



East Lothian Quarters 1&2 24/25 Performance Report



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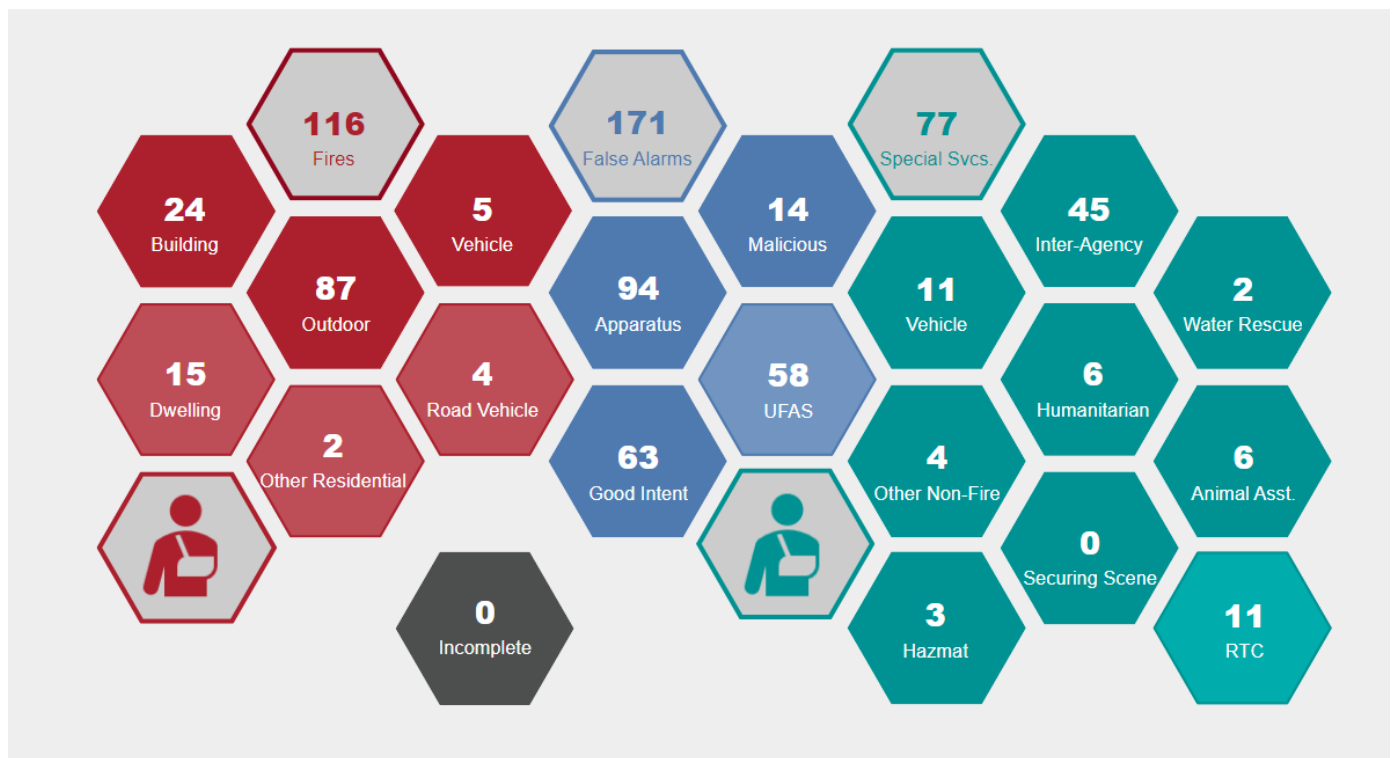
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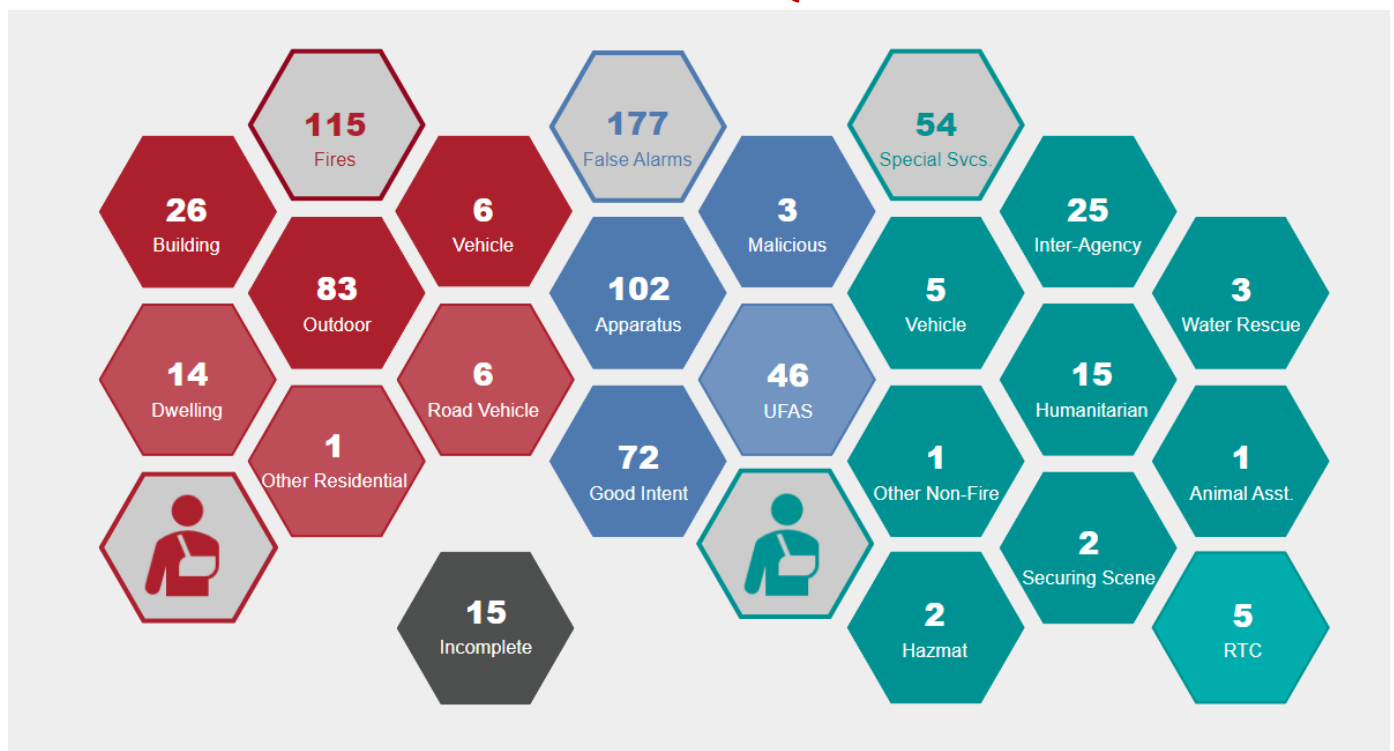
About the statistics within this report

