

Basingstoke and Deane

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 207

Smoke detectors fitted: 123

Fire investigations

Basingstoke and Deane Group have had four investigations involving a school, an aquatic centre and two houses.

Arson and risk reduction

There were two fire investigation search dog deployments.

Mosaic risk groups

D, H and K

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

During this period our business fire safety team in Basingstoke have continued to work with the local authority, the police and business owners to ensure compliance with fire safety legislation. In order to achieve this they have conducted business support visits, carried out investigations of complaints, audits under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and consultations as well as dealing with premises that generate unwanted automatic fire alarms and lift incidents.

Fire safety audits have taken place in care homes, retail businesses, public houses and industrial premises.

We visited a hotel for people who are being rehoused or who are homeless. Some significant fire safety deficiencies were found, leading to the proposal to take formal enforcement action. However, supporting the management appropriately allowed us to avoid formal action and assist them to develop an action plan.

We visited a night club following information received from Basingstoke firefighters. It turned out that the venue did not have enough exits for the proposed capacity and the fire alarm was inadequate. A prohibition notice was issued but we were able to work quickly with the management and support them so that the prohibition notice was lifted as quickly as possible. They re-opened the following week, hence reducing business impact whilst maintaining public safety.

03 Group activity

Basingstoke and Deane

As part of our commitment to support all businesses, one of our business fire safety officers has been visiting off-licences. This is a joint initiative along with the local authority licensing office to look at compliance with their licensing conditions whilst also supporting business to recognise their responsibilities under the Fire Safety Order. During these visits a number of premises have been highlighted that may need a formal audit.

We are fortunate to have a new business fire safety officer in the Basingstoke area from an Asian community. He has been able to use his knowledge of local communities, culture and language to enhance our business support activities.

Enforcement

No enforcement notices were served in this period.

Prohibitions

One prohibition notice was served in this period.

