

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Activity Report of the Chief Officer



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Front page photo: Lasham Recycling Centre - 26 August 2011

Introduction

This activity report covers the period 13 August 2011 to 28 October 2011. Any notable incidents that have occurred after 28 October 2011 and before the report has been issued are listed in the back “Stop Press” section of the report.

You will see in this report that the last quarter has been a relatively quiet period operationally, with a very low number of significant incidents to report.

The ongoing deployment of Compressed Air Foam (CAFS) continues to be successful and we are pleased to report that seven further CAFS equipped rescue pumps are currently being issued to stations around the county. A further eight will follow in due course ensuring that we will have a CAFS appliance on the pre-determined attendance for every large incident anywhere in the county.

You may recall in the last report we changed our reporting on ‘Mosaic at risk’ lifestyle groups, to indicate the top three in each of the service delivery groups and the definitions of each risk group remain at the rear of the report for your information.

Our community safety work continues with 1920 home safety visits in this period as well as talks to over 6,400 school pupils and two Prince’s Trust teams operating. We have now moved our Road Safety team into the purpose built Road Safety Centre at the new Winchester Fire Station and continue to support road safety events across the county.

A new addition to the Activity Report is a section on our Urban Search and Rescue team based at Service Headquarters. Although these specialist personnel are centrally funded directly by the Government, they provide a specialist response capability for Hampshire as well as being part of the national resilience arrangements. We are currently working on integrating their skills and expertise into our conventional response arrangements and so felt it was of value to include a section on them and the incidents they have dealt with in this reporting period for your information.

Finally it is with great pleasure that we inform you of a Hampshire success in the national United Kingdom Rescue Organisation Challenge in London in September. The HFRS trauma team of two personnel, came first in the trauma challenge and will now go forward to represent the UK at the world competition.

01 Responding to incidents

1.1

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service called to attend a fire in Portsmouth

On Friday 19 August 2011 at 19:49 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to a large fire at Scope Leasing in Airport Industrial Estate, Portsmouth.

Control operators mobilised ten fire appliances including those from Southsea, Cosham and Havant Fire Stations. The special equipment unit from Cosham and the aerial ladder platform from Southsea were also in attendance.

The fire involved an automotive body repair shop containing eight cars and one motorcycle. Fire spread to involve five further vehicles outside of the building.

On arrival, the initial crews were faced with a well developed fire in a large building with a large amount of smoke. Due to the swift action and coordinated approach, the crews were able to prevent any significant spread to nearby businesses.

The building of timber and tin construction, measuring 40 metres by 20 metres, was 90 percent damaged by fire. Firefighters extinguished the fire using two breathing apparatus, six jets and the aerial ladder platform.

The results of an investigation determined that the origin of the fire was around the spray booth/oven and the most likely cause of the fire was accidental.

1.2

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service crews respond to huge blaze at recycling facility in Lasham

At 16:44 on Friday 26 August 2011 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to a fire at Loddon Recycling, Church Lane, Lasham, near Basingstoke.

The fire involved a large single storey industrial warehouse used as a recycling facility. The warehouse was occupied at the time of the fire and contained 300 tonnes of used alkaline, zinc chloride and lithium batteries, two diesel vans and various quantities of plastic and cardboard boxes used for packaging purposes.

Ten crews from across Hampshire were mobilised to tackle the blaze and at the height of the incident over 75 firefighters were in attendance, together with 16 officers and other support staff. Fire crews from nearby Lasham Airfield also worked alongside the firefighters and crews from neighbouring counties, Surrey and Royal Berkshire were also mobilised to assist at the scene.

Firefighters from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service remained at the scene overnight and operations were stepped up to extinguish the smouldering remains the following day [Saturday 27 August].

01 Responding to incidents



On Sunday 28 August 2011 the fire fighting operation was scaled down to six firefighters in breathing apparatus together with jets, three fire appliances and two water carriers. A landrover pump was used to pump contaminated water to specialist bowsers for removal from the scene.

The Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team based at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service headquarters were also mobilised to assist with cutting away the remains of the building to enable access to hot spots.

During the following two days [Monday 29 August and Tuesday 30 August 2011] members of the USAR team continued

to cut away and remove the collapsed structure in order to gain access to the stored batteries. Once access was created the batteries and other debris, much of which had melted into a single large mass, were removed using mechanical equipment.

Activity was constrained by the need to avoid contaminated water run off from the site and we assisted the Environment Agency in the safe removal of potentially contaminated water during the incident.

The fire investigation determined the cause of the blaze was most likely to be accidental.

01 Responding to incidents

1.3

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service attend a fire at Tesco Express

At 02:26 on 17 September 2011 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service control operators were alerted to a fire by a member of the public at Lavender Road, Stakes Lodge, Waterlooville.

The fire involved three commercial buildings consisting of a Tesco Express, Rowlands Pharmacy and a Chinese takeaway. Control operators mobilised six fire appliances from Waterlooville, Cosham, Havant, Winchester, Horndean and Emsworth. An aerial ladder platform, special equipment unit and multi role vehicle were also in attendance.

Firefighters arrived to find that Tesco and Rowlands Pharmacy were 100% involved in fire. Four sets of breathing apparatus and six main jets quickly brought the fire under control. The Chinese takeaway was 40 percent involved in fire.



This was the second fire involving a Tesco's property in Waterlooville in just over a year. In July 2010 a Tesco store in Grassmere Way was completely destroyed by fire. This was caused by arson and was the third fire at the premises in the past ten years. Last year a teenager was jailed for 16 months after causing the fire at Grassmere Lane as a result of the Service's dedicated fire investigation team. Investigating fires is an important part of our work, as it is imperative that we correctly identify the causes of the fire. If we suspect arson, we will examine and record evidence to help prosecute those responsible.

The results of the investigation determined that this was another instance of arson.

01 Responding to incidents

1.4

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to a fire in Synor House, Southampton

At 0700 hours on 23 October 2011 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to a fire at a domestic building in Synor House, Ordinance Road, Southampton.

Control operators mobilised fire appliances from St Mary's, Redbridge, Hightown, Eastleigh and Totton along with the aerial ladder platform from Redbridge, the special equipment unit from St Mary's, multi role vehicle from Havant and command unit, also mobilised was the appliance from Winchester with Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS).

The building was of brick construction, measuring 21 metres by 24 metres. The roof was involved in fire along with the fourth floor flat. The fourth floor was also damaged by smoke and water. Firefighters extinguished the fire using ten breathing apparatus, four jets, two hose reels and the aerial ladder platform. 26 people were evacuated from the building after the alarm was raised by their smoke alarms.