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 because 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.

1. East Lothian: Total Incidents: Quarter 1



Total Incidents: Quarter 2



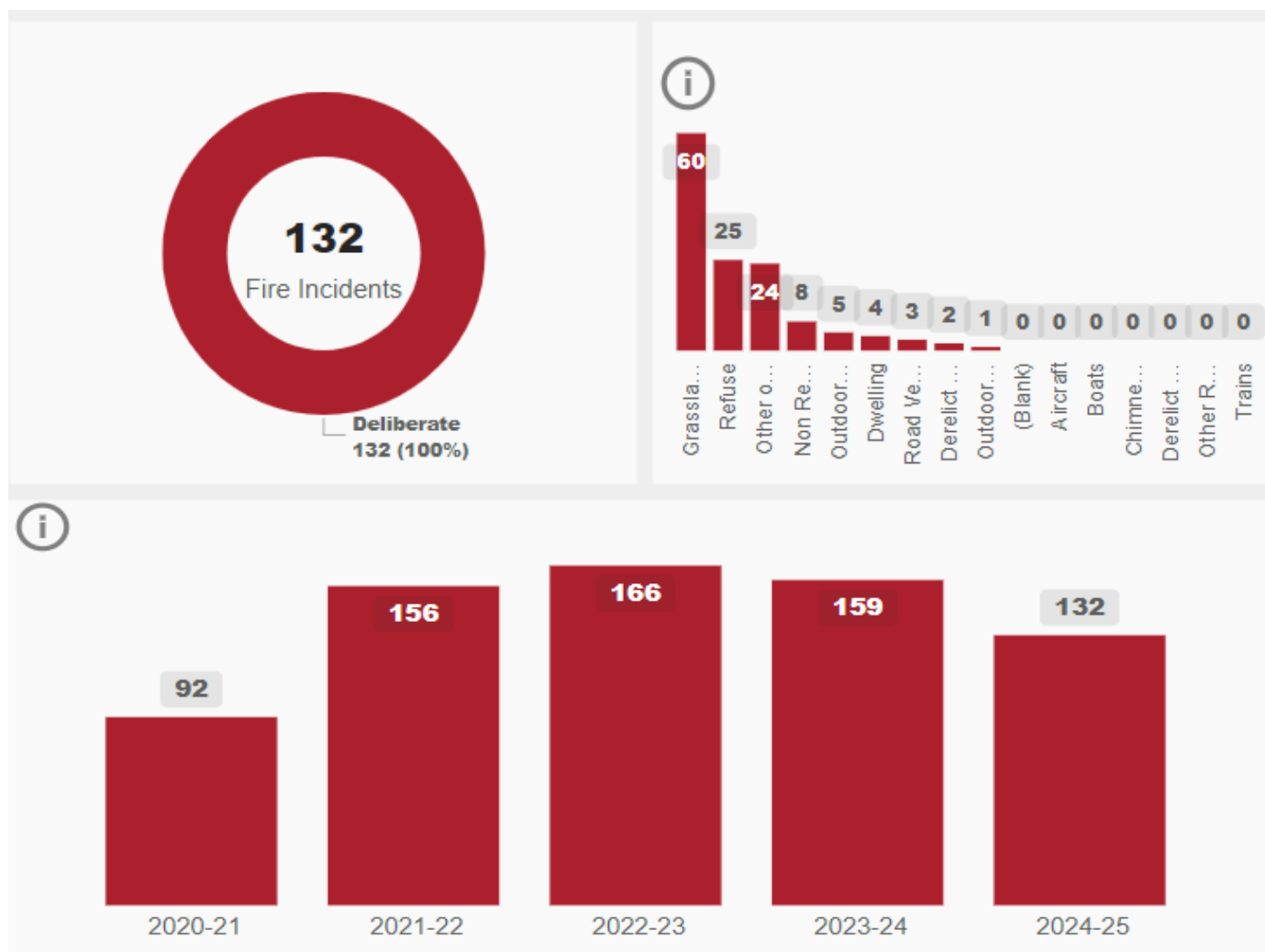
- During the first 6-month reporting period of 2024/25, SFRS responded to a total of 710 incidents in the East Lothian locality. This is a decrease from the 2023/24 reporting period total of 815, which is evidenced below.