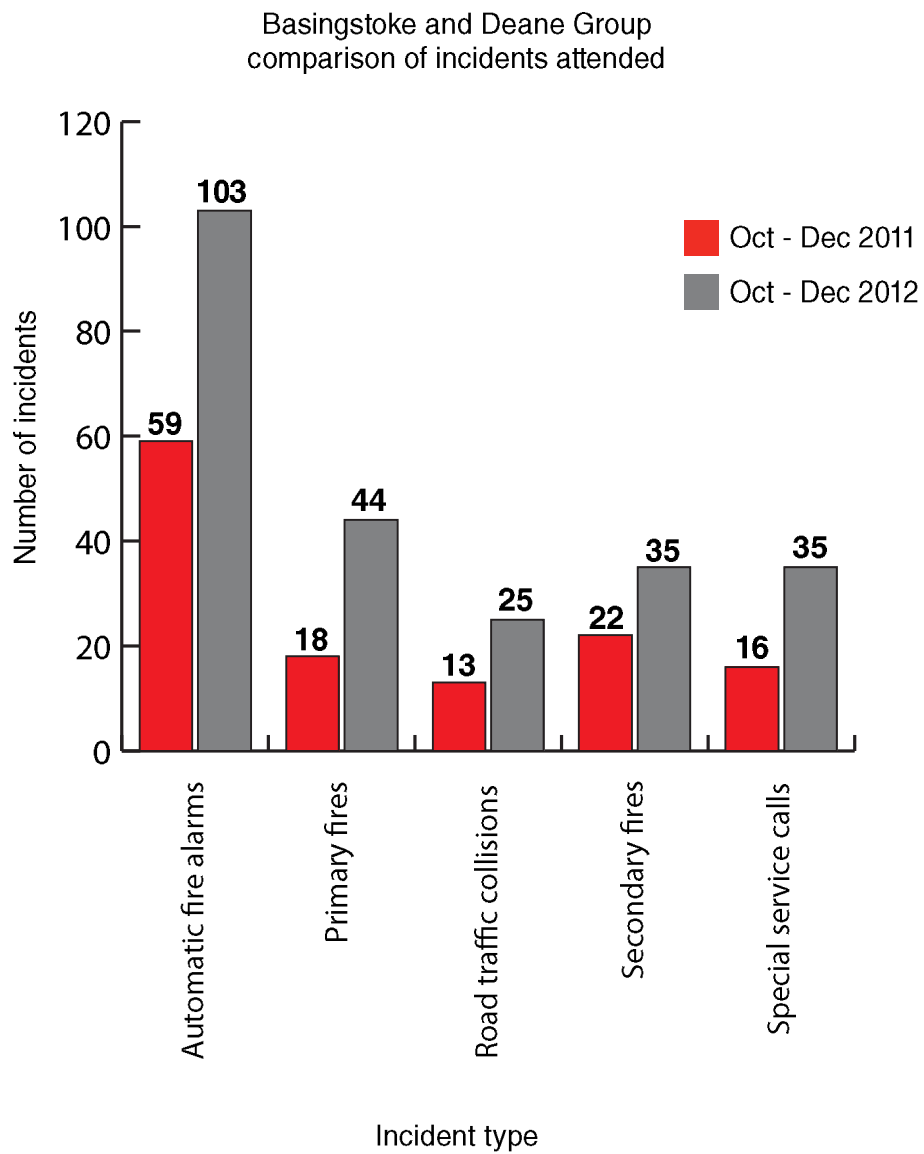
Community Response

On 19 December five fire crews were mobilised to Cottismore Garden Centre in Kingsclere. The fire was in a building of glass and metal construction measuring 40 metres by 18 metres used as a garden centre. Two jets, one hose reel and eight sets of breathing apparatus were used to bring the fire under control. (For more details see 1.6)

Six fire crews were mobilised to Horse Meadow in Oakley on 23 December where a detached bungalow was involved in fire. Crews used 10 sets of breathing apparatus, two hose reels and three jets to bring the blaze under control. The roof was 60 per cent damaged by fire and the remainder of the property was 50 per cent damaged by smoke and water. The most likely cause was smouldering of chipboard which ignited during high winds.

03 Group activity

Basingstoke and Deane



Rushmoor and Hart

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 194

Smoke detectors fitted: 131

Fire investigations

There have been five investigations including a shop, a flat, a domestic garage, three farm buildings in the same incident, as well as a domestic caravan and an outbuilding in the same incident.

Arson and risk reduction

There were no fire investigation search dog deployment.

Mosaic risk groups

D, F and E

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

During the festive period our business fire safety officers have conducted pre-Christmas visits to high street retail stores. The purpose of these unannounced inspections was to check that the increased stock within the shops did not compromise the means of escape and final exit doors. They also check that the responsible persons are properly managing the increased risk. We are pleased to report that following these inspections in Fleet, Aldershot and Farnborough we found that the standard of fire safety and management was, in general, to a high standard.

Following information received from Rushmoor Borough Council, we visited a Nepalese café/restaurant in Aldershot. The basement was being used as part of the restaurant but the means of escape and fire alarm was inadequate for this part of the premises. Rather than serving a prohibition notice our staff were able to support the business to introduce suitable management procedures that ensured that the restaurant was able to continue trading safely.

We have carried out joint working initiatives with our colleagues at Hart District Council licensing department and Hampshire Constabulary licensing office. These have been in the form of joint 'during performance' visits of licensed premises in Fleet, Yateley and Blackwater. As a result of these inspections one premises was shut immediately and fire safety audits have been booked for four premises.

Enforcement

No enforcement notices were served in this period.

