

City of Glasgow

Quarter 1

South Report

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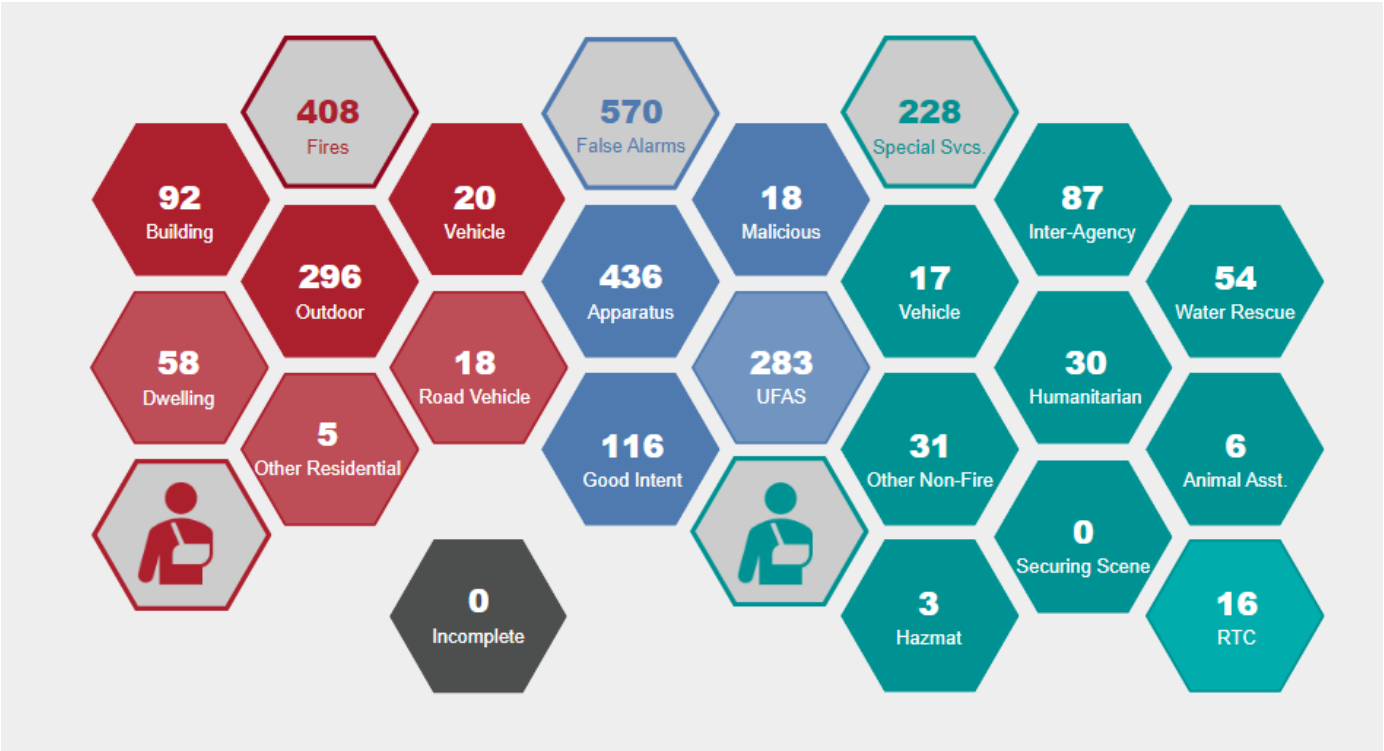
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1. City of Glasgow: Total Incidents (South Sector)