| Type of Incident | Q1&2 2023/24 | Q1&2 2024/25 | Difference |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Fire | 266 | 231 | -35 |
| Special Service | 133 | 131 | -2 |
| False Alarms | 416 | 348 | -68 |

Q1&2 of 2024/25 saw an overall reduction of 14% in incidents attended in the East Lothian compared to last year's total for the same reporting period.

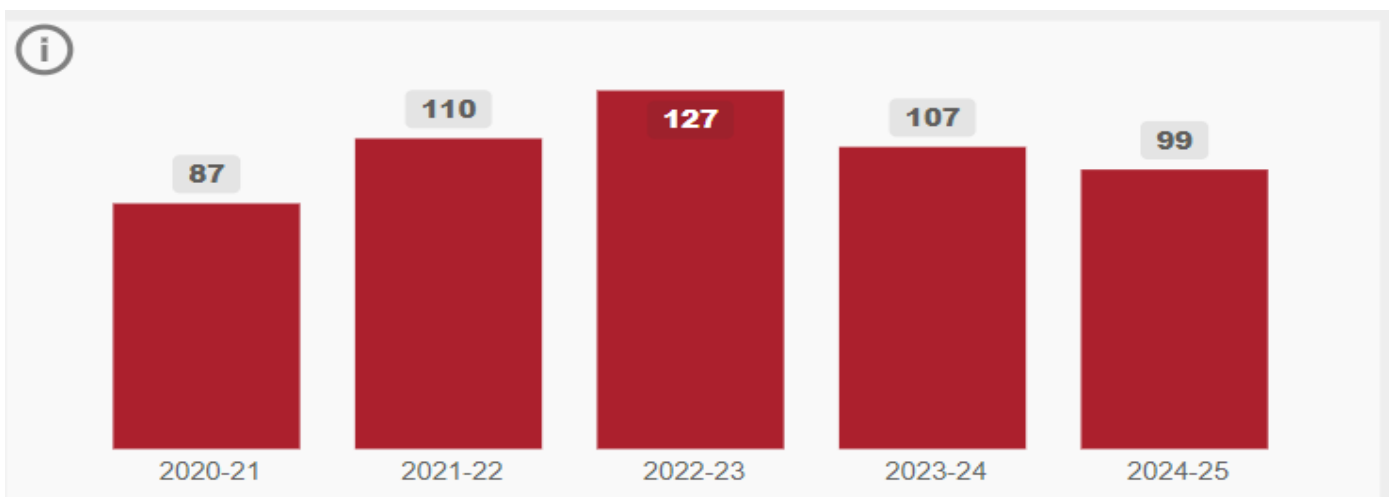
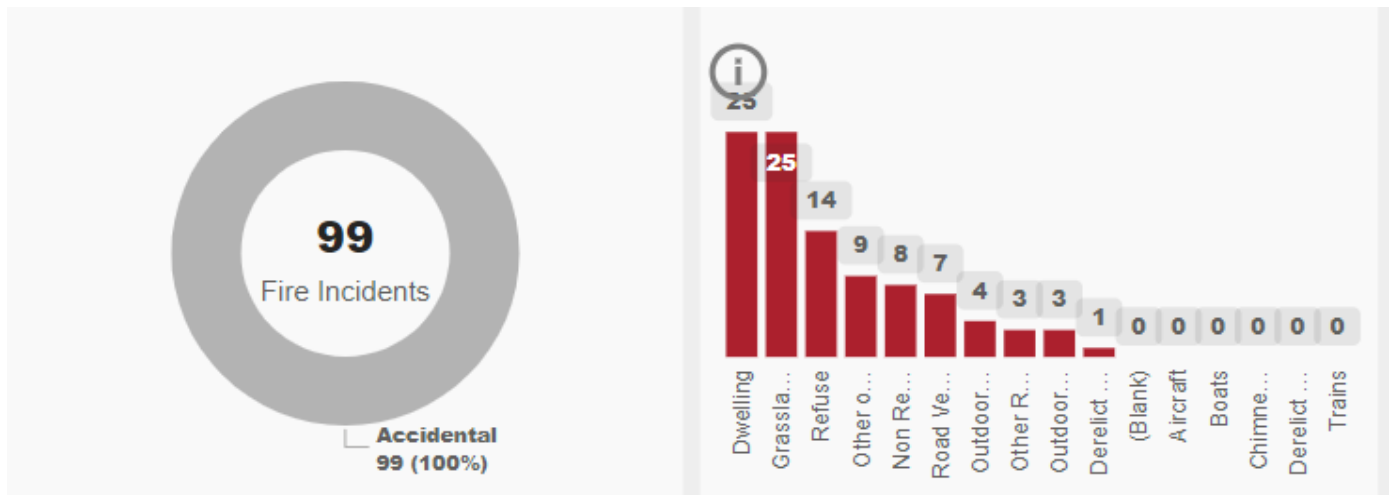
- The changes to our Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 has seen a decrease of 18% in the number of False Alarm incidents attended by our operational crews, comparative to Quarter 2 2023.