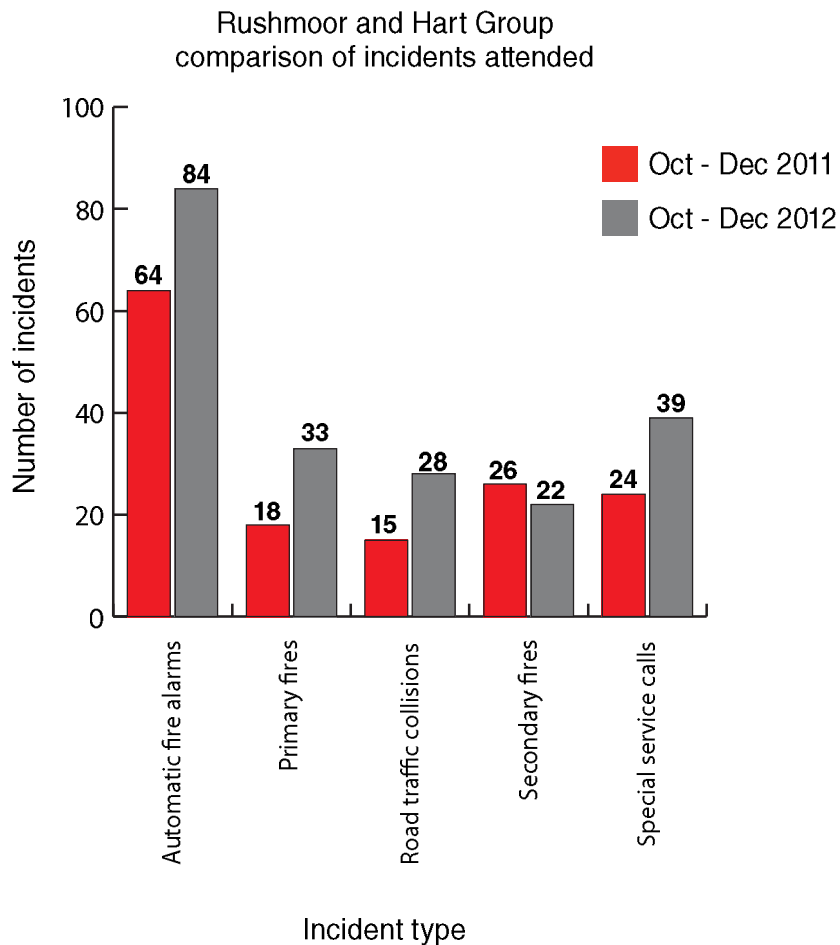
Rushmoor and Hart

Prohibitions

No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

On 10 November control operators received a call about a fire at Adept Laundry, Rectory Road, Farnborough. Six crews were mobilised to this single storey commercial building which was severely damaged by fire. The cause of this fire was undetermined.



03 Group activity

Havant and East Hampshire

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 191

Smoke detectors fitted: 156

Fire investigations

There have been seven investigations in the reporting period involving a bungalow, a flat, two houses, a domestic caravan, a factory unit and a newsagents.

Arson and risk reduction

There was one fire investigation search dog deployments.

Mosaic risk groups

D, B and M

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Havant

During this period our business fire safety team in Havant have continued to work with the local authority, the police and business owners to ensure compliance with fire safety legislation. In order to achieve this they have conducted business support visits, carried out investigations of complaints, audits under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and consultations as well as dealing with premises that generate unwanted automatic fire alarms and lift incidents.

A visit to a Havant sports store, following a complaint, found issues with significant overstocking of the shop floor area, compromising the means of escape and final exit doors. As a result of the inspection an enforcement notice has been issued and we are now working proactively with the health and safety advisor for the company to support them in resolving the problems.

A part of our initiative to reduce the risk to the elderly and those in care we targeted residential and nursing homes as part of our risk-based inspection programme.

A fire safety audit of a rest home in Havant found the fire risk assessment insufficient as it had not identified that the fire alarm system was inadequate for purpose and that the responsible person had not identified Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPS) for those residents who would not be able to make their own escape easily. We have proposed an agreed action plan with the management of the home in order to support the business and to improve safety.

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Following a fire safety audit of a nursing home we found issues with the fire alarm, management and staff procedures as well as the compartmentation of the building. We agreed an action plan to support the business, hence off-setting the need for formal enforcement action.

We have had a number of building regulation consultations recently where the developers have found it difficult to comply with requirements of fire safety regulations. An example was the development of a block of flats in which fire engines would have had access problems. We recommended that domestic sprinklers were installed as a compensatory feature and we have been working with the local authority building control and the developer and they have agreed to install a sprinkler system.

East Hampshire

Business fire safety officers from Alton have been focusing on fire safety audits, Hampshire Better Regulation Partnership visits and providing business support, as well as dealing with premises that generate unwanted automatic fire alarms and lift incidents.

In response to a number of unwanted fire alarm attendances in a short period of time crews from Alton visited a local college. They spoke to the them about management systems and alarm procedures to identify possible causes of the unwanted signals. In addition, it was identified that there were large amounts of old wiring and oxy acetylene cylinders present on site. Advice was given regarding business continuity and the reduction of the risk to life.

As part of our business support initiatives we received information that a college in Alton was in the process of moving from two separate sites into one single site. We were able to obtain accurate information and offer business continuity advice. We formed a good working relationship with a large college for vulnerable and disabled young adults, which has reduced the risk to life and enabled HFRS to better meet their needs in the event of an emergency.