The investigation showed that the most likely cause was through careless disposal of smoking materials.



02 Community Safety (incorporating Prevention and Protection)

2.2

Princes Trust

Rushmoor Team 4 started on 26 September 2011 and 14 young people were recruited.

The team is based at Rushmoor Fire Station with leaders from HFRS and the Army. They have started a community project at Bevan Lodge Pre-school in Farnborough where the outside area needs revamping and redeveloping. The team have raised £2000 through fundraising.

Southampton Team 29 started on 26 September 2011, 14 young people were recruited. The team is based at Redbridge Fire Station with leaders from the Army. They have started a community project at SITE on The Avenue in Southampton, the outside areas needed clearing, redesigning and developing.

They have raised over £800 from fundraising.

2.3

Firesetters Intervention Scheme

The Firesetter Intervention Scheme has undertaken the following activity in this reporting period:

- 37 referrals to the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Programme
- 5 referrals to the Adult Firesetter Intervention Programme

We have attended:

- 4 Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA) meetings
- 2 Multi Agency Services meetings/ conference and training

Following the success of last years Firesetters seminar, the South East Region will be holding a similar event next year. The location has been decided and the event will be held at West Sussex County Council training rooms on Tuesday 24 April 2012. This will provide an excellent opportunity for firesetter practitioners to network and increase their knowledge and develop new ways of working.

02 Community Safety

(incorporating Prevention and Protection)

2.4

Road Safety

We have continued to assist at College Road Safety Week events in Fareham, Winchester, Havant and Basingstoke, raising awareness of seatbelt and moped safety.

In addition, station personnel have carried out eight engagement activities with the general public including a cycling event and educational programmes with young driver/offenders in Portsmouth, Havant, Eastleigh, Winchester and Rushmoor.

The rider information card developed under the license of the Ambulance Motorcycle Club CRASH card and modified to be used as part of the RideSMART initiative, has been awarded the Prince Michael International Road Safety Award. Members of the team went to London to receive the award alongside other champions of the scheme.

In October the Road Safety team moved to the new Road Safety Centre at Winchester Fire Station. Should any Member wish to arrange a visit, please contact the team on 01256 300320.

2.5

Home Safety Visits

During this reporting period we have conducted 1920 Home Safety Visits (HSV), targeted at those we consider to be most at risk, and fitted 1871 smoke detectors.

The visits were delivered all over the county and were targeted where the need was greatest. The visits were identified through MOSAIC data, partnerships, post incident protocols and referrals through other agencies. This reflects our drive to target the most vulnerable people in Hampshire.

The visits were delivered by a combination of whole time, retained duty system, green book personnel and on occasion, other organisations that we are in partnership with delivering the visits on behalf of HFRS.

02 Community Safety

(incorporating Prevention and Protection)

2.6

Schools Education Team

The team has managed to fulfil our commitment to deliver our targeted education programme to reduce arson, road traffic injuries, water related incidents and accidents in the home and support local education events.

We worked with the following number of pupils :

- 2,589 Key Stage 1 pupils during 43 school visits
- 3,316 Key Stage 2 pupils during 50 school visits
- 520 Key Stage 3/4 pupils during 6 school visits

We have also supported local station community days with our home safety vehicle and BBQ garden safety scenario:

- St Mary's Station – Sure Start open day 'Impact on the Inlaws'
- Eastleigh Station – community open day.

We took part in the following education events:

- East Hampshire 'Think Safe' event for 511 Year 6 pupils
- 'Prison Me No Way' crime awareness days with 400 Year 8 and 9 pupils
- Hampshire County Council Junior Road Safety Officers conferences for 264 Year 5 pupils
- Arson awareness/fire safety practical sessions to support 220 Year 7 pupils on a residential trip to Avon Tyrell
- Hampshire Constabulary/Fareham Borough Council – SNAP disco attended by 700 secondary school pupils

02 Community Safety

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2.7

Fire Investigation

There have been 49 fire investigations in the reporting period, 31 deliberate fires and 16 non-suspicious and two out of county fire investigation search dog deployments.

During the reporting period, Fire Investigation and Arson Task Force have supported the investigation of 31 arson offences, with arrests made in relation to eight of the offences committed. The team has deployed the fire investigation search dogs throughout Hampshire and the South East Region to assist with five fire investigations.

During the reporting period fire investigation officers attended 11 court cases for arson related incidents and three coroner court inquests.

Additionally, case results being received in relation to two investigations during this reporting period: -

- On the 19 August 2011 the defendant for the incident at The Rhino Bar, Bedford Place, Southampton on 13 March 2011 was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.
- On the 5 September 2011 the defendant for the incident at 40 Rossington Avenue, Bitterne, Southampton on 29 October 2008 was sentenced to three years imprisonment for arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered.

Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 127

Smoke detectors fitted: 121

Fire Investigations

Basingstoke and Deane Group have had four investigations in the reporting period, involving a house, two vehicles and a public house. All four were deliberate.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There were no fire investigation search dog deployments
- There were no statements taken

Mosaic Risk Group

D, H and K

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Fire Safety Audits were carried out during this period on higher risk premises which included sleeping premises (Care Homes, Hotels, Licensed premises with sleeping accommodation), very large retail premises and factories. There were also a number of audits carried out on a chain of small retailers, following information from our national colleagues who had experienced fire safety issues.

We have seen the commencement of the trial where our Response colleagues have carried out a basic fire safety checks of small businesses. This gauges the level of compliance with fire safety legislation and gives us a clearer picture of risk in these smaller premises.

Following a fire at a hotel, we visited the premises using our post incident protocol and found numerous fire safety issues. We are actively seeking to address these issues with the responsible person and have already taken measures to reduce the risk, by working with them.

Enforcement

No enforcement notices were served in this period.