2.Deliberate Fires



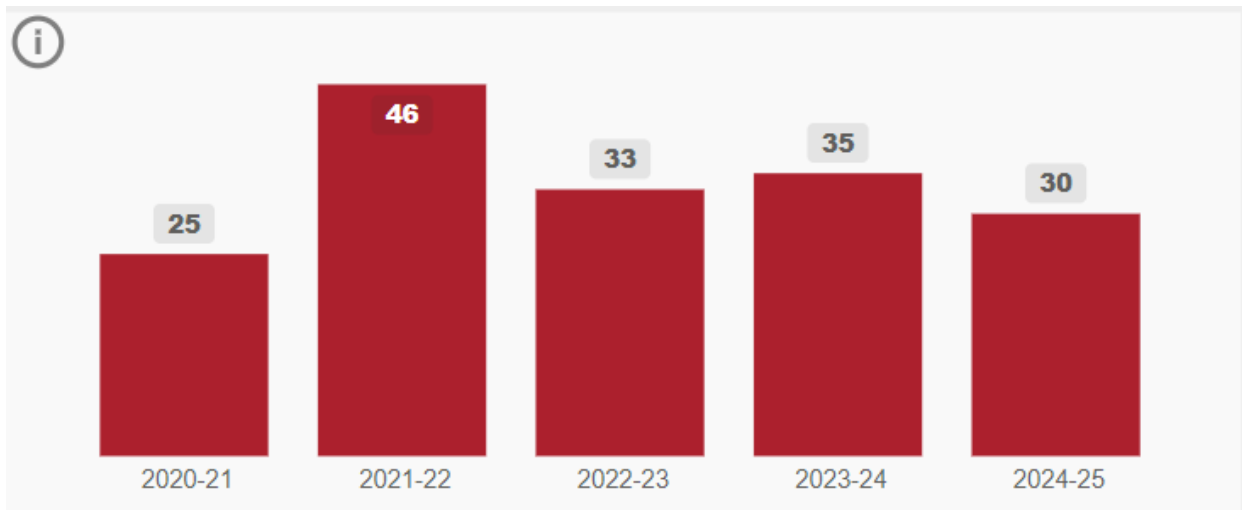
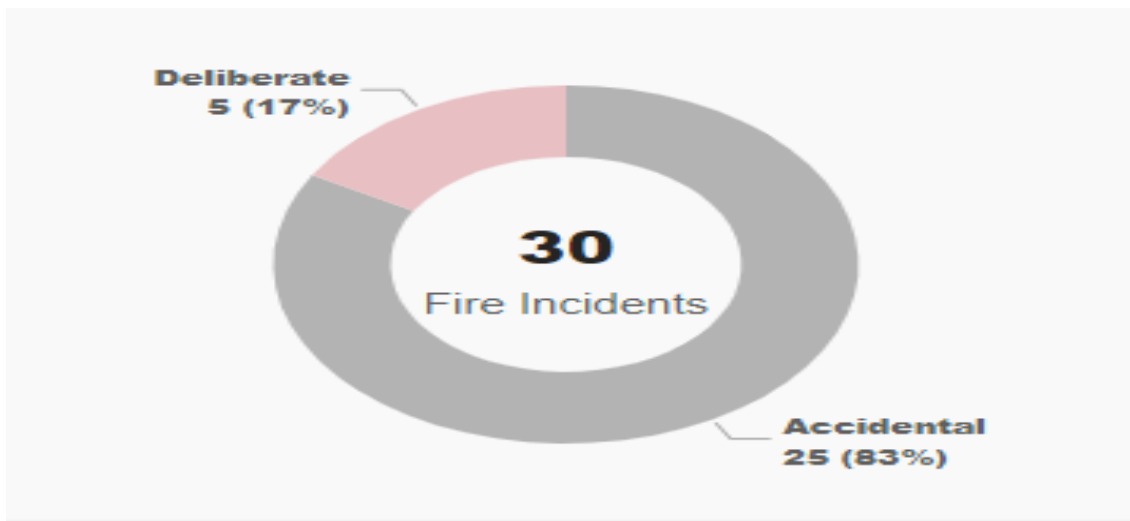
- The figure of 132 Deliberate Fires in Q1&2 2024/25 highlights a decrease of 18.5% from the same period last year and is the lowest figure since 21/22.
- Patterns and trends are identified through our collaborative work with partner agencies and our community safety engagement activities in the area.
- Data is interrogated and where an increase in incidents in a particular area is identified, our Community Action Team engage with partners and local stakeholders to deliver bespoke education and engagement events.