Following a complaint from a Bordon firefighter we visited an Indian restaurant that provided sleeping accommodation in Liphook. We found that the general fire safety standards were poor in the premises but were able to actively support the owners and agreed that the issues could be dealt with using an action plan. Our actions prevented the need for formal enforcement action.

03 Group activity

Havant and East Hampshire

Enforcement

One enforcement notice was served in this period.

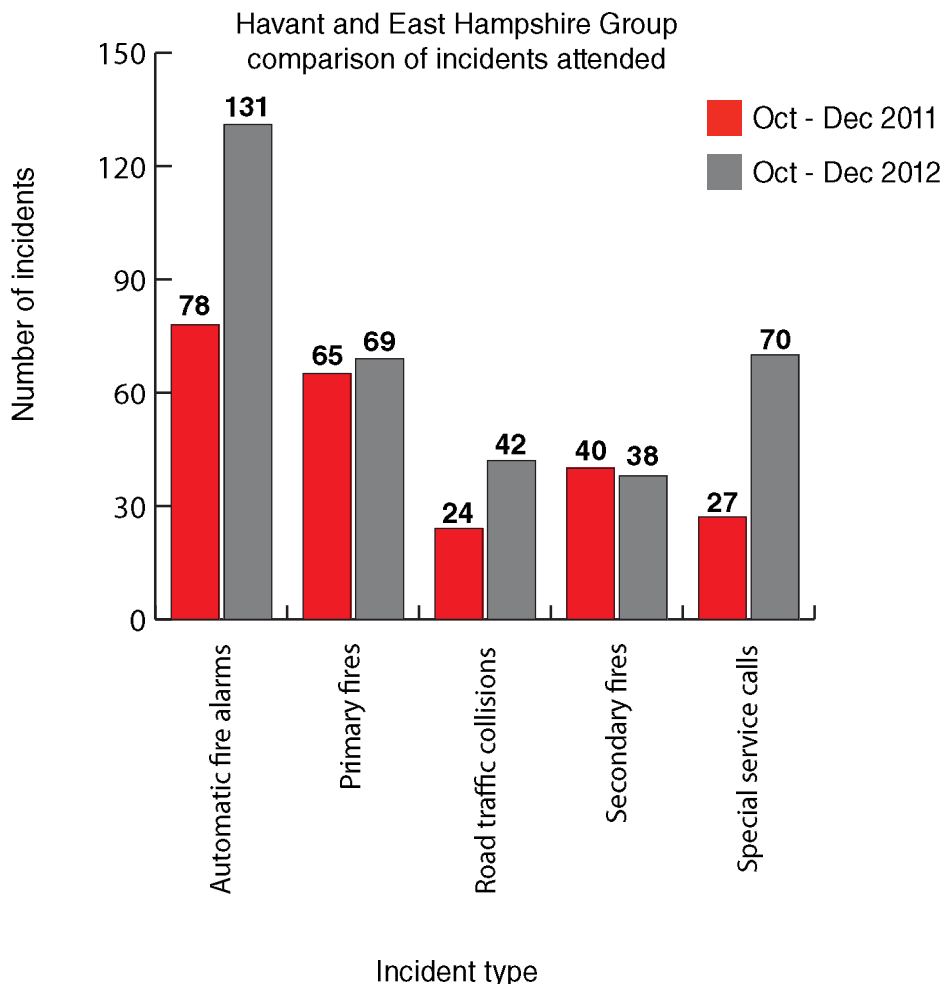
Prohibitions

No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

On 23 November six crews were mobilised to a fire involving a detached chalet bungalow in London Road, Horndean. The fire started in the kitchen and spread to the roof. Crews used two jets, four hose reels and 12 breathing apparatus to put the fire out. The cause of the fire was accidental.

Control mobilised four crews to a fire in Selmore Road, Hayling Island on 21 December. Firefighters used 12 sets of breathing apparatus, two hose reels and two jets to put the fire out. The bungalow had 50 per cent damage to the roof. There was no fire investigation of this incident.



Fareham and Gosport

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 307

Smoke detectors fitted: 223

Fire investigations

There have been two investigations in the reporting period involving a sports club and a house.

Arson and risk reduction

There were two fire investigation search dog deployments.