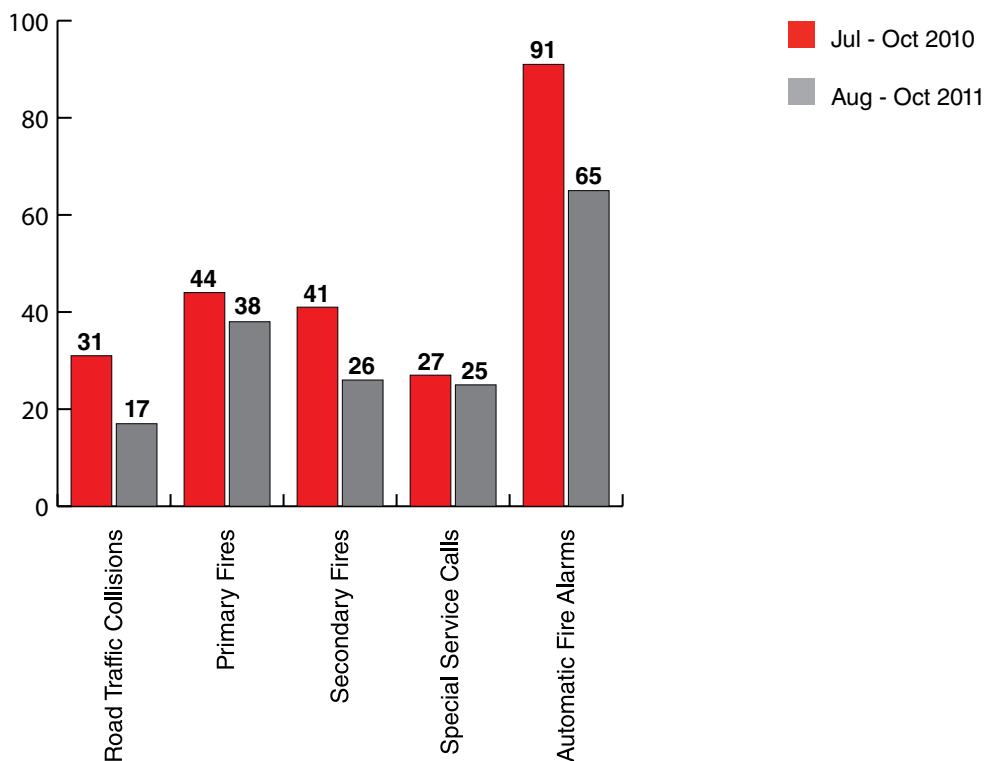
Prohibition

One prohibition notice was served in this period on a public house with sleeping accommodation above, in Whitchurch.

Community Response

At 03:31 on 2 October 2011, crews were called to a fire at The Red Lion Hotel, London Street, Basingstoke. Four pumps, an aerial ladder platform, special equipment unit, command support and emergency support (FESS) were mobilised to the scene.

The fire was in the first floor laundry room of a three storey hotel measuring 50 metres by 30 metres. Firefighters used 10 breathing apparatus and two hose reel jets to extinguish the fire.



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 177

Smoke detectors fitted: 172

Fire Investigations

Rushmoor and Hart Group have had five investigations in this reporting period, involving a shop, a vehicle, a flat and two houses. Three were deliberate and two non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- One fire investigation search dog deployment
- One statement taken

Mosaic Risk Group

D,F and E

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Fire Safety Audits were carried out on higher risk premises in the area. These include premises where people may be asleep on the premises and those with high risk processes or stores such as factories.

We have reacted to a number of alleged fire risks within the period. This is where information is passed to the fire safety department regarding what is perceived a fire safety issue. These are investigated within 24 hours and all risks were dealt with using informal enforcement action.

We have sought to work closely with a number of people responsible for businesses, to reduce the risk within their premises and see them comply with the fire safety legislation. This approach is working well with these businesses and being completed in a less formal and more flexible manner, supporting the needs of the business.

Enforcement

No enforcement notices were served in this period.

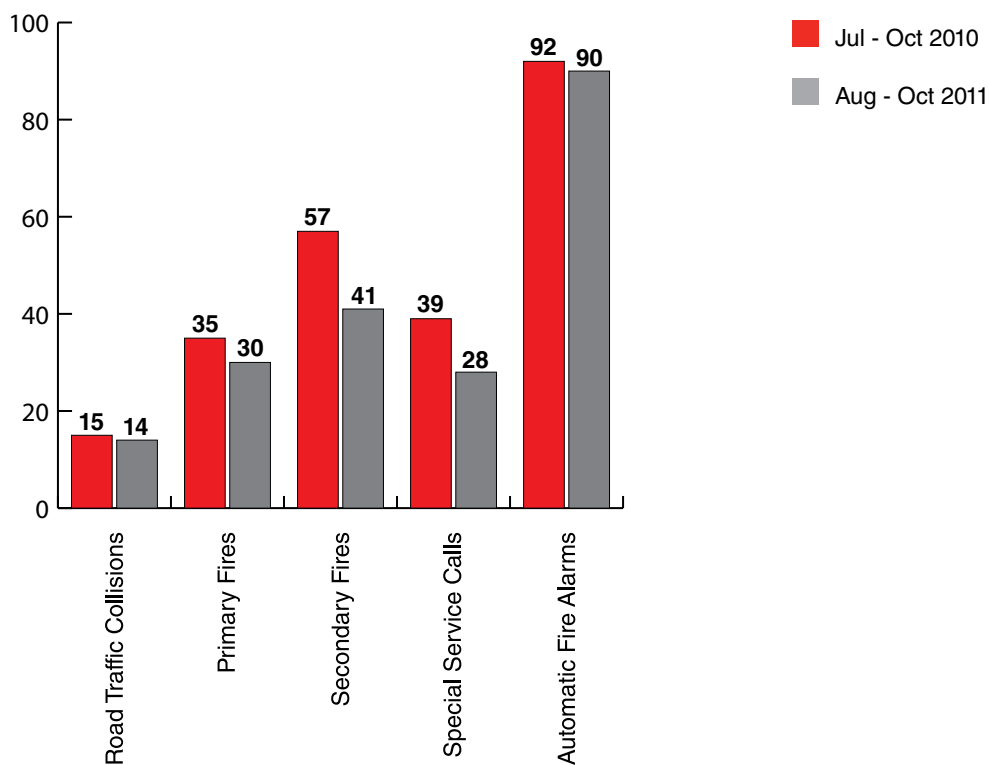
Prohibition

No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

On 17 October 2011 at 03:18 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service were alerted to a fire at Daisy's Convenience Store, Peabody Road, Farnborough.

Control operators mobilised four pumps, an aerial ladder platform and the special equipment unit to the scene. The fire involved a single storey shop, eight metres by ten metres, of traditional construction, which was 100 percent damaged by fire and smoke. Crews used 12 breathing apparatus, three jets and two hose reels to bring the fire under control. The cause of the fire was doubtful.



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 192

Smoke detectors fitted: 265

Fire Investigations

Havant and East Hants Group has had nine investigations involving a warehouse, a flat, a shop, two houses, three vehicles and a garden shed. Five were deliberate and four were non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There were no fire investigation search dog deployments
- Three statements were taken

Mosaic Risk Group

D,B and M

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order - Havant

We have targeted buildings in this period such as large uncomparted buildings, licensed premises and residential care establishments.

