

Report to East Lothian Council

Performance Update 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014

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 2013 to 31 March 2014.

2. Background

2.1 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 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 sets out the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service priorities for the East Lothian Area.

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East Lothian

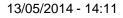
Committee/Sub Group - East Lothian Safe and Vibrant Communities Group

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

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

Land mass = 70094 Hectares

GROS - General Register Office for Scotland



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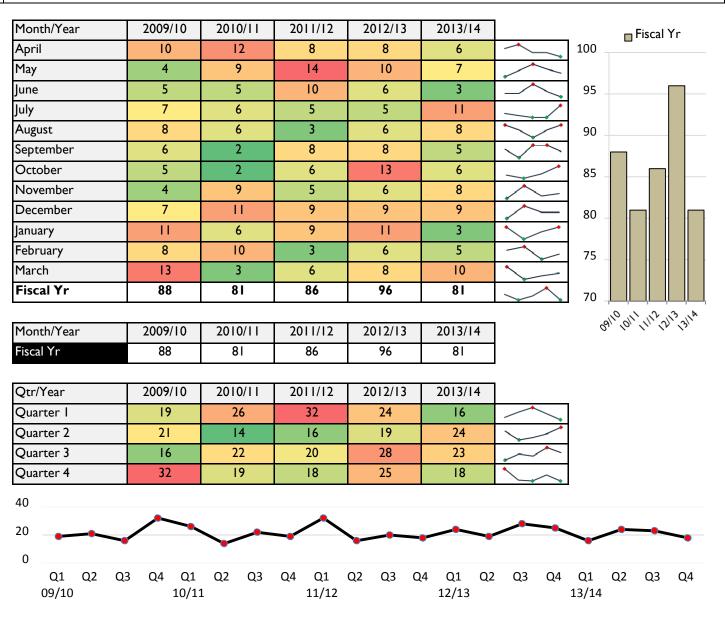
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ID	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Pg	Target	Perf.%(+/-)	% Targets
2bi	All accidental dwelling fires	3	DWELLING	-5.8%	-10%
3ai	All fatal fire casualties	4	CASUALTY	50.0%	-5%
3aiii	Non-fatal fire casualties (incl. precautionary checkups)	5	AVE.	-50.0%	
3bi	All fatal accidental dwell. fire casualties	6	CASUALTY	200.0%	-5%
3biii	Non-fatal accidental dwell. fire casualties (incl. precautionary checkups)	7	AVE.	-43.8%	
la	All deliberate fires	8	AVE.	-14.8%	
١b	All deliberate primary fires	9	AVE.	-38.6%	
١c	All deliberate secondary fires	10	AVE.	-7.7%	
l ci	All deliberate secondary refuse fires	11	AVE.	-39.0%	
5a	Special Service - RTCs	12	AVE.	23.8%	
6 a	Non-fatal casualties per RTC	13	AVE.	50.0%	
6b	Fatal casualties per RTC	14	AVE.	200.0%	
10a	False Alarms - All	15	AVE.	5.5%	
l0c	False Alarm - Malicious	16	AVE.	-58.2%	
l0d	False Alarm - Equipment failure	17	AVE.	I 4.9%	
ГОЬ	False Alarm - Good Intent	18	AVE.	-7.6%	
2a	All accidental fires	19	AVE.	31.2%	
2c	All accidental secondary fires	20	AVE.	172.7%	
2ci	All accidental secondary refuse fires	21	AVE.	116.7%	
5b	Special Service - Flooding	22	AVE.	-79.3%	

This report summary provides the full year data for East Lothian.

Where a specific target is shown this reflects the target listed in the Fire & Rescue Framework 2013.

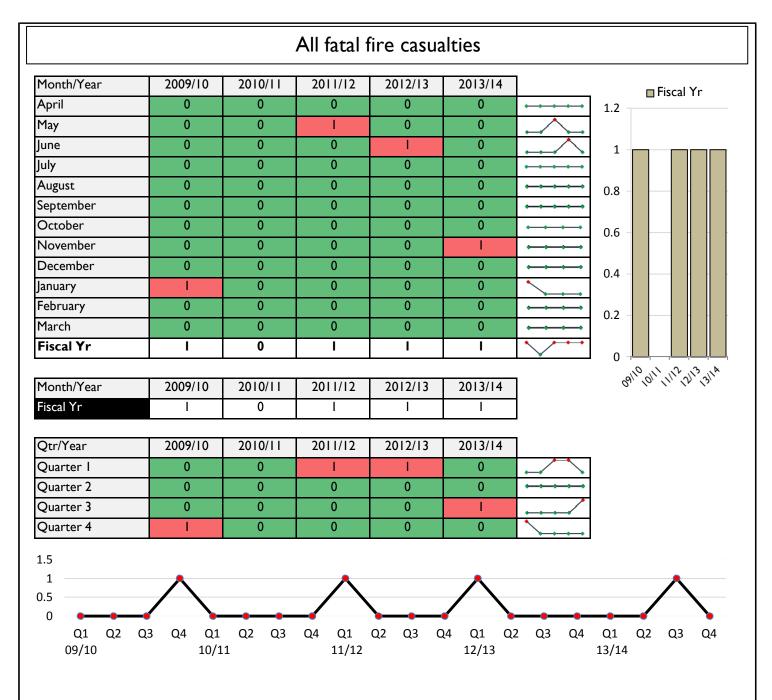
It should be borne in mind that although some of the percentage changes appear extreme, the actual numbers in most cases is relatively small and thus, any change produces a large percentage rise/ reduction. For example, on page 6 'All fatal accidental dwelling tragically there was one fire fatality but this is expressed as a 200% increase.