Mosaic risk groups

E, M and J

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

During this period our business fire safety team in Fareham have continued to work with the local authority, the police and business owners to ensure compliance with fire safety legislation. In order to achieve this they have conducted business support visits, carried out investigations of complaints, audits under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and consultations as well as dealing with premises that generate unwanted automatic fire alarms and lift incidents.

During December we conducted pre-Christmas visits to retail outlets to ensure that the means of escape were unobstructed during this period of high stock levels. During this years inspections it was pleasing to note that the majority of Fareham town retail premises appeared to be well managed in terms of stock control and general maintenance of means of escape for the public. However, one shop in Fareham was keeping excess stock in the escape route and the fire exit was secured by a key pad. The lock was disabled at the time of our visit and we have agreed an alternative security mechanism with the company. The new lock is connected to the fire alarm system and will 'fail safe' with the activation of the alarm.

Business fire safety officers from Fareham have been dealing with a company involved in the development a new residential care home. After discussions the developer agreed the installation of residential sprinklers. The installation will enable cost savings to be made as there will be a reduction in structural and other passive fire precautions. The aim is to help developers achieve a safer building for the future residents, with the added benefit of achieving a comfortable and easy living environment for the elderly.

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Enforcement

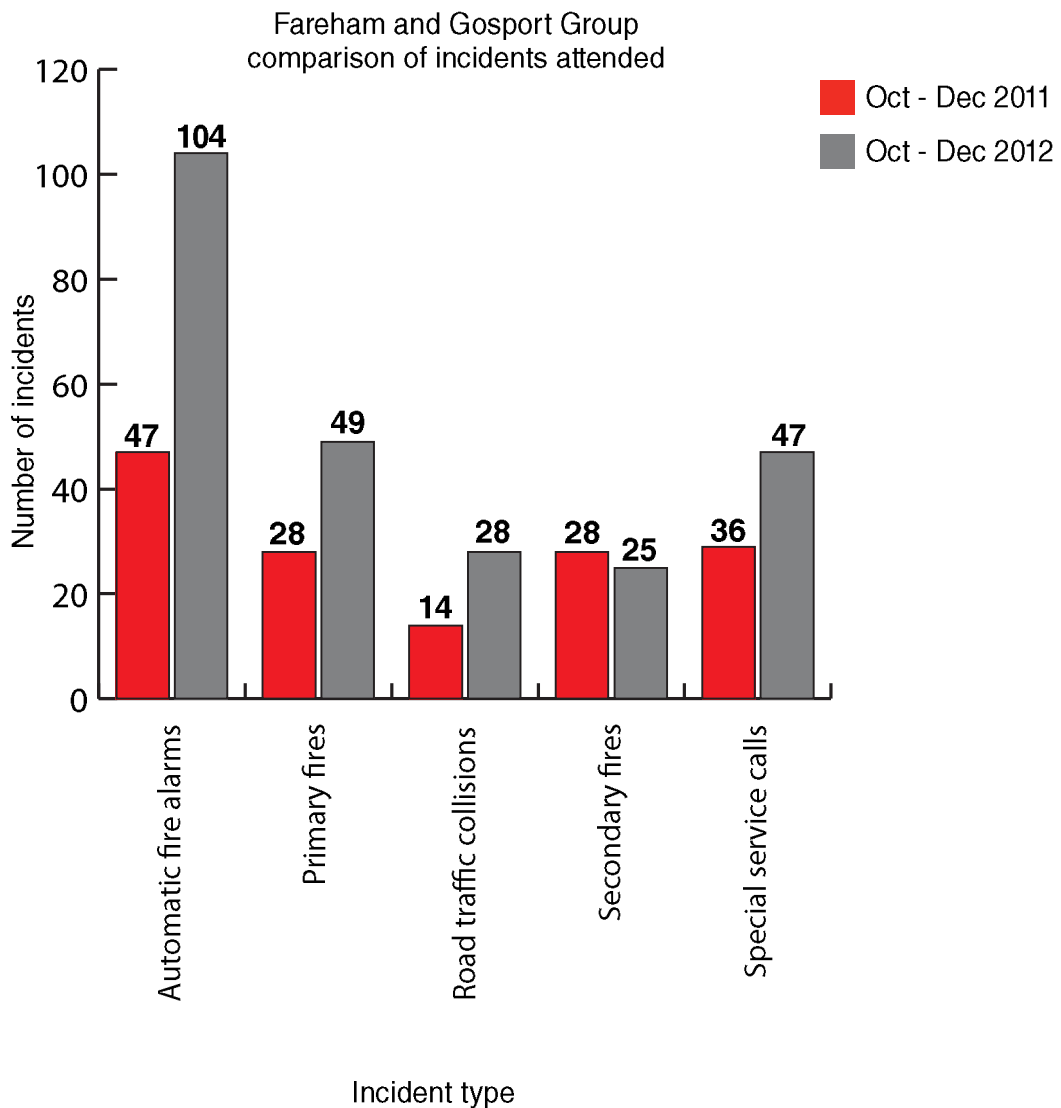
No enforcement notices were served in this period.