3. Accidental Fires



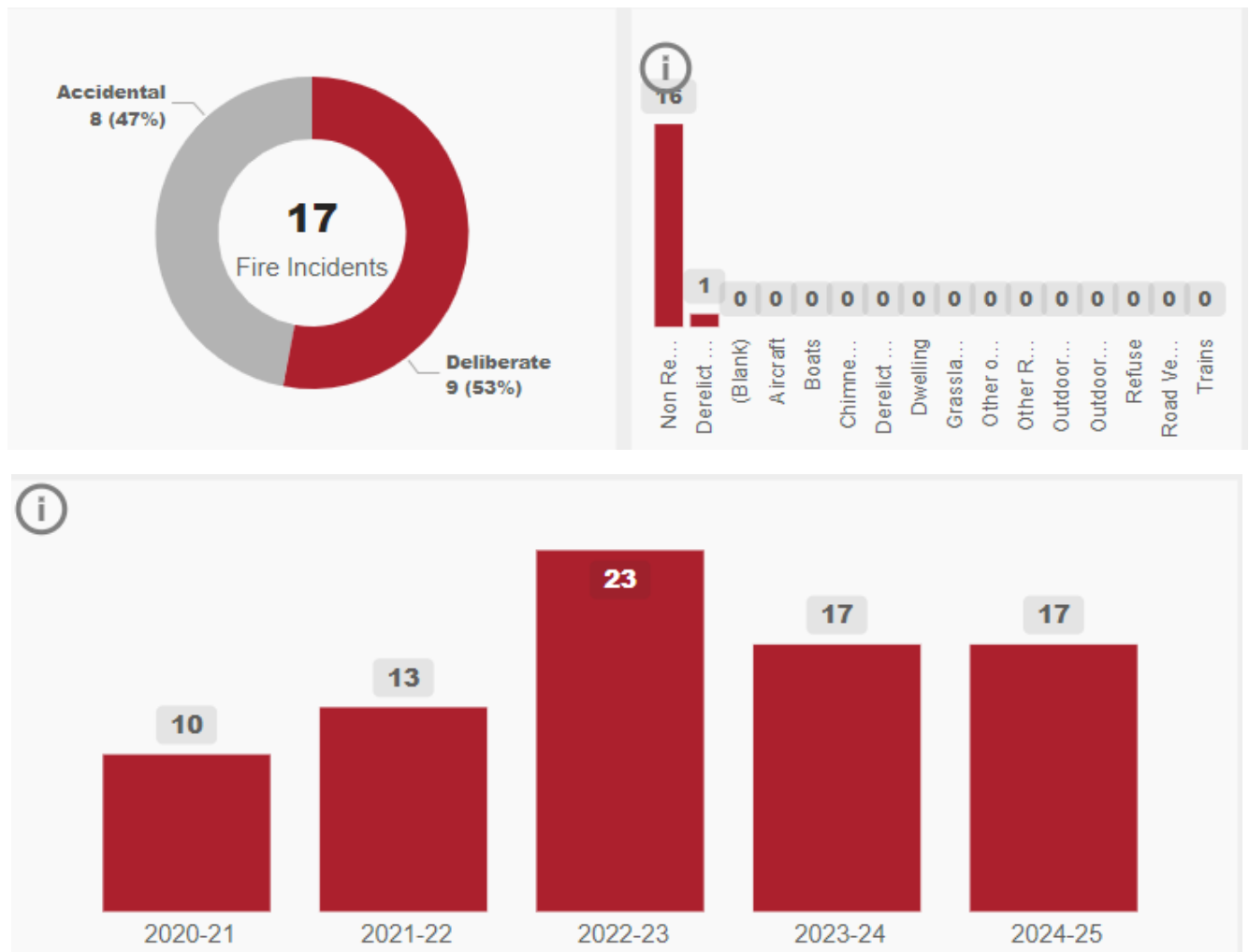
- The figure of 99 accidental fires for Q1&2 2024/25 is a decrease of 8 incidents from the previous year's figures. This is the lowest number of accidental fires attended in the preceding 4 years, during this quarter.
- SFRS implement a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) procedure at each incident within a domestic property, where we provide Home Fire Safety Advice and if required, install linked smoke detection in eligible properties – those being owner occupied and high-risk, in compliance with the new Scottish Government Legislation.