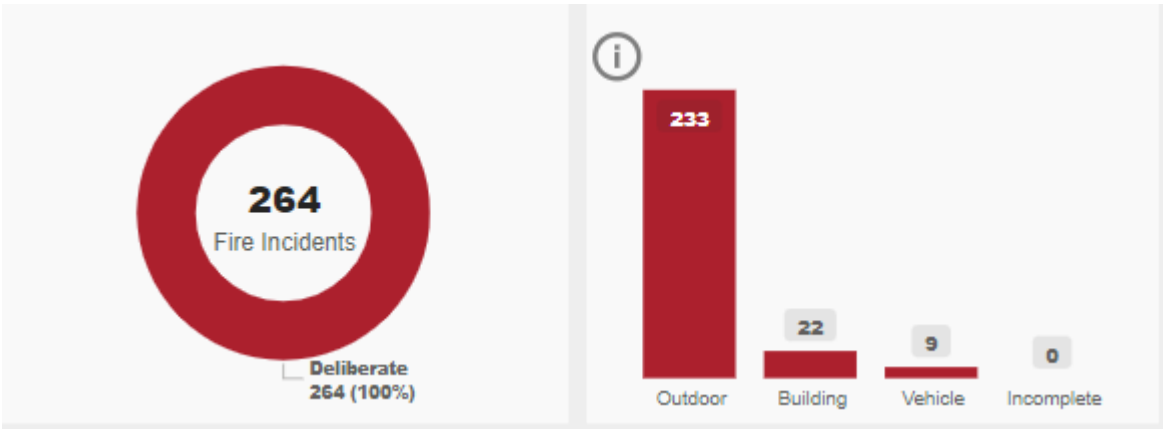


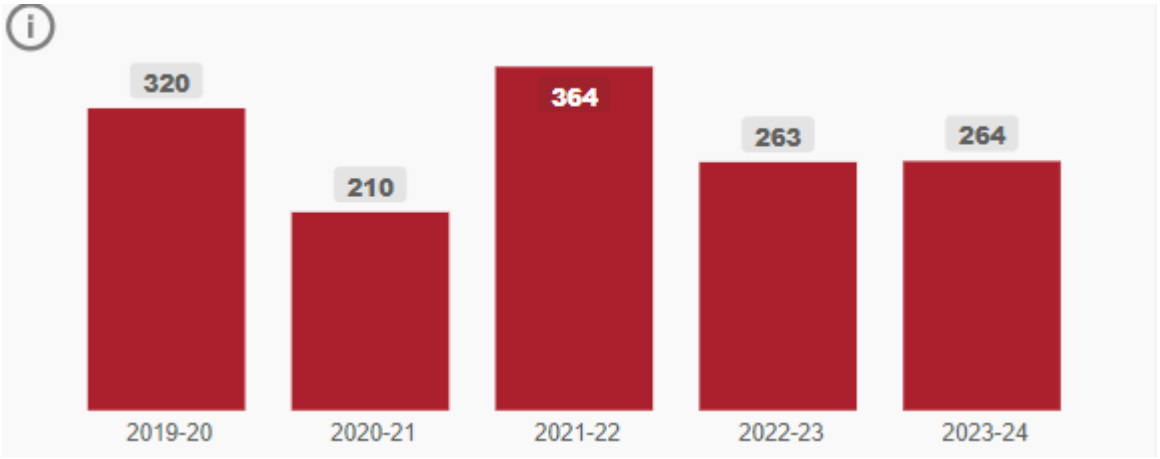
- **During the first quarter of 2023 SFRS responded to a total of 1206 incidents in the South Sector of Glasgow City. Whilst this is an increase from 1127 incidents from 2022 Q1 the number of dwelling and vehicle fires has reduced across the south sector. The increase can be mainly attributed to outdoor fires and special services. To address this, we work in conjunction with partner agencies to identify areas of increased activity to target appropriate groups through our dedicated Community Action Team.**

Type of Incident	2022/23 Q1	2023/24 Q1	Difference
Fire	383	408	+25
Special Service	181	228	+47
False Alarms	563	570	+7

- **The changes to our Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 will see a significant reduction in the number of False Alarm incidents attended by our operational crews.**