Prohibitions

No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

On 27 November six crews responded to a fire at the Gosport and District Sports and Disabled Association (GADSAD) building on Elson Road at 01:28. This was a single storey building used as a disabled sports club. The building was 25 per cent destroyed by fire, 40 per cent damaged by water and 100 per cent damaged by smoke. Crews used the aerial ladder platform, four jets and 16 sets of breathing apparatus to bring the blaze under control. (See 1.4 for more details).



Portsmouth

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 529

Smoke detectors fitted: 371

Fire investigations

There have been six investigations in the reporting period, involving four flats, a university and a house.

Arson and risk reduction

There were no fire investigation search dog deployments but three statements were taken.

Mosaic risk groups

G, N and I

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Our business fire safety officers visited a house which was converted into flats in Southsea following a complaint from a resident. We found that the fire alarm was not working and entries in the log book indicated that it had not been working for some time. It was agreed that a temporary linked fire alarm system would be installed in the common areas on the same day and we gave advice that single point smoke detectors should be installed in each flat until the main system has been repaired or replaced. We returned to the premises at 19:00hrs the same evening to find the temporary system was in place. A fire safety audit was carried out the same week and an enforcement notice will be issued on failure of management systems and maintenance of fire safety measures.

Southsea crews attended a high rise residential block to carry out a Site Specific Risk Information visit (SSRI). They noticed that contractors were drilling holes in escape corridors on the tenth and twelfth floors for cable runs. This action compromised the fire safety compartmentation. We were able to work with the health and safety manager for Portsmouth City Council who arranged for the holes to be fire stopped before the contractors left the site.

We previously reported serving a prohibition notice on a mosque in Portsmouth because of inadequate final fire exits. The notice was served to restrict the numbers that could enter the premises at one time. We are pleased to report that following refurbishment carried out at the mosque and our support and advice the notice has now been lifted.

The ongoing dealings with a sports store chain, following a complaint has triggered a further visit to a branch in Portsmouth. During our visit we found the same issues with the escape routes being obstructed by overstocking. We found that it was company policy for all stock to be on the shop floor and to deliberately place stock in the way of the general walkways so that the public notice the stock and walk around it. We have been supporting

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the business to recognise the implications of over-stocking and so as to ensure public safety we have issued an enforcement notice and written to the management stating that their policies for stock control need to be reviewed.

Following extensive business support work with the management of a high rise residential property in Gunwharf, they have now resolved the issue business continuity during the case of total failure of electrical power to the site. Two such episodes have occurred in the last three years which have created significant problems. We have proactively assisted in developing arrangements with a third party to supply a generator within a prescribed amount of time and have developed a strategy to deal with the situation if it arises again.

Enforcement

One enforcement notice was served in this period.

