enforcement officers play a key role in supporting local business and where necessary enforcing the legislation relating to fire in business, public or commercial premises.

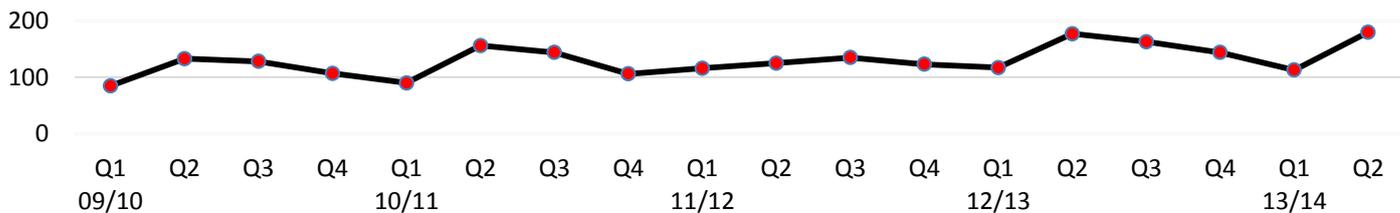
False Alarm - Malicious

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	4	5	6	3	1
May	6	5	15	4	2
June	0	2	2	0	2
July	3	1	1	1	0
August	1	2	2	1	0
September	3	4	3	3	3
October	5	4	3	5	0
November	1	4	2	1	0
December	2	0	0	0	0
January	5	0	1	3	0
February	2	0	3	3	0
March	5	2	0	4	0
Fiscal Yr	37	29	38	28	8



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	17	19	29	12	8

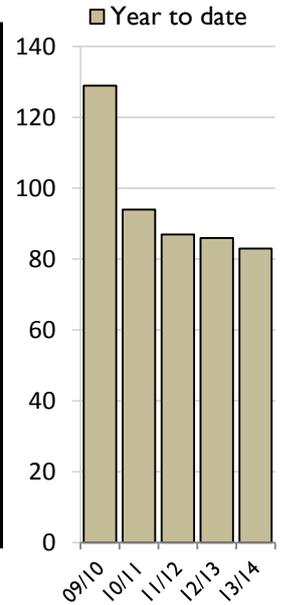
Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	10	12	23	7	5
Quarter 2	7	7	6	5	3
Quarter 3	8	8	5	6	0
Quarter 4	12	2	4	10	0



Commentary

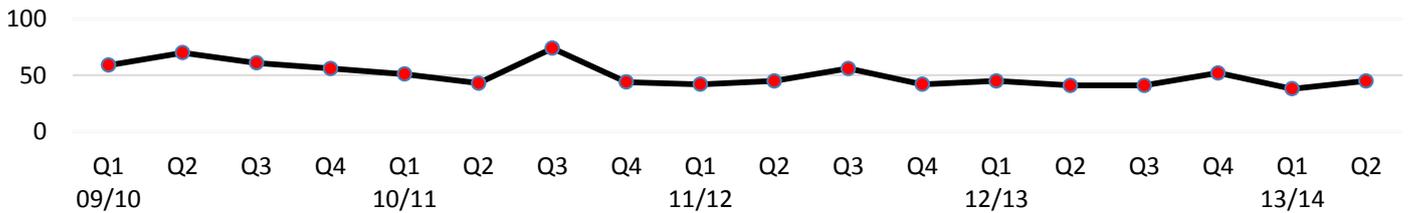
False Alarm - Good Intent

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	23	17	16	15	11
May	10	22	12	20	10
June	26	12	14	10	17
July	20	18	22	9	20
August	33	13	10	17	17
September	17	12	13	15	8
October	21	28	19	11	0
November	20	20	19	16	0
December	20	26	18	14	0
January	19	17	14	11	0
February	17	16	15	15	0
March	20	11	13	26	0
Fiscal Yr	246	212	185	179	83



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	129	94	87	86	83

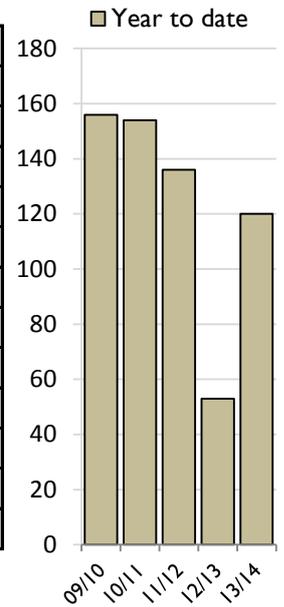
Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	59	51	42	45	38
Quarter 2	70	43	45	41	45
Quarter 3	61	74	56	41	0
Quarter 4	56	44	42	52	0



Commentary

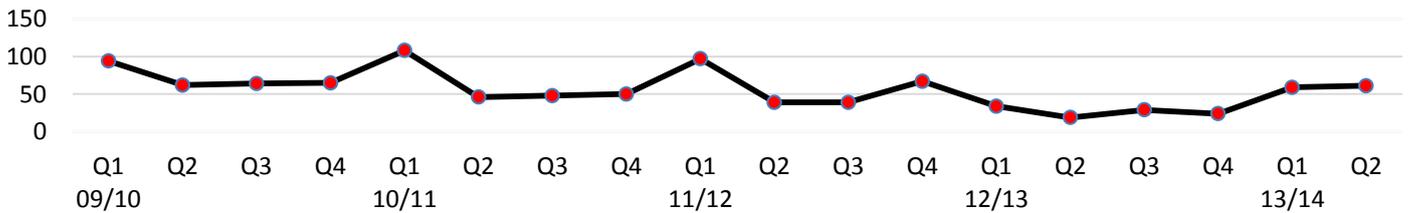
All deliberate secondary fires

Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
April	41	57	46	19	31
May	23	27	28	11	17
June	30	24	23	4	11
July	18	8	13	6	26
August	16	17	11	6	17
September	28	21	15	7	18
October	39	28	9	14	0
November	19	14	24	10	0
December	6	6	6	5	0
January	9	12	22	2	0
February	8	10	17	4	0
March	48	28	28	18	0
Fiscal Yr	285	252	242	106	120



Month/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Year to date	156	154	136	53	120

Qtr/Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Quarter 1	94	108	97	34	59
Quarter 2	62	46	39	19	61
Quarter 3	64	48	39	29	0
Quarter 4	65	50	67	24	0



Commentary

Definition: Fires that were not in primary fire locations, not chimney fires and did not involve casualties or rescues and where the cause/motive was determined to be deliberate.

Although there is a general decline in these types of events, we will continue to focus on this area as it is often associated with anti-social behaviour. Last year's very low number of events may be in part due to very wet weather.