All accidental dwelling fires

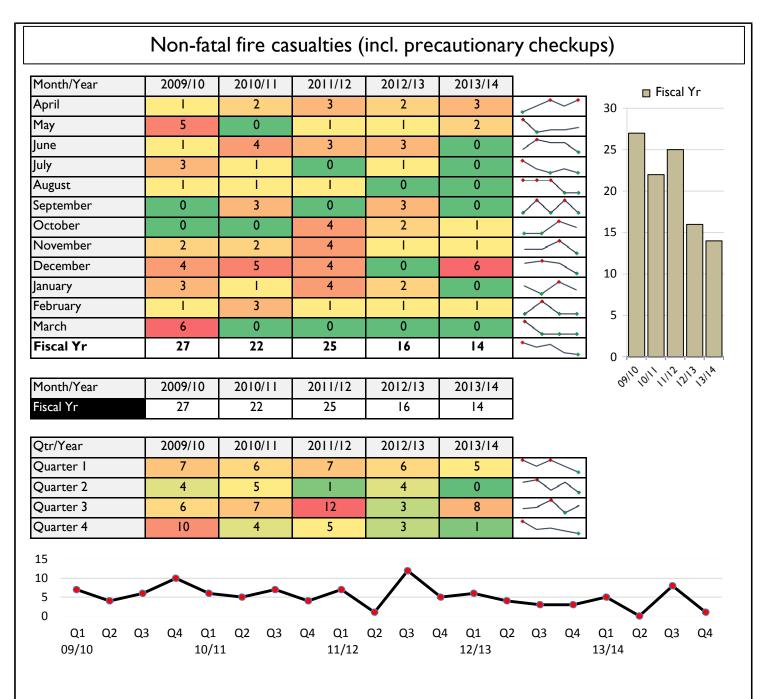


Commentary

It is pleasing to see that in the last quarter of 2013/14 there was a decrease in accidental dwelling fires from 25 the previous year. Out of the 18 fires 7 were in the Musselburgh wards and 5 in the Dunbar ward. This is the first quarter of the year where 100% of these dwelling fires occurred in single occupancy households. This again confirms the need to continually work with partners to ensure we have the correct information in relation to the most vulnerable people in East Lothian. The 5-year trend has shown a very slight reduction in accidental dwelling fires within our area.