Prohibitions

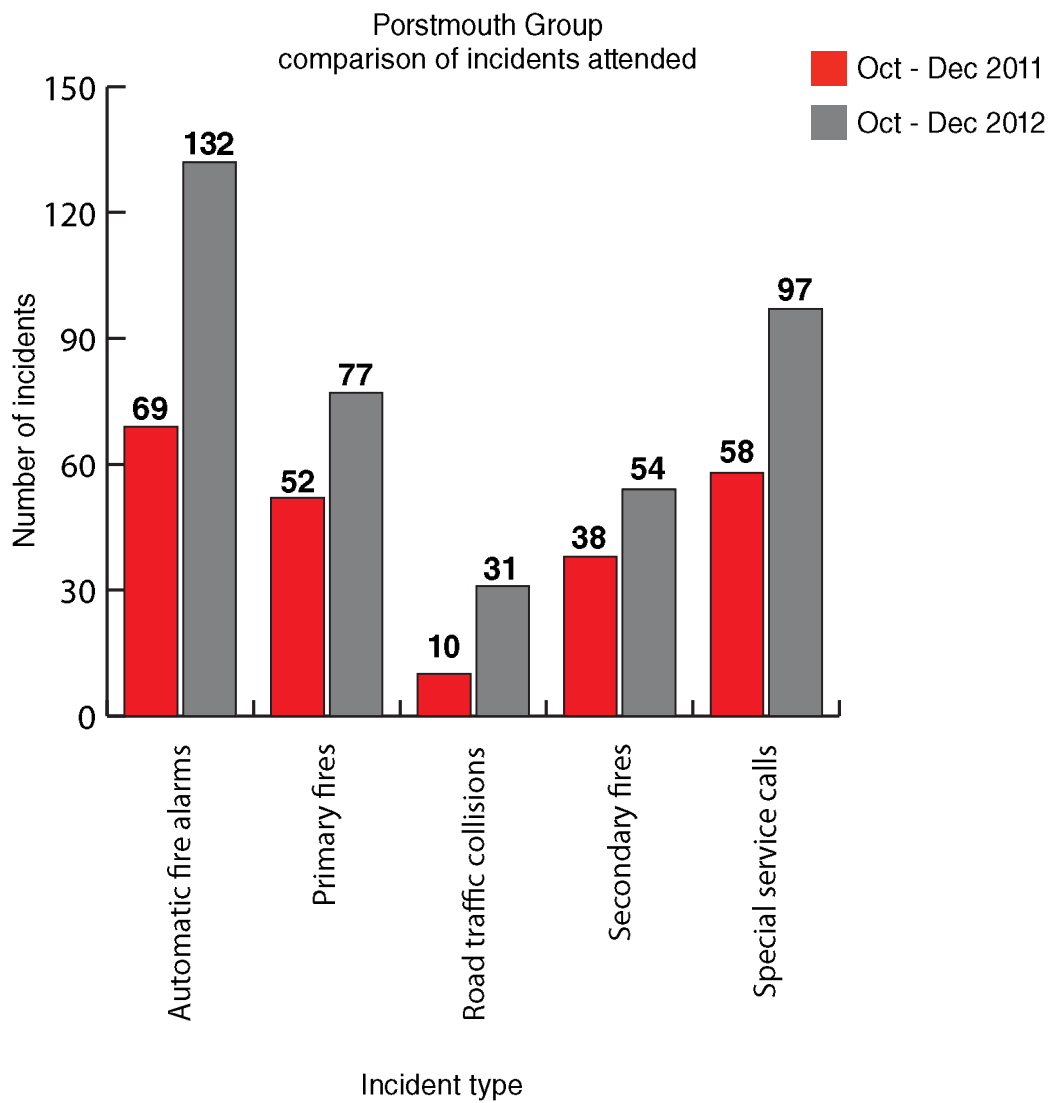
No prohibition notices were served in this period.

Community Response

On 3 November eight fire crews were mobilised to an incident at Nickelby House, All Saints Road in Buckland. There was a fire on the seventh floor. Crews used four sets of breathing apparatus and two jets to extinguish the fire. We had to inform the council as some of the dry risers were missing. (For more details see 1.2).

03 Group activity

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Winchester

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 76

Smoke detectors fitted: 36

Fire investigations

There have been four investigations in the reporting period involving a church, a flat, a prison cell and a health care centre.

Arson and risk reduction

There was one fire investigation search dog deployment.

Mosaic risk groups

D, A and M

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Our Winchester business fire safety team continue to work closely with our community response colleagues and we have been providing specific training on business fire safety protection issues to operational crews. This liaison, along with the close working partnerships with the local authority enforcing agencies, enables any fire safety concerns to be highlighted and addressed.

Good joint working with the Winchester City Council housing team continues to provide advice and guidance in shared housing premises and the high risk sleeping accommodation above commercial premises.

There have been 29 fire safety audits, 25 building regulations consultations, 12 licensing act consultations and four action plans completed in this period.

Enforcement

There were two enforcement notices issued during this period.