2. Deliberate Fires

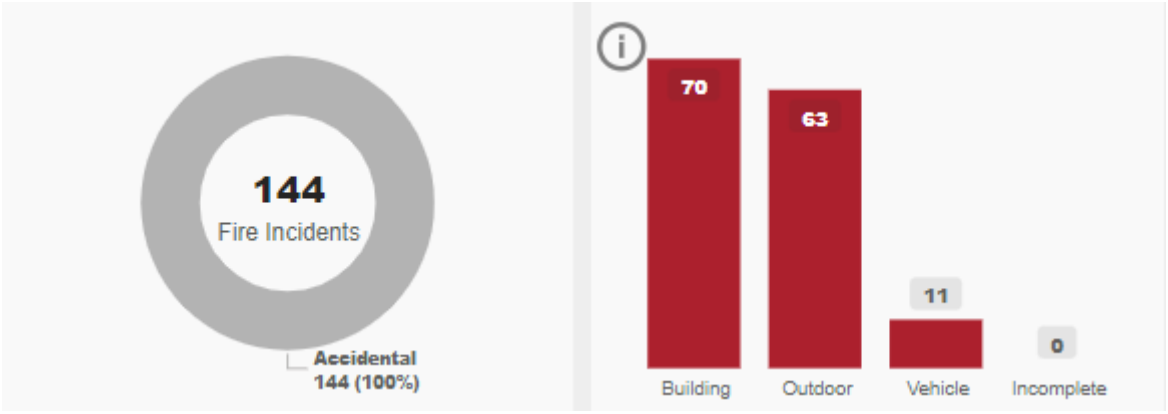


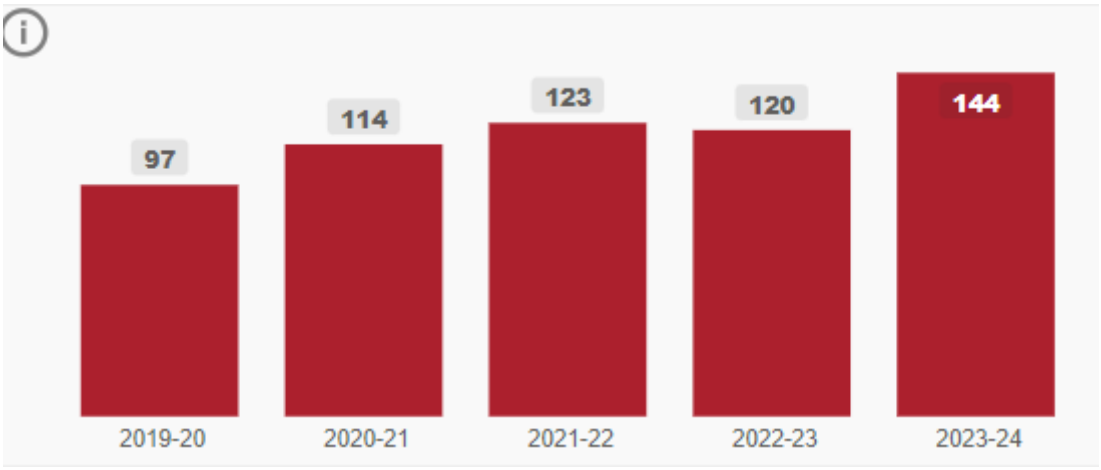


- **The figure of 264 Deliberate Fires in Q1 2023 shows an increase of 1 for the same period in 2022.**

- **The increase can be mainly attributed to outdoor fires due to the period of hot weather at the start of June. 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