4.Dwelling Fires



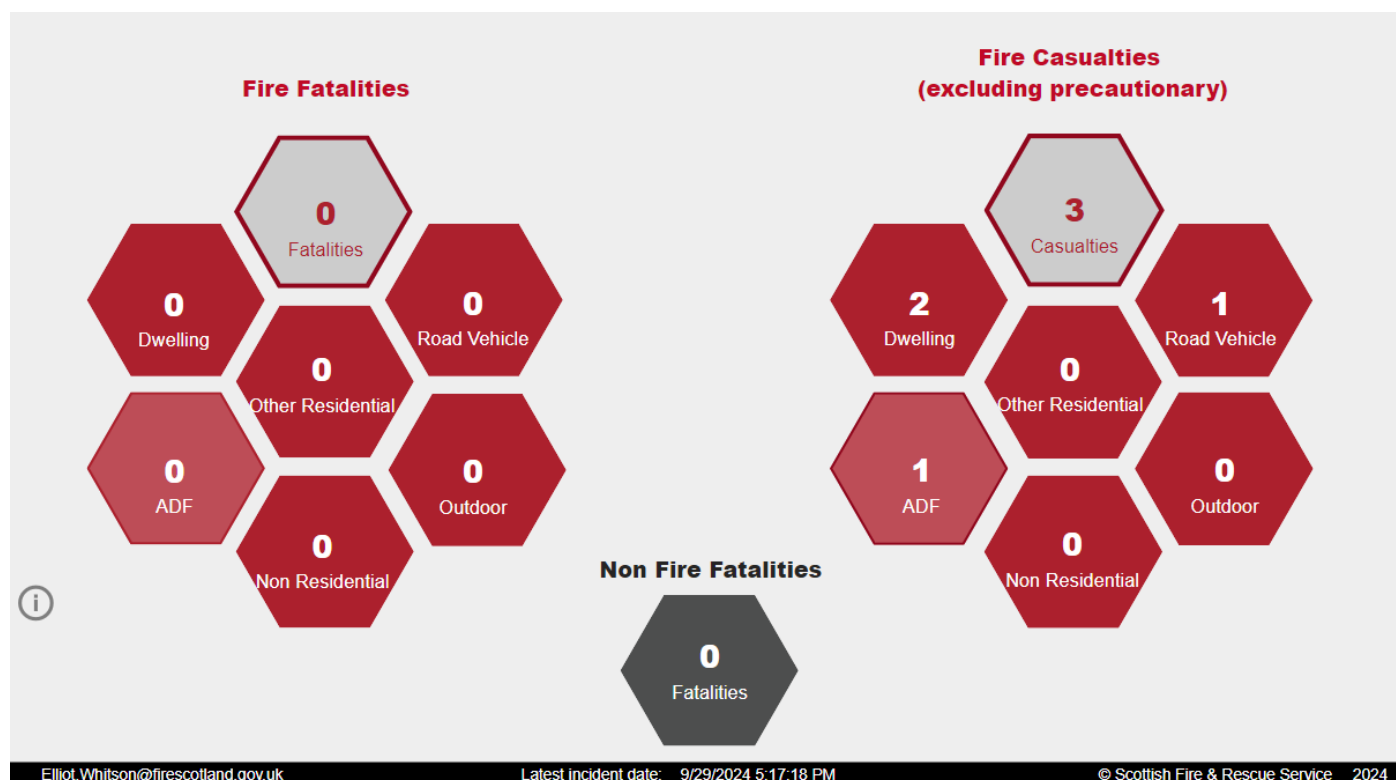
- There were 30 Dwelling Fires in Q1&2 of 2024/25. This is a reduction of 15% and the lowest over a 4-year reporting period.
- As of February 2022, it is a legislative requirement for every home to have interlinked fire alarms. This enhancement in fire detection within the home will hopefully see a downward trend over time.
- A referral system through partnership working allows for Home Fire Safety Visits to be generated via local authorities, occupational therapists, NHS, energy companies etc. This further provides opportunities for crews and our dedicated Community Action Team to educate occupiers about fire safety in the home.