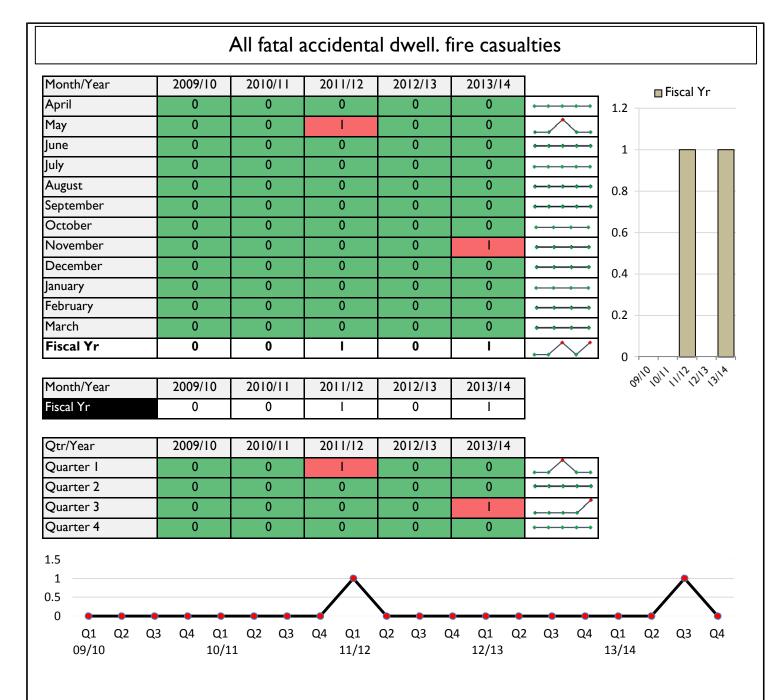


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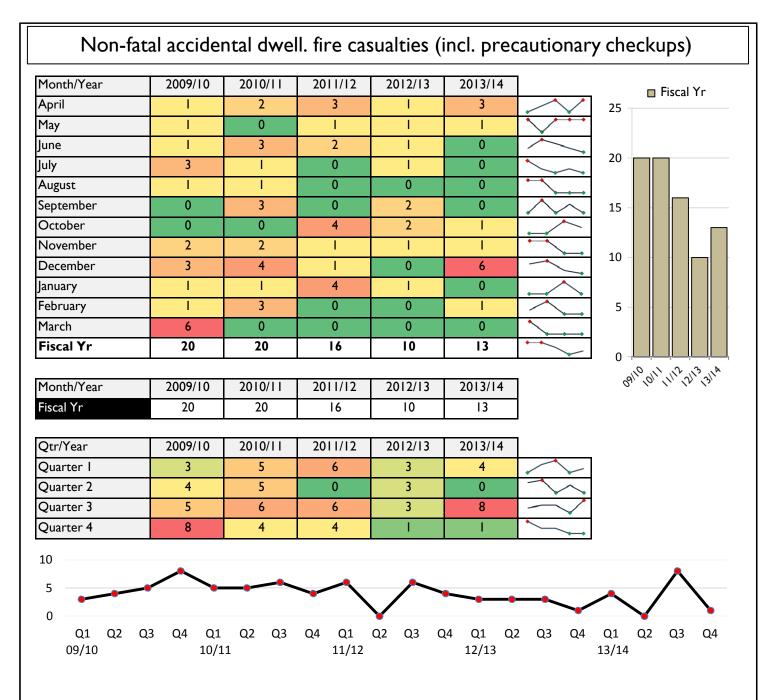


There was a slight reduction in the number of non-fatal fire casualties from 16 the previous reporting year to 14 in this one. In the last quarter of the year, there was one casualty because of fire. The 5-year trend shows a very positive decline in the number of non-fatal casualties.

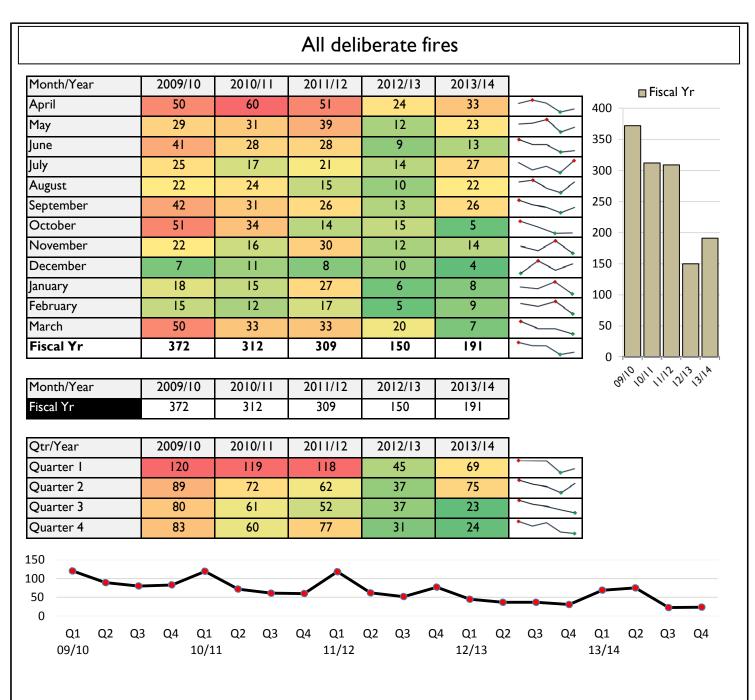
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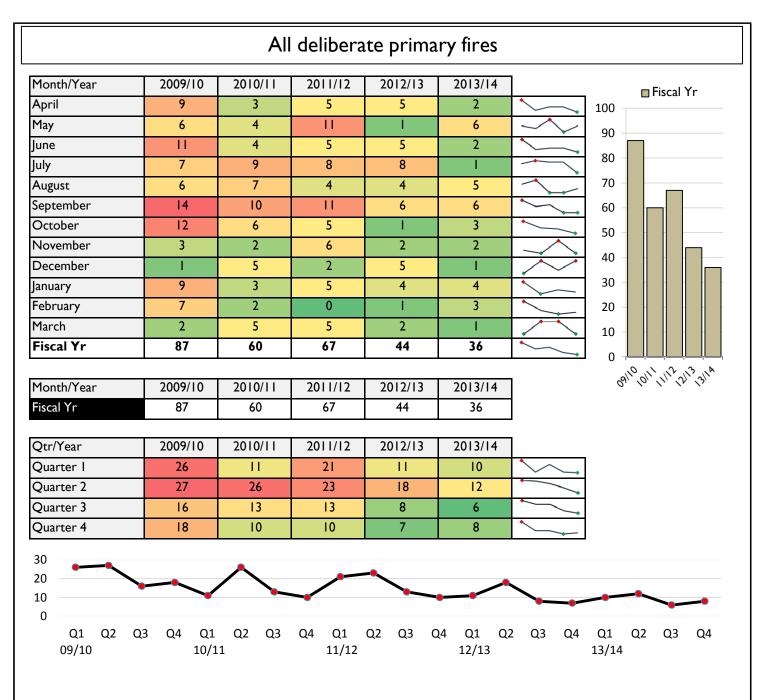
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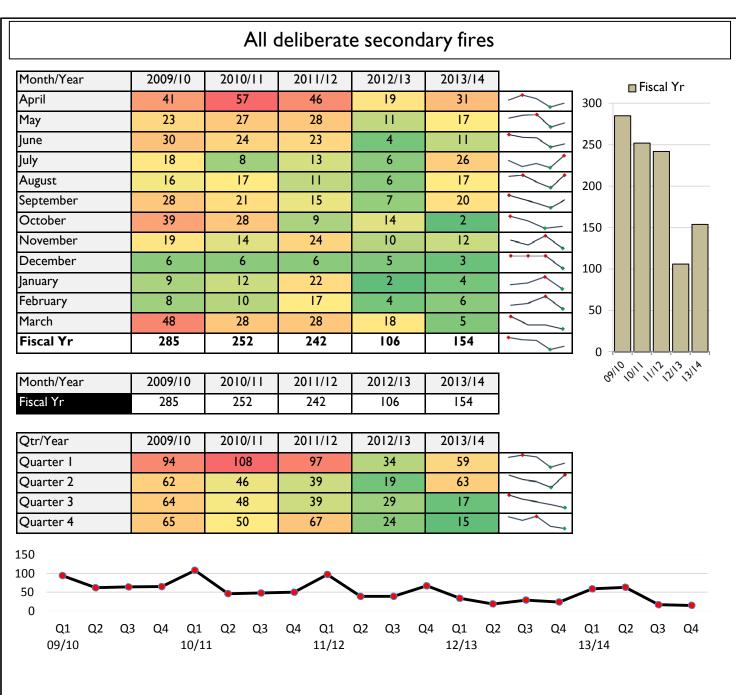
There was a slight increase in the number of non-fatal accidental dwelling fire casualties from 10 the previous reporting year to 13 in this one. In the last quarter of the year, there was one casualty as a result of an accidental dwelling fire. Overall, the 5-year trend had been steadily decreasing but December of last year has shown a significant increase meaning that last year's performance had halted the trend. * Including precautionary checkup means that the person was either taken to hospital, advised to seek medical assistance or given oxygen at the scene by fire crews or paramedics. During the last quarter, only one casualty required a precautionary checkup.