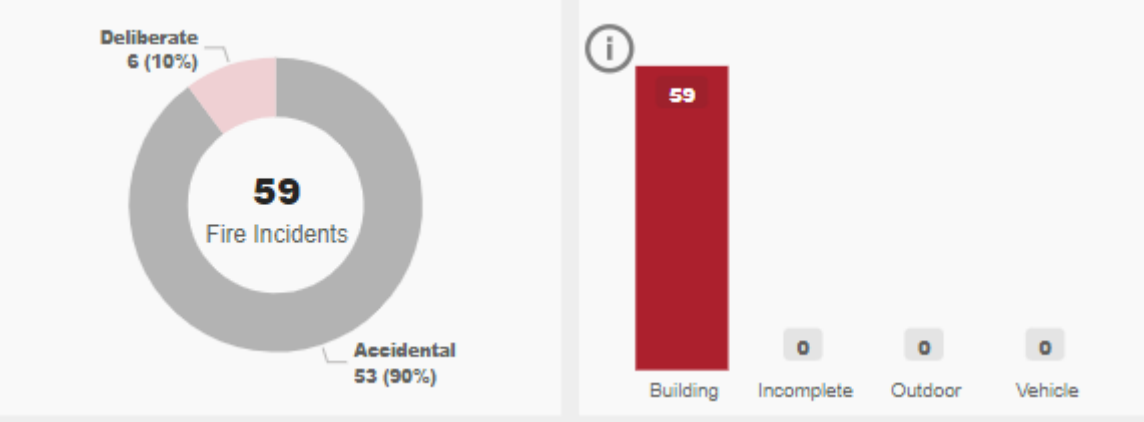
- **The figure of 144 accidental fires for Q1 2023 has seen an increase of 24 incidents from the previous year's figures of 120.**

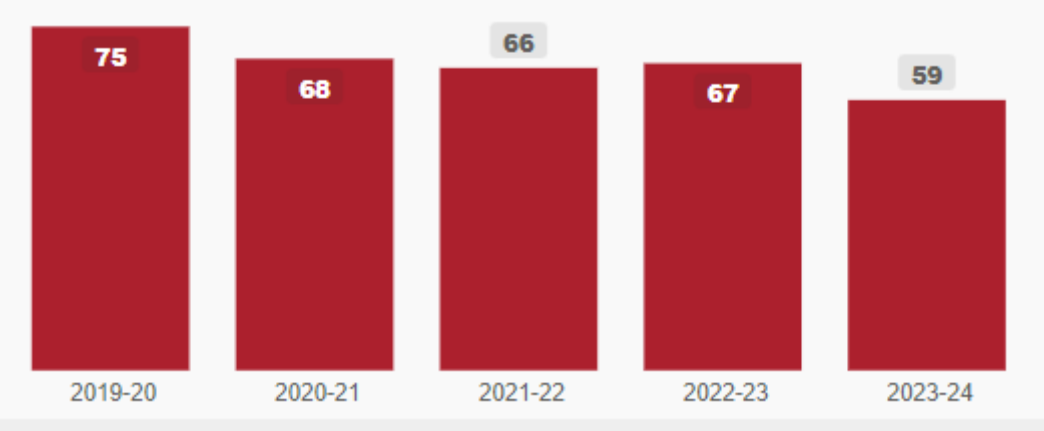
- **SFRS implement a Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) procedure at each incident within a domestic property, where we provide Home Fire Safety Advice and if required, install linked smoke detection in eligible properties – those being owner occupied and high-risk, in compliance with the new Scottish Government Legislation.**



- **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 phoneline.**

4. Dwelling Fires





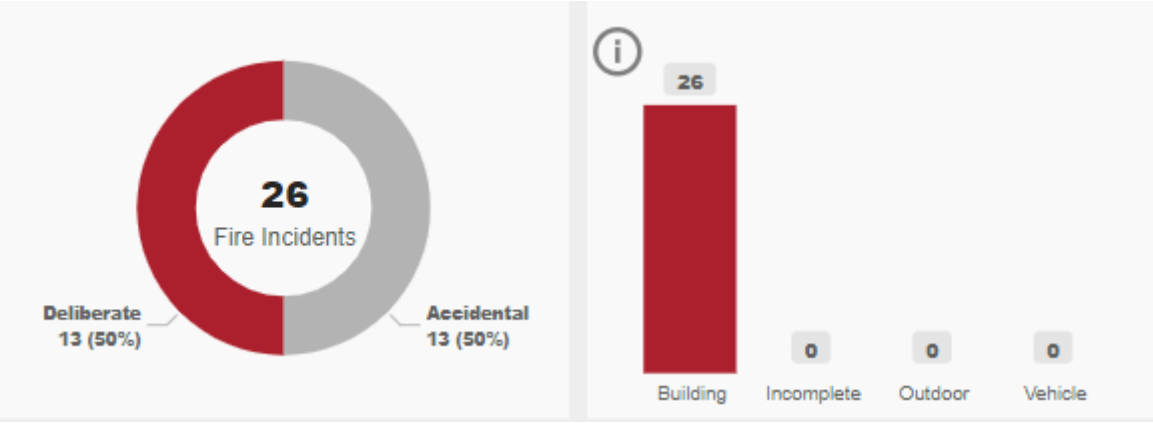
- **There were 59 Dwelling fires in Q1 of 20223, this is the lowest number of dwelling fires in the first quarter for the past 5 years.**