With our local partners we have been instrumental in forming a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) to manage the safety issues at the Havant and Waterlooville football ground. This close working with our partners ensures all aspects of safety are considered, adjoining the skills within our different safety disciplines.

Enforcement

No enforcement notices were served in this period.

Prohibition

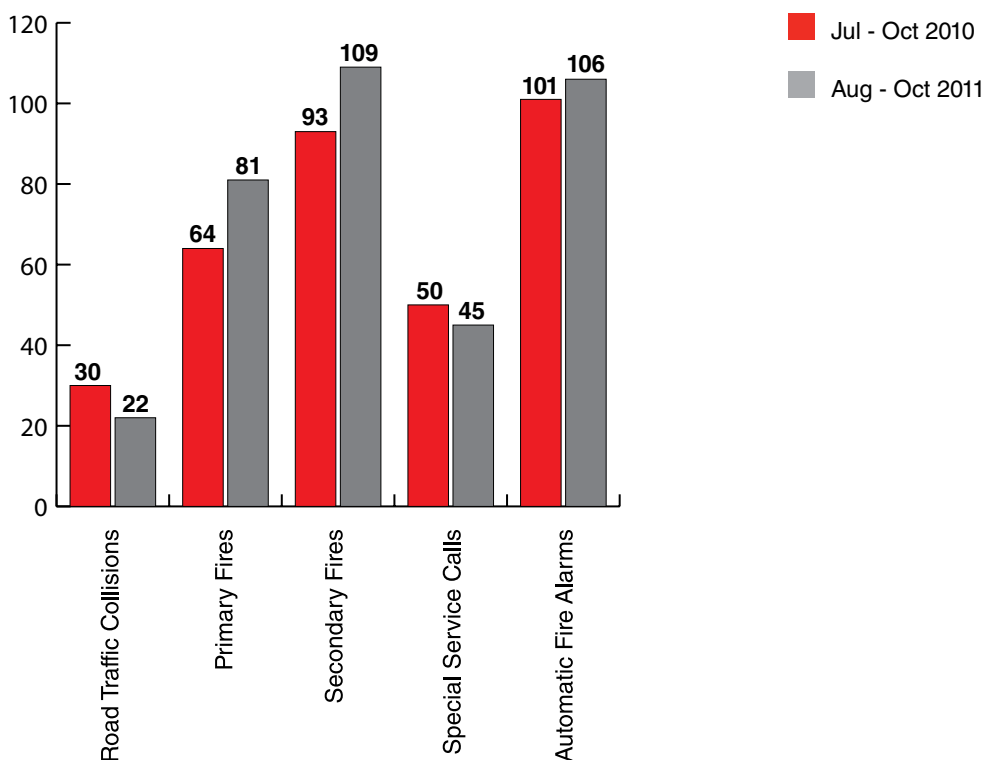
During this period we have issued two prohibition notices both of which were sleeping accommodation above restaurants.

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order - East Hants

During this period we have visited a number of higher risk buildings and have been receiving information from our local authority partners. We were alerted to a dangerous situation in sleeping accommodation above a restaurant following information on a licensing application. We are now engaged in formal enforcement action and have identified the importance of working with our partners and sharing information.

Community Response

On 26 August 2011 at 16:44, firefighters were mobilised to Loddon Recycling, Church Lane, Lasham. 10 appliances, two aerial ladder platforms, two water carriers and the special equipment unit were in attendance. (See 1.2 for further details)



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 232

Smoke detectors fitted: 293

Fire Investigations

Fareham and Gosport Group have had ten investigations in the reporting period, involving a warehouse, three houses, four vehicles and two flats. Eight were deliberate and two were non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There have been no fire investigation search dog deployments
- Two statements were taken

Mosaic Risk Group

E, M and J

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Licensed premises have been our priority target for inspection during this period, as historically we have found numerous fire safety issues with these premises, especially where there is sleeping accommodation above.

We are trialling an electronic consultation procedure. This allows us to deal with electronic plans from local authorities and approved inspectors, which would be a more efficient process for all parties and provide security for storage and handling of data.

We have also inspected a large, multi building Hampshire County Council school during this period. We worked closely with the HCC team and our embedded fire officer at HCC, to ensure all risks were controlled and improvements were identified for action in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

Enforcement

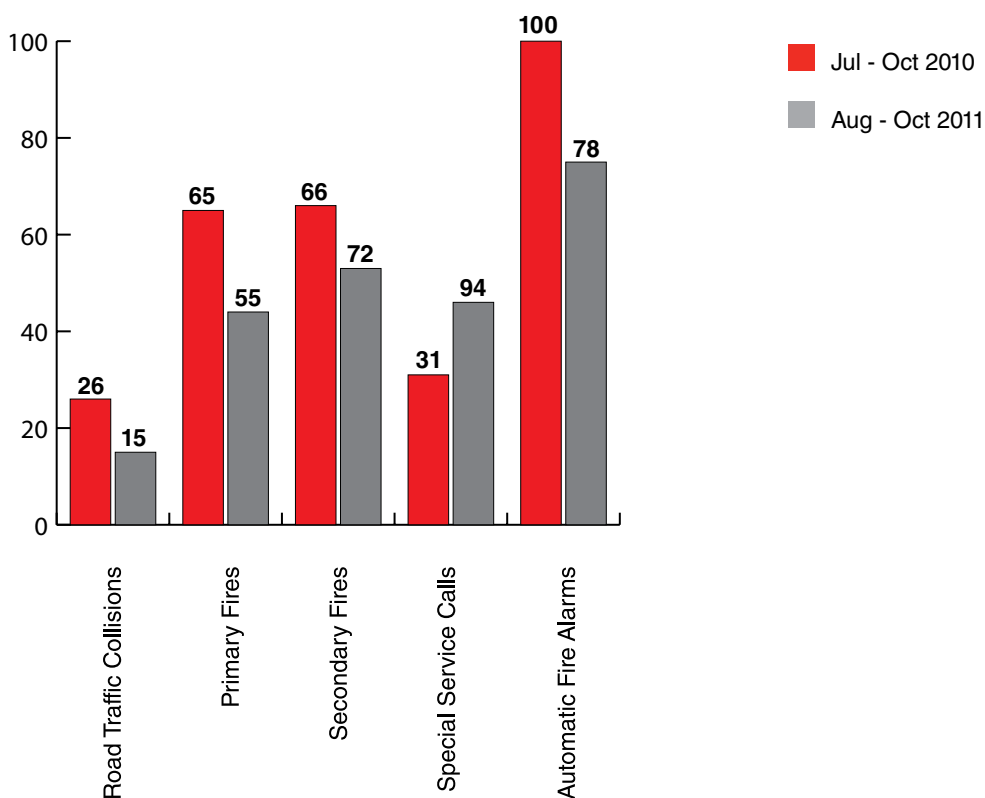
Four enforcement notices were issued in this period on two licensed premises, a takeaway with sleeping accommodation above and a shop.