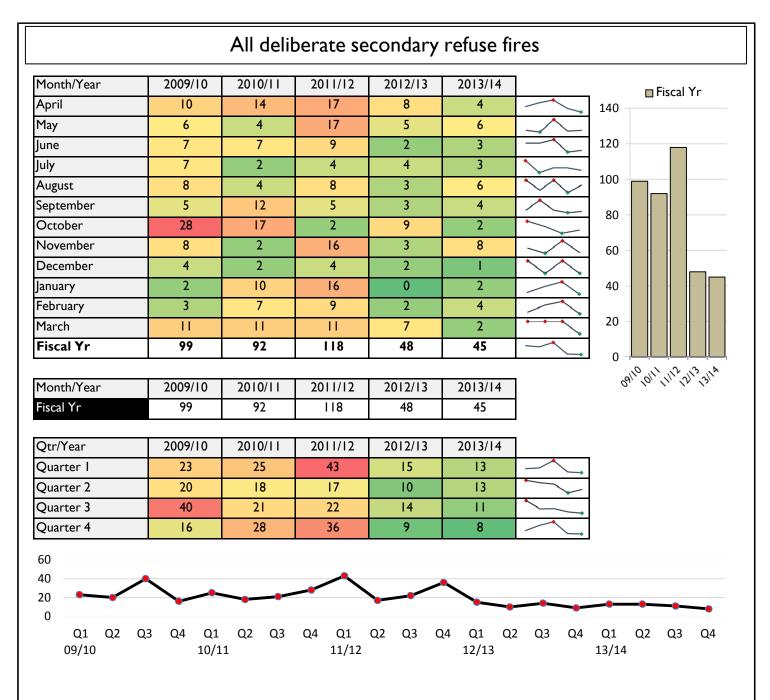
Deliberate fires increased in the first 2 quarters of last reporting year mainly due to the extremely warm and dry weather we experienced. This has unfortunately stopped the 5-year declining trend although the overall figure of 191 is still a significant reduction on the figure from 2009/10.