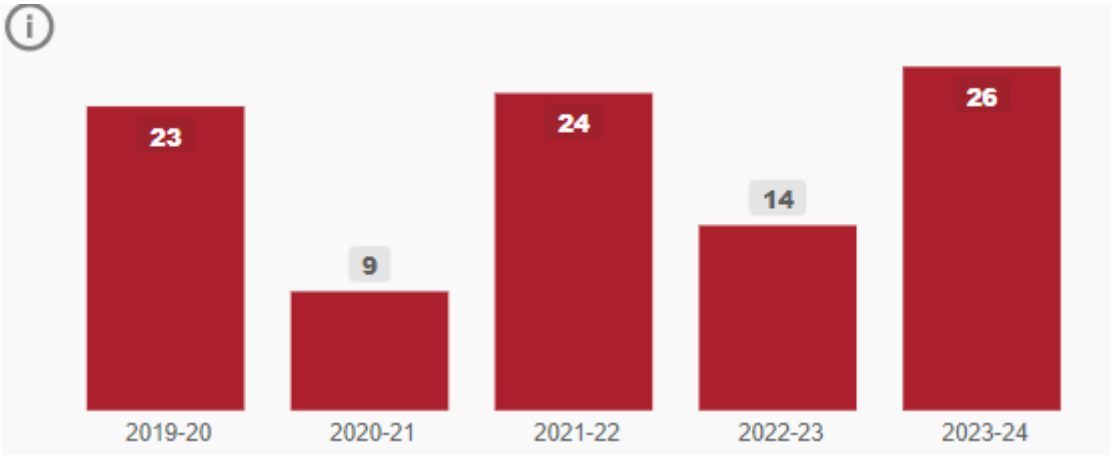
- **As of February 2022, Scottish legislation dictates every home now needs to have interlinked fire alarms. This enhancement in fire detection within the home will hopefully continue the downward trend.**

- **Operational crews carry out Post Domestic Incident Response (PDIR) after every domestic incident. This provides crews the opportunity to give home fire safety advice to not only the dwelling affected by fire but also the neighbouring properties.**

- **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 Community Action Team to educate occupiers about fire safety in the home.**