Prohibition

No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

At 19:05 on 13 October 2011 control operators were alerted to a road traffic collision at the Esso garage in Elms Road, Fareham. Two pumps were mobilised to the scene involving three vehicles on the carriageway. One female casualty was released by HFRS and taken to hospital by South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS)



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 415

Smoke detectors fitted: 378

Fire Investigations

Portsmouth Group have had four investigations in the reporting period, involving three flats and an automotive crash repair centre. Two were deliberate and two were non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There was one fire investigation search dog deployment
- Seven statements were taken

Mosaic Risk Group

G, N and I

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

The unwanted fire signal trial is pressing ahead in the Portsmouth area. This trial sees Protection inspectors investigate automatic fire alarm calls rather than watch based Response personnel, in non sleeping premises during the day. In addition to saving the number of calls a fire engine attends, this approach gives officers the opportunity to investigate issues with the fire alarm and any further fire safety issues of the premises.

We have facilitated two road shows at the Queen Alexandra hospital, using our community contact point. This important venture allows us to raise the profile of fire safety within this large fire engineered building and has given the staff the chance to feedback to the trust regarding fire safety concerns, to ensure a safer community hospital.

Enforcement

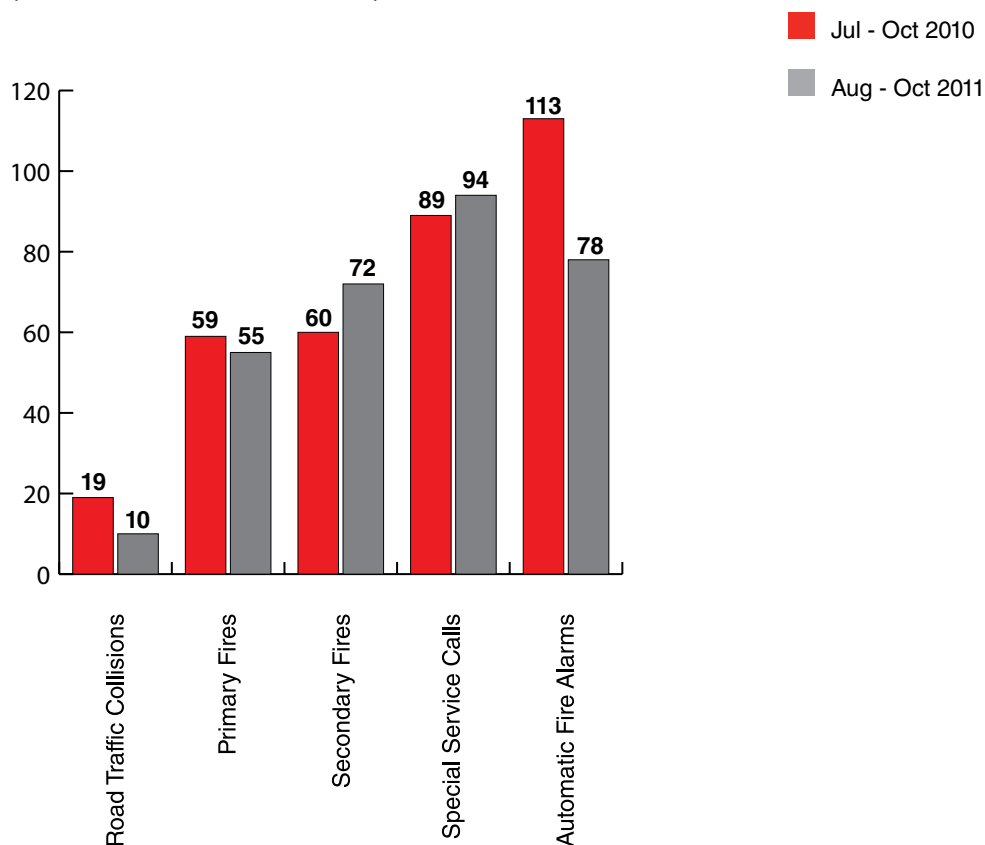
We served one enforcement notice in this period. The premises was a national retailer (Robert Dyas) and issues surrounded the storage of extra stock, a common problem during the lead up to the christmas period. This retailer has reviewed the fire safety management of over 100 national stores as a result of this inspection.

Prohibition

During this period we have issued four Prohibition Notices in the Portsmouth area. Premises included a public house, a night club, a nursing home and a recycling depot.

Community Response

On 19 August 2011 at 19:49 HFRS was alerted to a fire involving a vehicle repair unit at Scope Leasing, Robinson Way, Copnor, Portsmouth. Ten appliances, the special equipment unit, the aerial ladder platform and a water carrier were mobilised to the scene. (See 1.1 for further details)



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 61

Smoke detectors fitted: 66

Fire Investigations

Winchester Group have had no investigations in the reporting period

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There were no fire investigation search dog deployments
- There were no statements taken

Mosaic Risk Group

D, A and M

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Licensed premises have been our priority target for inspection during this period, as historically we have found numerous fire safety issues with these premises, especially where there is sleeping accommodation above.

As a result of our Response staff having received specific training on fire safety protection issues in the Winchester group, together with closer working relationships with local authority enforcing bodies, we have observed more fire safety issues being reported. In this reporting quarter the protection officers have responded to 16 alleged fire risks in this area.

Enforcement

During this period we served one enforcement notice on a licensed premises.