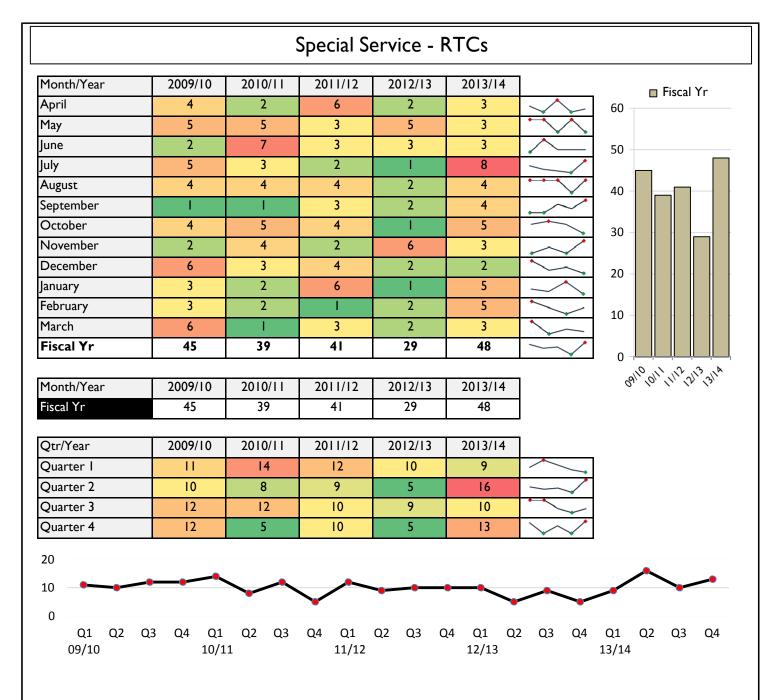
Deliberate primary fires show a 5-year decreasing trend. The effect that building and vehicle fires have on community safety and perception is significant therefore, this trend is very pleasing. *These are fires in Buildings or Caravans not used for domestic purposes as well as Vehicles, Outdoor storage and Agricultural premises.



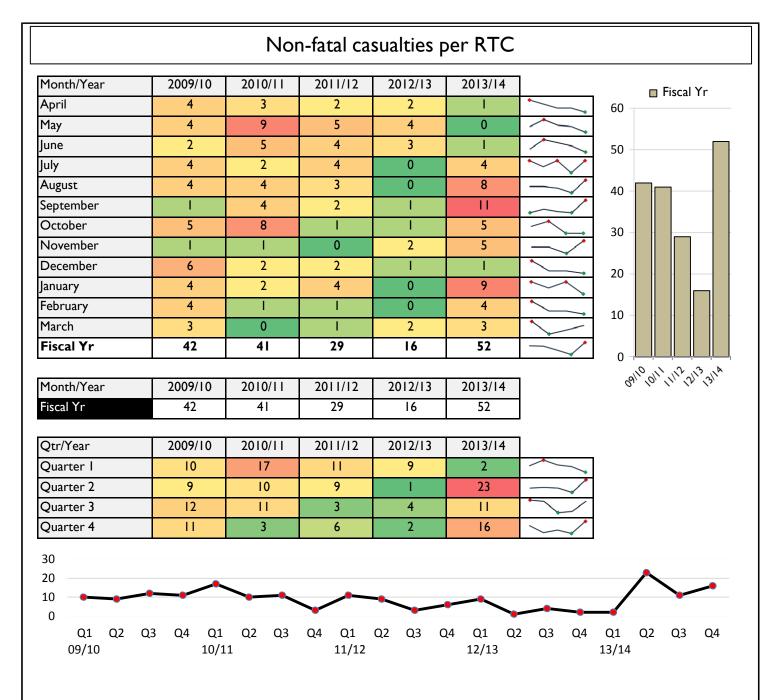
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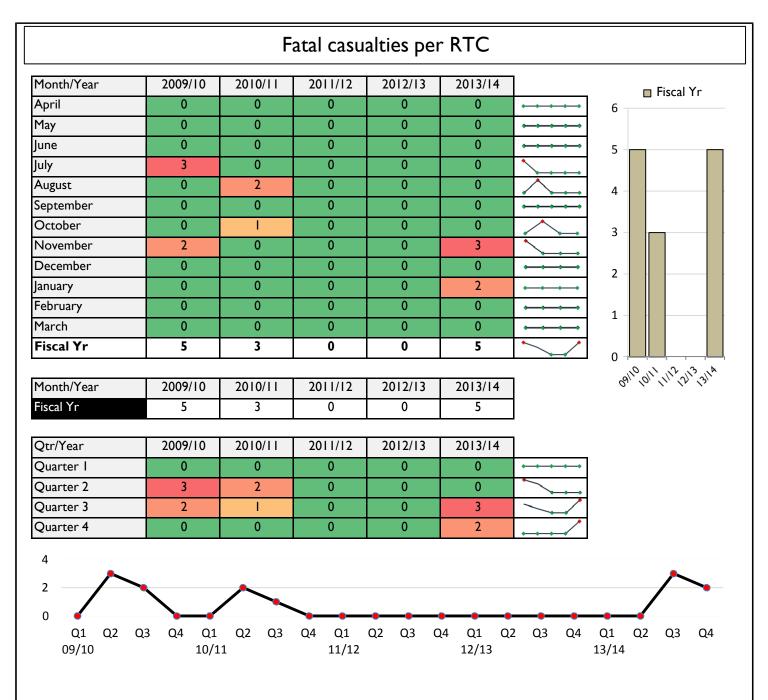
There is a declining trend in the amount of deliberate secondary refuse fires across East Lothian which again can help with community perception as refuse fires tend to be in built up areas.