5. Non-Domestic Fires

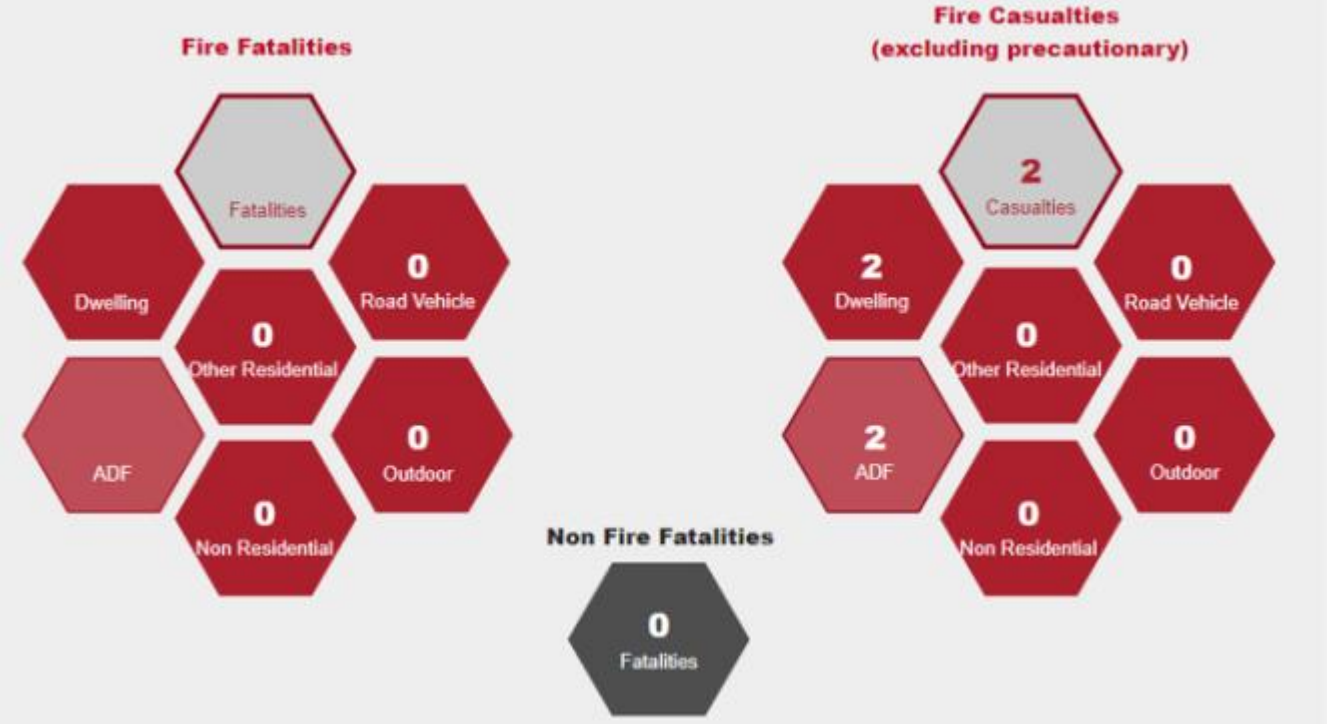




- **This quarter shows an increase of 12 incidents compared to last year. 35% of fires attended involved private garages/sheds.**

- **SFRS Fire Safety Enforcement teams carry out regular audits in non-domestic premises covered under the Fire Scotland 2005 Act to improve fire safety in these buildings.**

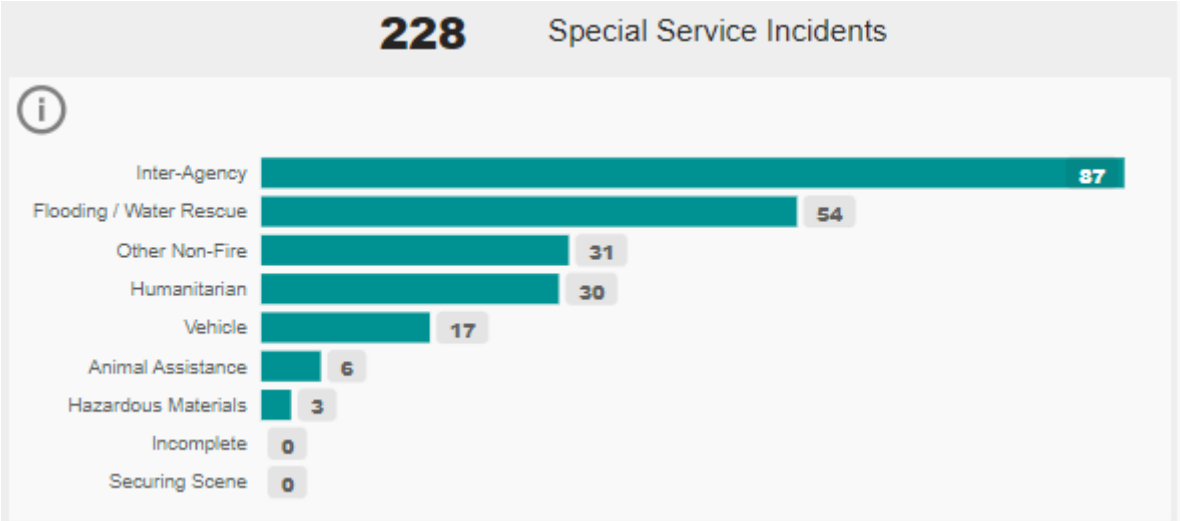
6. Fire Casualties



- **There was a total of 2 fire casualties in the first quarter which is the lowest total number recorded during this period since SFRS inception by a considerable margin. Both of these casualties were attributed to accidental dwelling fires.**