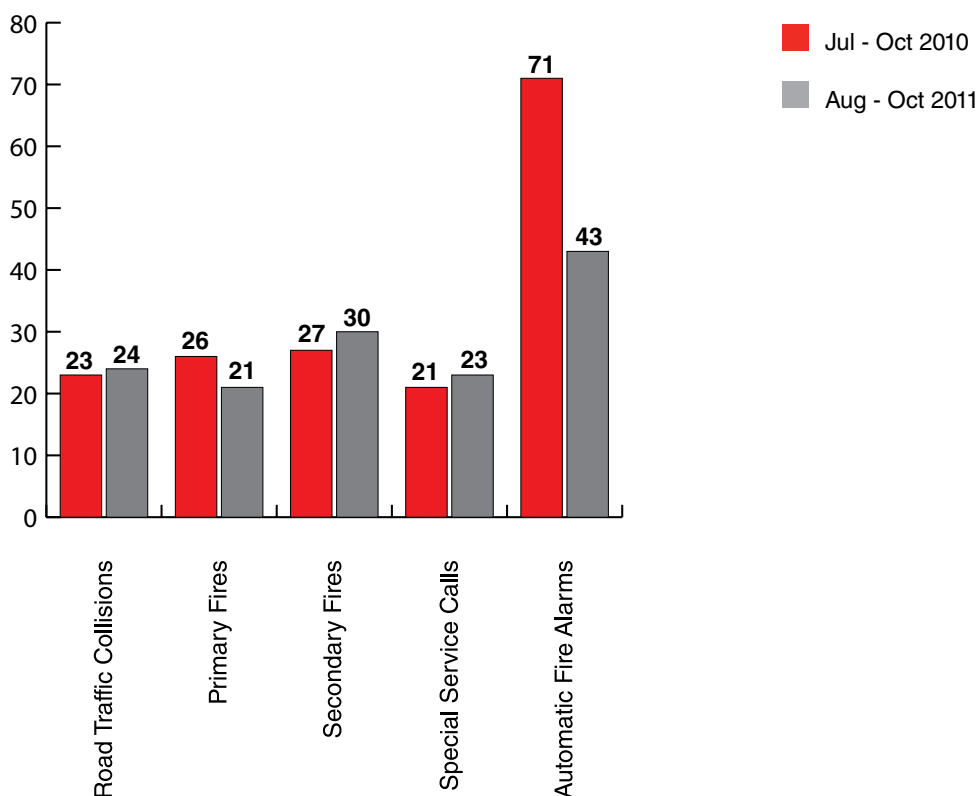
Prohibition

One prohibition notice was served on a licensed premises.

Community Response

On 16 September 2011 at 13:19 control operators were alerted to a fire at Home Farm Dairy in Clinkley Road, West Tisted. Four appliances, two water carriers, a CAFS pump and the special equipment unit were mobilised to the scene. This was a fire involving a brick built barn measuring 29 metres by 24 metres, with an asbestos roof. The building contained 3.5 tonnes of hay. Fire crews used 40 breathing apparatus, four jets, two hose reels, two CAFS jets to bring the blaze under control.

Community Safety



Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 163

Smoke detectors fitted: 170

Fire Investigations

Test Valley and Eastleigh Group have had four investigations in the reporting period, involving a recycling centre, a barn and two houses. Two were deliberate and two were non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There was one fire investigation search dog deployment
- There were no statements taken

Mosaic Risk Group

D, M and A

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

We are seeking to expand and improve our Local Government Regulation partnerships by drafting a partnership with Test Valley Borough Council private sector housing team. This approach has seen great success within other areas of the county. We aim to develop joint inspection protocols which allow a suitable inspection programme to high risk houses of multiple occupancy (HMOs).

Additionally we have been working towards a partnership in relation to caravan parks and fire safety with Test Valley and Eastleigh Borough Councils following high profile fires both nationally and within Hampshire which have seen fire deaths.

Enforcement

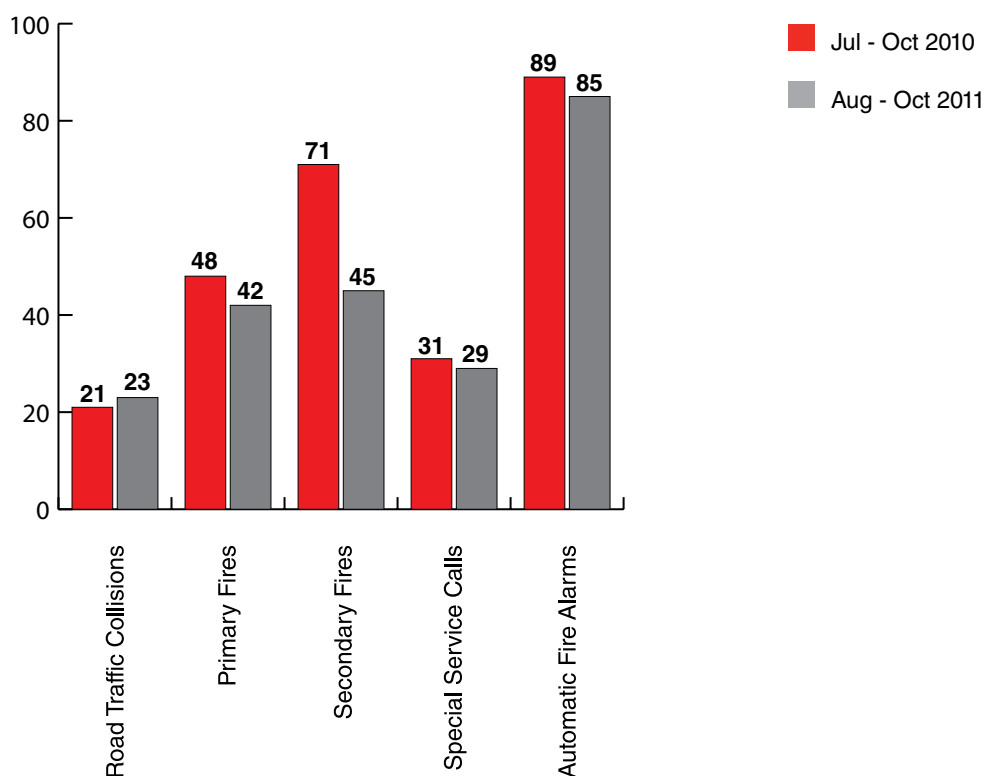
During this period we served one enforcement notice on a heavy plant commercial establishment.

Prohibition

No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

At 09:23 on 12 October 2011 fire crews were mobilised to Fair Oak landfill site in Mortimer's Lane, Fair Oak. Two pumps, a CAFS pump and a water carrier were in attendance. The fire involved a deep seated landfill where the contents were venting from a gas vent. Concrete was used to plug the vent. Seven breathing apparatus, one jet and one CAFS jet were used to bring the fire under control.