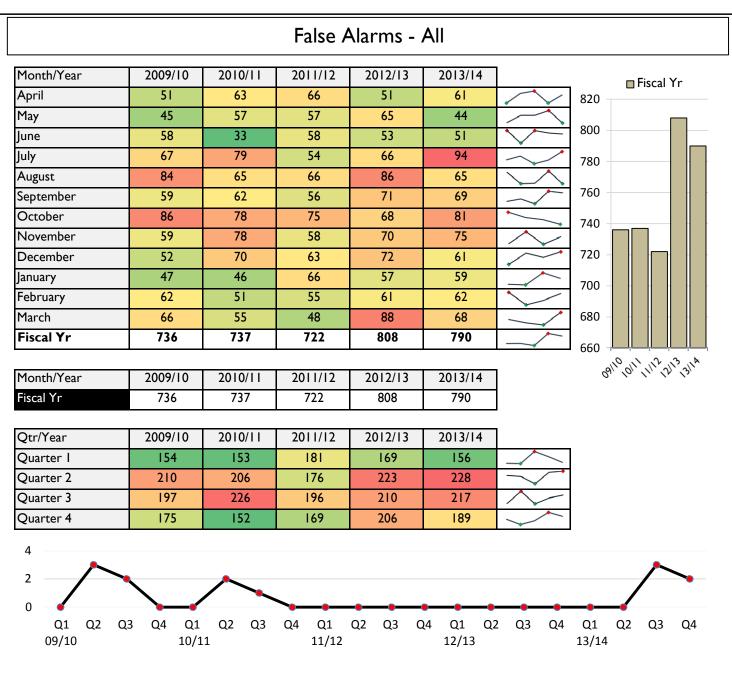
Again in the 4th quarter of last year there has been an increase in the number of RTC's we have attended, this is the 3rd consecutive quarter showing an increase and is the highest year in the last 5 years.



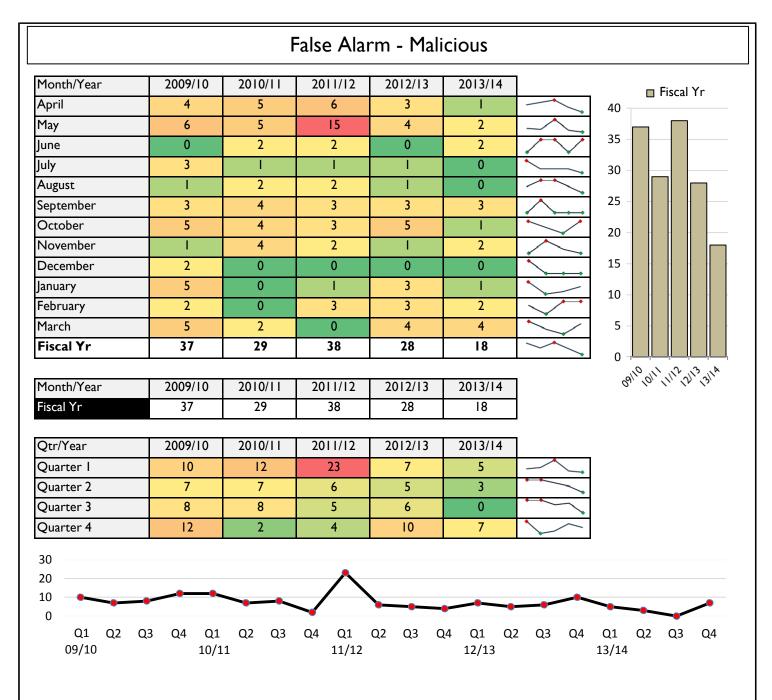
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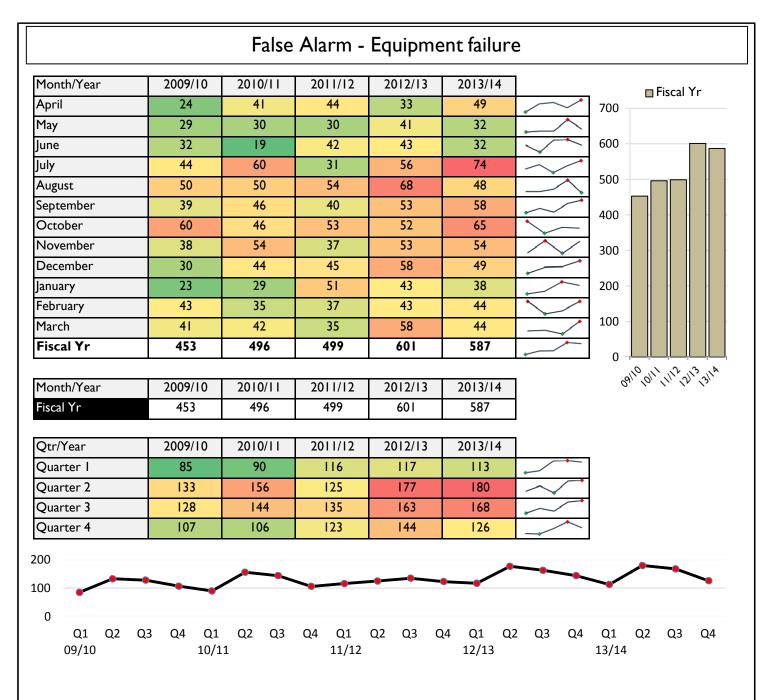
The last 2 quarters of the 2013/14 year have shown an increase in fatal RTC's.