5. Non-Domestic Fires



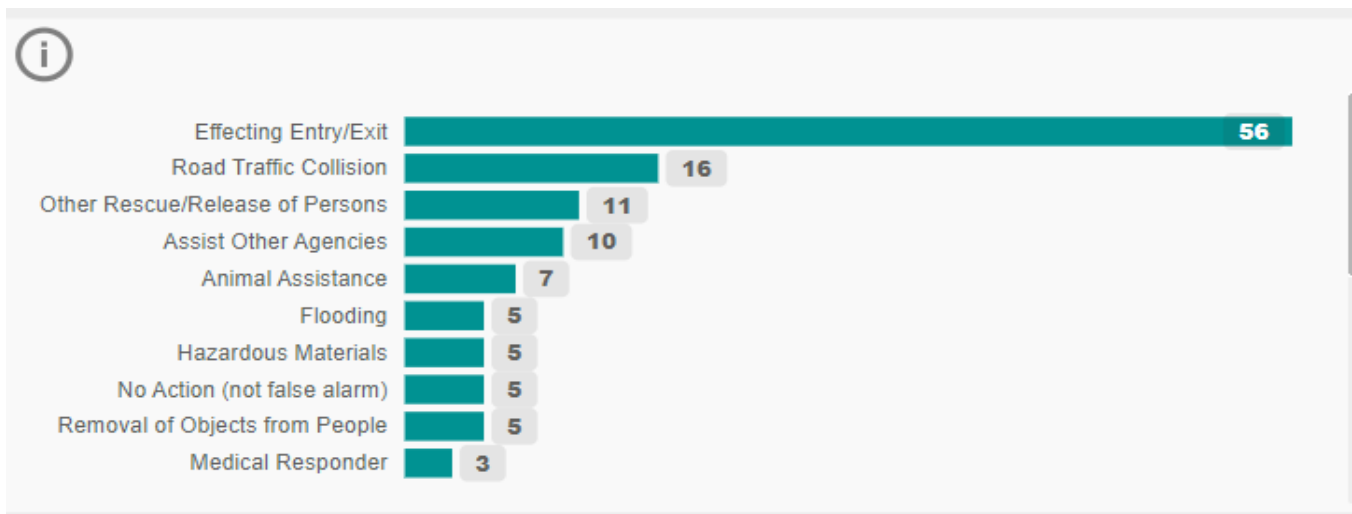
- Operational crews attended the same number of incidents compared to this reporting period last year. Operational crews and Fire Safety Enforcement teams engage with stakeholders and communities where possible to reduce fire incidents within these premises.
- If operational crews identify concerns in relevant premises during operational turnouts these are referred to our Fire Safety Enforcement team for further investigation.
- Our Fire Safety Enforcement teams conduct regular audits in non-domestic premises covered under the Fire Scotland 2005 Act to improve fire safety in these buildings. They also conduct Post Fire Audits in relevant premises to investigate if fire safety was adhered to in line with legislative requirements.

6. Fire Casualties



- There were 3 fire casualties in total. Those involved required treatment for burns and smoke inhalation.
- Partner case studies are conducted when serious injury/fatality occurs due to fire. This provides a framework to establish each agency's involvement (if any) prior to the incident and enables shared learning moving forward.
- Any moderate to serious injuries incurred at domestic fires are investigated by our Fire Investigation team. Findings that can be attributed to poor fire safety within the home are used to inform a period of community engagement where our operational crews, Community Action Team and partner agencies provide vital education and reassurance within our local communities.

7. Special Service Incidents



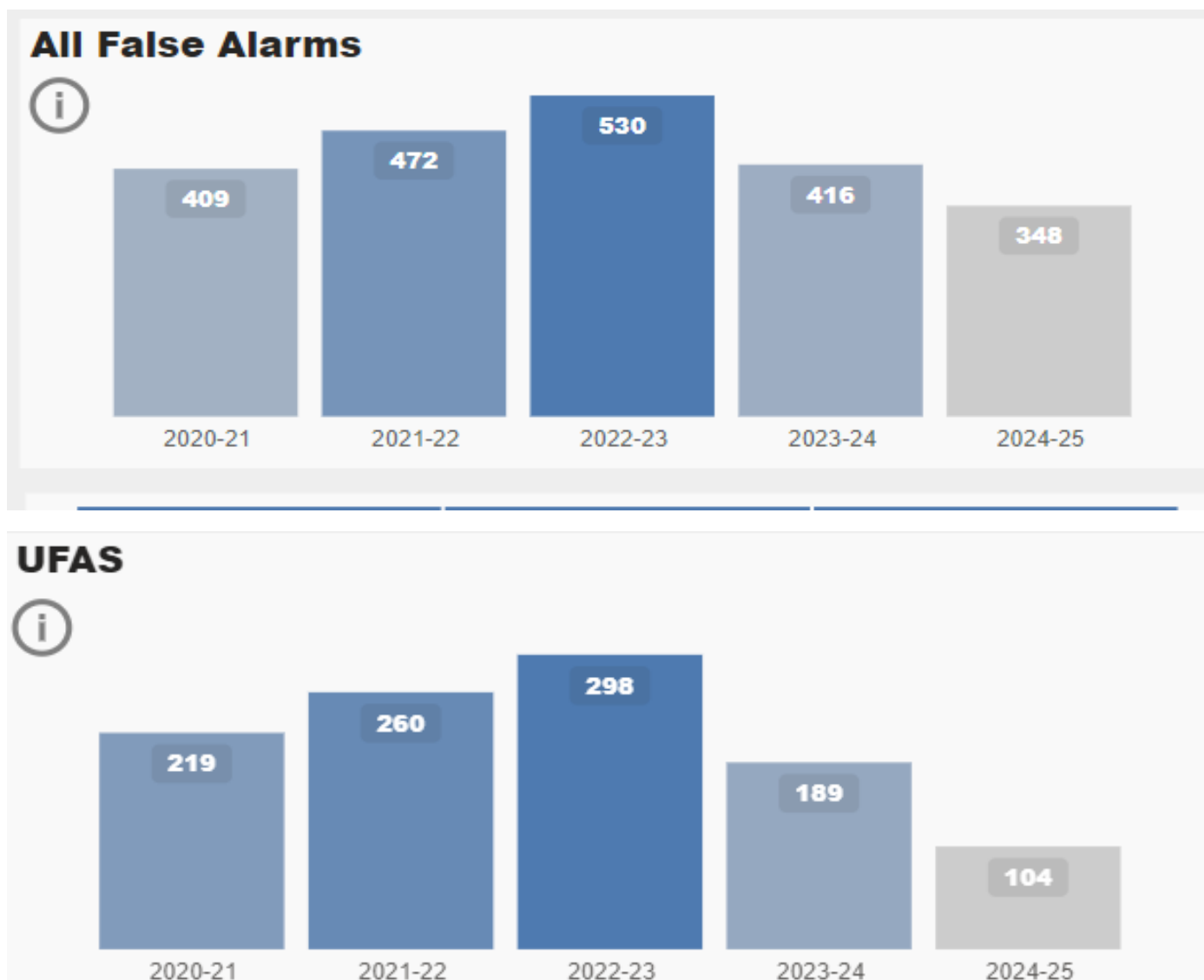
- During the reporting period, SFRS attended 131 special service incidents this is a decrease of 2 from the same reporting period of 23/24, with the majority being effecting entry to premises (56), which has also seen an increase of 3 from 23/24.