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 431

Smoke detectors fitted: 326

Fire Investigations

Southampton Group have had seven investigations in the reporting period, involving a shop, a petrol station, two flats and three vehicles. Five were deliberate and two were non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There were no fire investigation search dog deployments
- There were no statements taken

Mosaic Risk Group

G, N and M

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Redbridge office continues to inspect the highest risk premises. 40 Fire Safety Audits have been completed. 17 alleged fire risks were identified by our partner organisations and members of the public and have been suitably investigated within our aim of 24 hours.

We have now commenced the unwanted fire signal trial within Southampton, responding to automatic fire alarms (AFA) in a different manner. However, this period has seen a small number of AFA calls. We are in close dialogue with developers regarding a new £74 million development at Admirals Quay, Ocean Village. The proposed development is for a 28 storey apartment building with commercial premises on the lowest two floors. Initial indications are that this will be built with residential sprinklers, we will remain an integral part of the planning process.

Enforcement

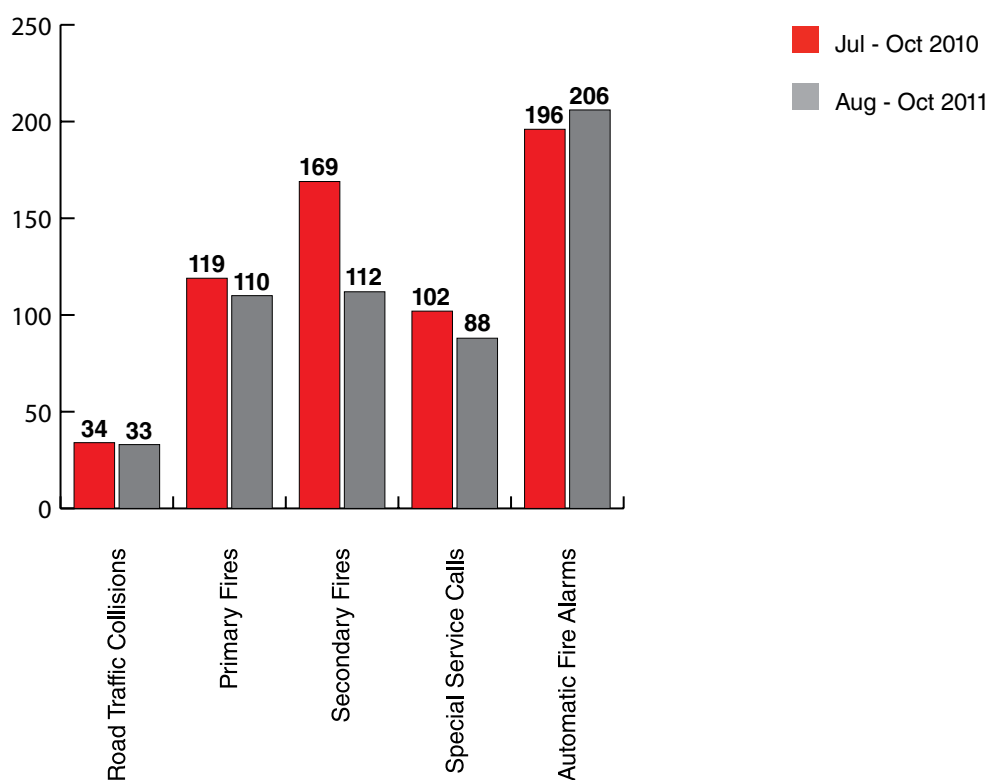
During this period we served a total of two enforcement notices of which both were licensed premises.

Prohibitions

One prohibition notice was served on a bed and breakfast establishment in this period.

Community Response

On 3 September 2011 at 01:21 control operators were alerted to a fire in Gerard crescent, Thornhill, Southampton. Four appliances and the special equipment unit were mobilised to the scene. This was a fire in a second floor flat of a block of purpose built flats involving a television in the lounge area. The flat was 100 percent damaged by fire and smoke. Six people were evacuated from other flats and led to safety. Crews used six breathing apparatus, one hose reel and two jets to bring the fire under control.



Community Safety

Home Safety Visits

Number of Home Safety Visits: 122

Smoke detectors fitted: 80

Fire Investigations

New Forest Group have had four investigations in the reporting period, involving three houses and a commercial building. Two were deliberate and two were non-suspicious.

Arson and Risk Reduction

- There were no fire investigation search dog deployments
- No statements were taken

Mosaic Risk Group

A, D and B

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

New Forest Office continues to target sleeping accommodation working towards its completion in time for the Summer Olympics 2012. 20 Fire Safety Audits have been completed along with 11 complaints against fire safety standards.

Work with our close partners within New Forest District Council (NFDC) conservation team and with Beaulieu Estates continues with the provision of non intrusive alarm systems for heritage buildings. This has reduced the impact of damage to structure and not affected the aesthetics within the building, whilst making the building more safe.

Enforcement

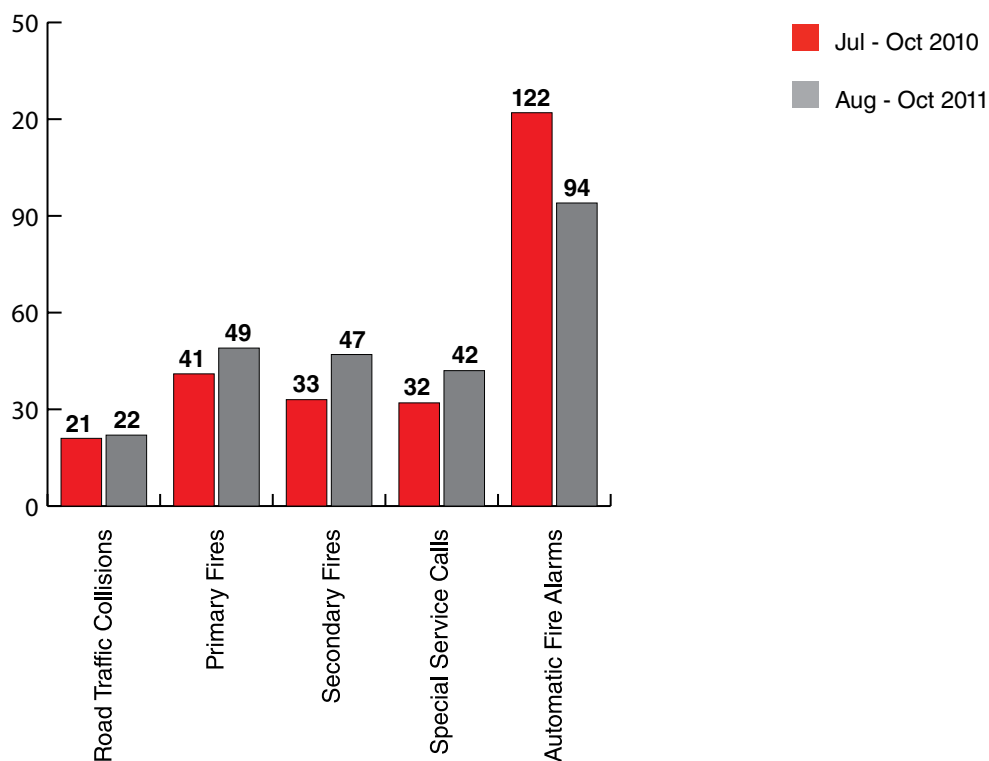
During this period we served a total of two enforcement notices both on sleeping accommodation.