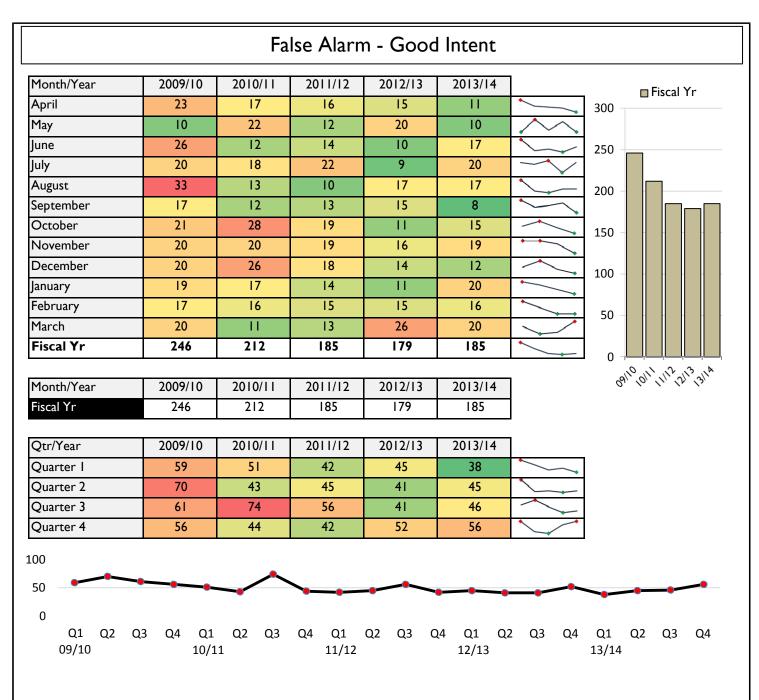
The total number of false alarms within East Lothian is down on the previous year but still higher than the average in the 5-year trend.



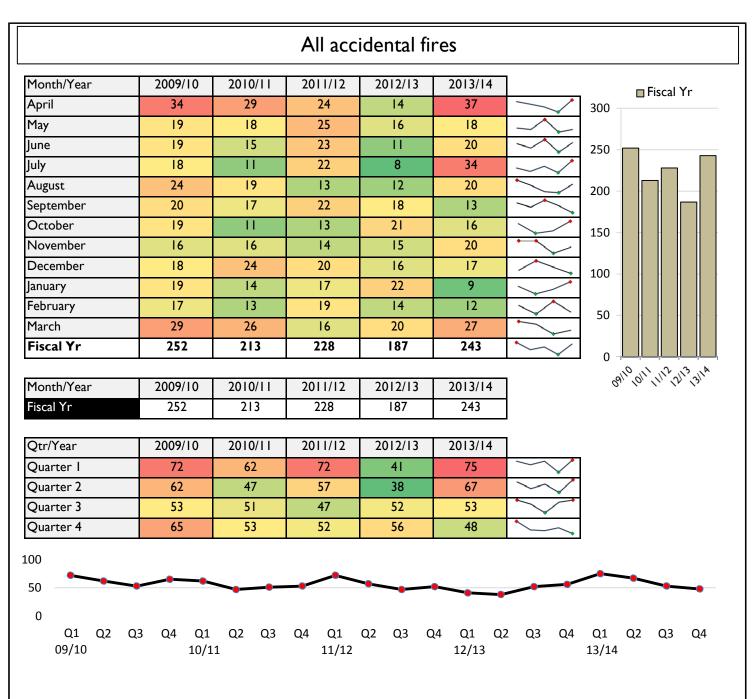
It is comforting to note that malicious false alarms have reached their lowest point in the past 5 years.