- **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 can be passed on to operational crews and Community Action Teams to ensure future learning.**

7. Special Service Incidents



- **During the Q1 period, SFRS attended 228 special service incidents. Almost half these incidents were assisting other agencies.**

- **Operational crews are attending more humanitarian and inter agency incidents such as forcing entry to premises of medical cases, HAZMAT incidents and flooding's.**

8. Unintentional Injury or Harm



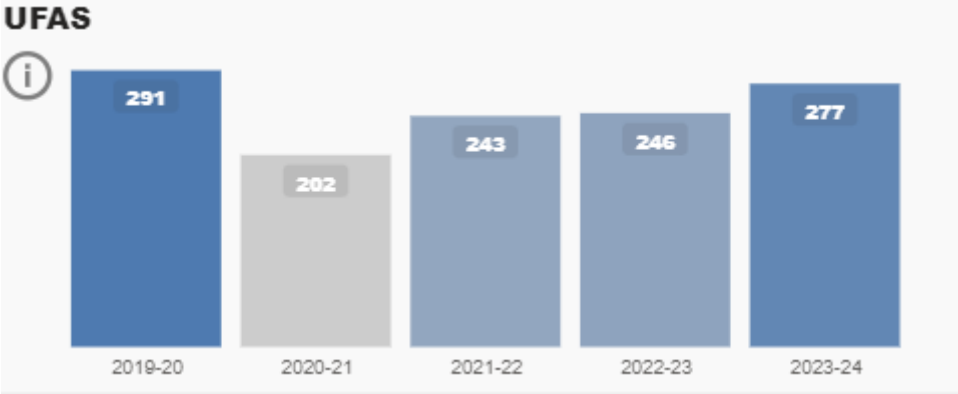
- **SFRS attended 3 Special Service fatalities in Q1 of 2023. All these incidents were to force entry to premises due to concerns for the occupier within.**

- **31 Special Service casualties in total were recorded in Q1. 18 of these comprised of casualties from RTC's and a further 11 assisting other agencies such as the SAS and Police Scotland.**

- **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 277 for Q1 2023 shows an increase of 31 UFAS incidents from the figure of 246 for the same period last year. The changes to our Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 will see a significant reduction in the number of False Alarm incidents attended by our operational crews.**

10. Prevention and Protection Activities

Fire Skills
We have developed a one-day Fire Skills course which has been delivered at Pollock fire Station, allowing groups to engage with their local fire station and learn skills such as CPR, fire safety and water safety. Referrals can be made through various partner agencies such as Police Scotland, Social Work and community bodies. The majority of referrals have come from Campus Cops in schools. We have courses booked to take place for the rest of the year at Calton Fire Station and other stations throughout the city as this is a city-wide initiative.
Water/Road Safety
We have prioritised reducing the amount of water deaths within Scotland by running a QR code campaign in and around the city's waterways. This involves placing QR codes in prominent places to encourage the public to scan them which links to Water Safety Scotland information sites. Due to the success of the campaign we have now initiated the same strategy for road safety linking the QR code to Road Safety Scotland sites.
External Wall Cladding
Glasgow Prevention and Protection Department have been supporting various businesses throughout the city with the external wall systems fire safety guidance and engaging with members of residential blocks affected, providing them with home fire safety advice.
Engagement
Polmadie, Govan, Pollok and Castlemilk community fire stations have conducted 325 Home Fire Safety Visits in Q1, targeting high risk properties, providing health and safety advice and fire safety education. The Community Action Team has carried out 33 Engagement activities in Q1 in the South Sector and 39 Home Fire Safety Visits. These engagement activities included events such as leaflet drops, fire skills courses, anti-social behaviour engagement, risk recognition courses and child trafficking awareness.

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