Prohibition

During this period we served a total of two prohibition notices of which both were licensed premises.

Community Response

On 4 September 2011 at 03:27 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service were alerted to a fire at Blue Haze landfill site, Verwood Road, Ebblake. Four appliances, a water carrier and the special equipment unit were mobilised to the scene. The fire involved a storage cell containing 90,000 tonnes of rubbish which was extinguished using three jets.



Community Safety

Fire Investigations

Two fire investigation search dog deployments in the reporting period from Surrey and East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.

4.0

USAR

The New Dimension funded Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team provide a specialist rescue capability within HFRS.

Use of the Government provided assets within HFRS provides an additional tier of specialist equipment and technical expertise.

With the recent review of USAR National Technical Leads the Hampshire team now have seven of 16 national leads.

The USAR team is becoming more involved with the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) based at Bramshill. We are supporting the NPIA with Police Search Adviser (PoISA) and Scene Evidence Recovery Manager (SERM) courses.

HFRS USAR attended the annual national UK-ISAR exercise in Lincoln 1 - 5 October providing both teams and assessors.

The Hampshire USAR team provided an operational team of six, a team of four for base of operations and a hazardous materials (HazMat) officer for the earthquake in Turkey on 23 October 2011. The team mobilised to Gatwick but was stood down by the Department of International Development after the offer of assistance from the UK Government was declined by the Turkish Government.

A team of four led by Group Manager Peter Crook took part in an assessment of the Fairfax (USA) USAR team as part of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group reclassification process.

04 USAR

Date	Location	Resources used	Type of incident	Actions
13/08/2011	South Parade, Southsea	search and rescue unit and seven personnel		Assist police in searching for possible body and fire investigation
15/08/2011	Junction Rd, Totton	Advisor and one personnel	Car into building	Advice given
29/08/2011	Lasham (Lodden Recycling)	Advisor, search and rescue unit, Manitou	Battery recycling depot, building collapse, remove debris	Hot cutting for access, Manitou operations, sector management
10/09/2011	Midlands Estate, West End, Southampton	Advisor, search and rescue unit and four personnel	Assist ambulance	Bariatric patient removed from Bungalow
11/09/2011	Elm Grove, Southsea	Advisor, search and rescue unit and five personnel	Child fallen from first floor and stuck between walls	Stop received before arrival at incident
03/10/2011	Hunts Pond Rd, Fareham	Advisor, search and rescue unit and three personnel	85 year old man, fallen into trench and trapped in pipes	Phone call to HART, poss trench/rope access
05/10/2011	Alders Rd, Fareham	Advisor	Explosion in fridge, impacted non-load bearing walls	No action by USAR
28/10/2011	Berth 36, Southampton docks	Rope team search and rescue unit	Man fallen from height to crane deck	Removed via aerial ladder platform
28/10/2011	Milverton Rd, Winchester	search and rescue unit and four personnel	Bariatric patient removal to assist ambulance	Removed using a stretcher

5.1

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service called to attend a fire in Totton, Southampton

On 2 November 2011 at 02:40 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to a fire at Rushington Business Park, Totton where an industrial unit was on fire.

Control operators mobilised fire appliances from Totton, Redbridge, Lyndhurst, Hythe, St Mary's and Hightown. The aerial ladder platform from Redbridge was also mobilised.

The two storey building consisting of two properties was of brick and sandwich panel construction. The building was 25 metres by 30 metres, the ground floor, first floor and the roof were involved in the fire.

Firefighters extinguished the fire using two breathing apparatus, three jets and the aerial ladder platform.

No one was injured in the fire and an investigation determined that the cause of the fire was electrical.

5.2

Eight fire appliances mobilised to a Thatch Fire in Buriton

At 19:09 on Sunday 13 November 2011 control operators were alerted to a fire at a thatched property at South Lane, Buriton which is south of Petersfield.

The fire involved 100 percent of the thatched roof of a two storey detached private dwelling measuring 30 metres by 12 metres.

Control operators mobilised eight fire appliances from Petersfield, Horndean, Cosham, Bordon and Portchester to the scene along with other ancillary vehicles. A total of 55 firefighters were initially deployed to the scene together with senior officers and various support staff.

Firefighters used five jets, two hose reels and 22 breathing apparatus to extinguish the fire.

The occupants of the thatched property had evacuated the property safely. Volunteers on call with the Red Cross in Hampshire also assisted at this incident.

An investigation determined that the most likely cause was accidental.

5.3

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service attend a fire in Macadam Road in Andover

At 21:26 on 10 November 2011 control room operators were alerted to a fire at Verdo Renewables in Andover.

Crews from Andover, Witchchurch and Basingstoke were mobilised to the scene along with the aerial ladder platform from Basingstoke. Crews from Wiltshire were also assisting at the scene.

This was a fire involving wood chip in a large bin which had spread to a steel framed building used for wood manufacturing.

Crews used two CAFS jets, one hose reel and 12 sets of breathing apparatus as well as the aerial ladder platform to bring the fire under control.

Key to Mosaic Risk Groups

A

Residents of isolated rural communities

B

Residents of small and mid-sized towns with strong local roots

C

Wealthy people living in the most sought-after neighbourhoods

D

Successful professionals living in suburban or semi-rural homes

E

Middle income families living in moderate suburban semis

F

Couples with young children in comfortable modern housing

G

Young, well-educated city dwellers

H

Couples and young singles in small modern starter homes

I

Lower income workers in urban terraces in often diverse areas

J

Owner occupiers in older-style housing, typically in ex-industrial areas

K

Residents with sufficient incomes in right-to-buy social housing

L

Active elderly people living in pleasant retirement locations

M

Elderly people reliant on state support

N

Young people renting flats in high density social housing

O

Families in low-rise social housing with high levels of benefit need



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