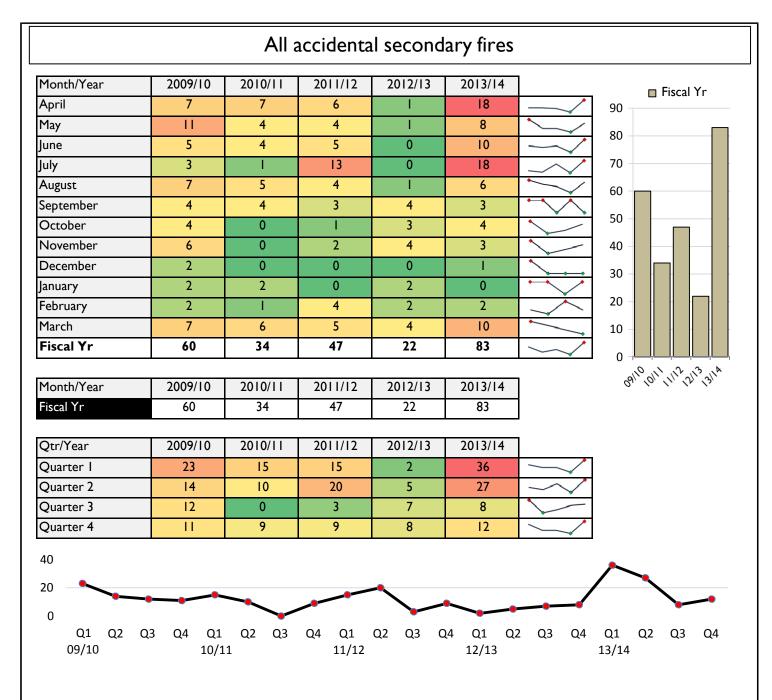
Although the number of unwanted fire alarm signals has decreased on last year's total it is still concerning that there is an increasing trend. We will continue to work with managers of local premises to ensure this number starts to decline.



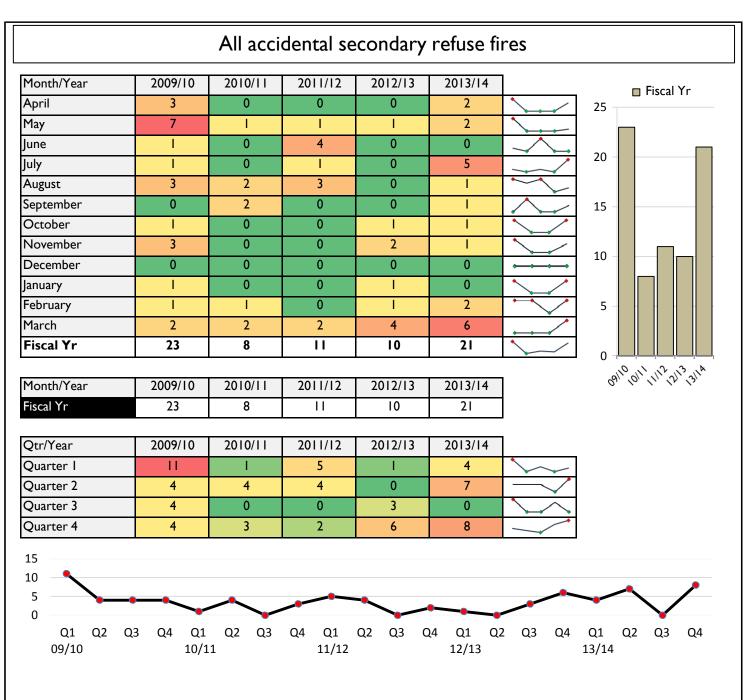
Over the past 5 years good intent calls have shown a slight reduction, this may be attributable to te reduction in calls overall.



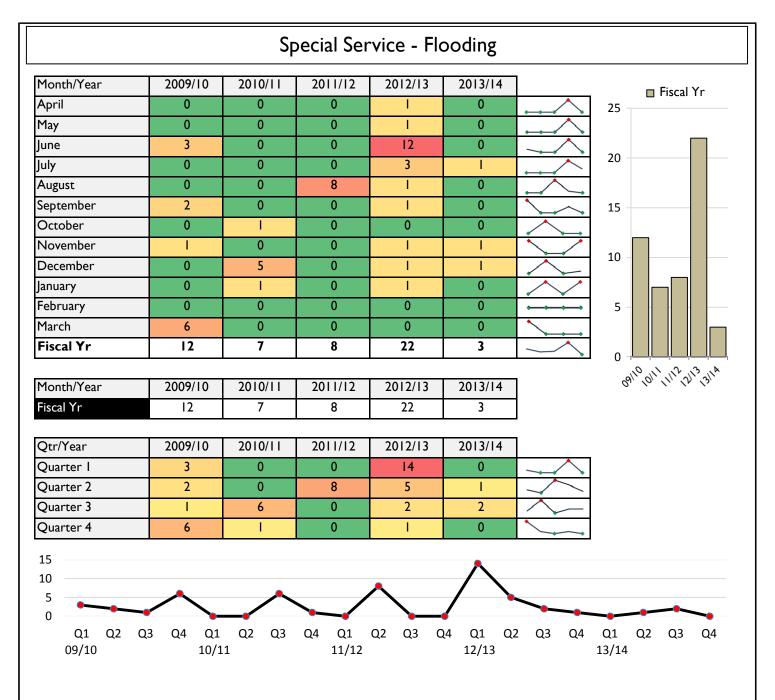
The numbers of accidental fires in the last 5 years have been consistent with the exception of 2012/13 which was lower most probably due to the wet weather that year.



Last year has shown the highest number of secondary fires in the previous 5 years. The warm/dry weather in the first quarter is mainly responsible for this increase. We continue to raise awareness of fire safety within the communities.



There has been an increase in accidental refuse fires in the last year. We will continue to raise awareness of this issue at community safety events.



Due to the dry weather in last reporting year we have experienced very limited flooding in East Lothian.