8.Unintentional Injury or Harm



- There was a total of 25 Special Service Casualties for East Lothian in Q1&2. 14 were from incidents involving vehicles, with 8 incidents attended assisting other agencies which sadly involved 6 fatalities.
- Our operational crews and Community Action Team can identify those most vulnerable during HFSV's and trigger our social care referral policy. This aims to put in place measures to reduce risk of harm at home out with fire safety.
- Our road and water safety campaigns/initiatives look to inform and educate the public about good practice on roads and in water as well as highlighting the dangers associated.

9.Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



- The figure of 104 for Q1&2 2024/25 highlights a decrease in the number of UFAS incidents attended compared to the same period last year and is the lowest over a 5-year reporting period. The changes to the way we respond to Automatic Fire Alarm from 1st July 2023 has seen a significant reduction in the number of False Alarms incidents attended by our operational crews. This occurrence is classed as an Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS). The reduction in calls attended allows personnel to focus on core activities such as training and Community Safety Engagement.

10. Prevention and Protection & Station Activities

Youth Engagement

The Community Action Team carried out the following actions in relation to youth engagement over the reporting period:

- Engaged with High Schools within the locality to carry out fire setters' interventions due to increased number of PCR's.
- Delivered Water Safety input to Knox Academy.
- Delivered CPR input to North Berwick S1 Pupils alongside Police Scotland.
- Attended Musselburgh Grammar Employability programme to promote the role of a firefighter.
- Looked to establish partnership with North Berwick Youth Project.
- Worked in partnership with local youth Programme Heavy Sound, with fire setters' interventions.
- Liaised with 36 primary & 7 secondary Schools in preparation for Bonfire inputs.

Thematic Action Plan

Over the reporting period, SFRS have ran concurrent Thematic Action Plans, focusing on various topics including Summer Safety which focused on water safety and a reduction in Road Traffic Collisions, The Autumn Thematic action plan is underway with the Key objectives outlined below:

- Reduce Fire Related Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reduce the number of Fires involving Refuse/Rubbish
- Reduce Accidents & Injuries arising from outdoor fires
- Reduce the number of unsafe Bonfires and support partnership working regarding refuse/rubbish/fly tipping referrals/uplifts
- Support Compliance with firework legislation
- Support Safety of operational personnel (reported acts of violence)
- Reduce the number of outdoor fires
- Reduce the number of fires in derelict buildings

Engagement

288 Home Fire Safety Visits were conducted in the East Lothian, targeting high risk occupiers providing fire safety advice in the home. The Community Action Team has conducted various engagement activities such as leaflet Drops, fire skills courses, anti-social behaviour engagement, partner risk recognition courses and school engagement.

HFSV Breakdown by Ward

| Ward | | | High | Medium | Low | Total |
|-----------------------------|--|--|------|--------|-----|------------|
| Dunbar & East Linton | | | 7 | 20 | 13 | 40 |
| Fa'side | | | 19 | 13 | 17 | 49 |
| Haddington & Lammermuir | | | 10 | 13 | 2 | 25 |
| Musselburgh East & Carberry | | | 21 | 25 | 19 | 65 |
| Musselburgh West | | | 4 | 13 | 11 | 28 |
| North Berwick Coastal | | | 13 | 8 | 5 | 26 |
| Preston/Seton/Gosford | | | 17 | 22 | 16 | 55 |
| | | | | | | 288 |

Make The Call Campaign

The Service's Make the Call campaign is tasking families, friends, and carers to make a ten-minute phone call to book a free Home Fire Safety Visit to help save a life. Intelligence gathered from fire investigations has shown that people over the age of 50, who smoke and either have mobility issues, live alone, or use medical oxygen, are more likely to be injured or killed by a fire in the home. However, communities can put firefighters and SFRS specialists in touch with anyone they think is vulnerable by making a ten-minute phone call, sending a single text or by filling out an online form with the person's consent.



- Our Make the Call campaign is appealing to communities across Scotland to help save a life and consider home fire safety when checking in on vulnerable neighbours, patients, friends and family members and to put them in touch with SFRS wherever possible using the free Home Fire Safety Visit phonenumber.