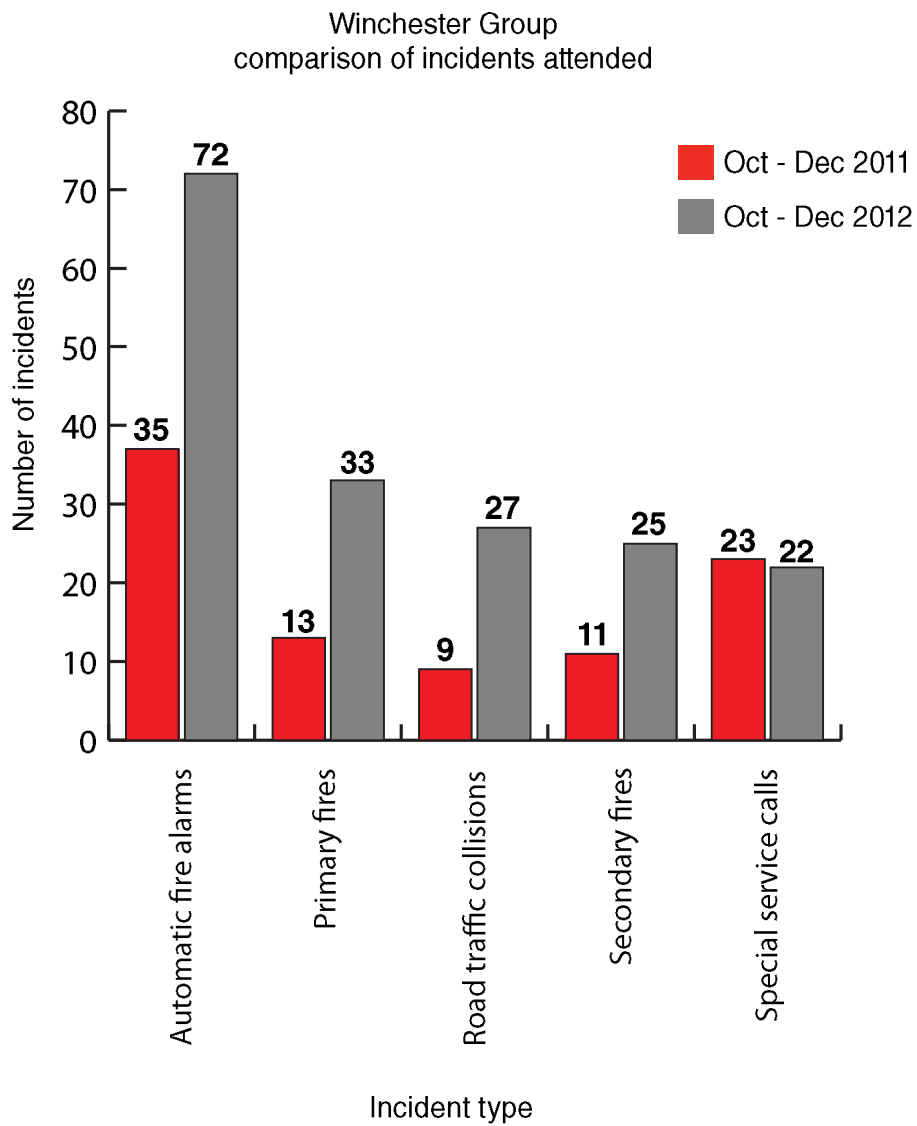
Prohibitions

No prohibition notices have been served in the period.

Community Response

Three crews were mobilised to a house fire in Southwick Road in Wickham on 27 November at 13:11. This was a persons reported incident to a fire in the kitchen. Firefighters used four sets of breathing apparatus, one jet and one hose reel to put the fire out. No one was injured in the incident. The cause of the fire was accidental.

Winchester



Test Valley and Eastleigh

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 54

Smoke detectors fitted: 49

Fire investigations

There have been two investigations in the reporting period involving a flat and a warehouse.

Arson and risk reduction

There was one fire investigation search dog deployment.

Mosaic risk groups

D, M and A

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Our business fire safety team continue to work closely with our community response colleagues and have been providing specific training on business fire safety protection issues to operational crews. This liaison, along with the close working partnerships with the local authority enforcing agencies, enables any fire safety concerns to be highlighted and addressed.

We are actively providing ongoing fire safety and business continuity support to all businesses that we visit. Our business fire safety officers will work with the responsible person by way of an action plan wherever possible to support economic sustainability.

There have been 28 building regulations consultations, seven licensing act consultations and two action plans completed in this period.

Enforcement

There were three enforcement notices issued during this period.

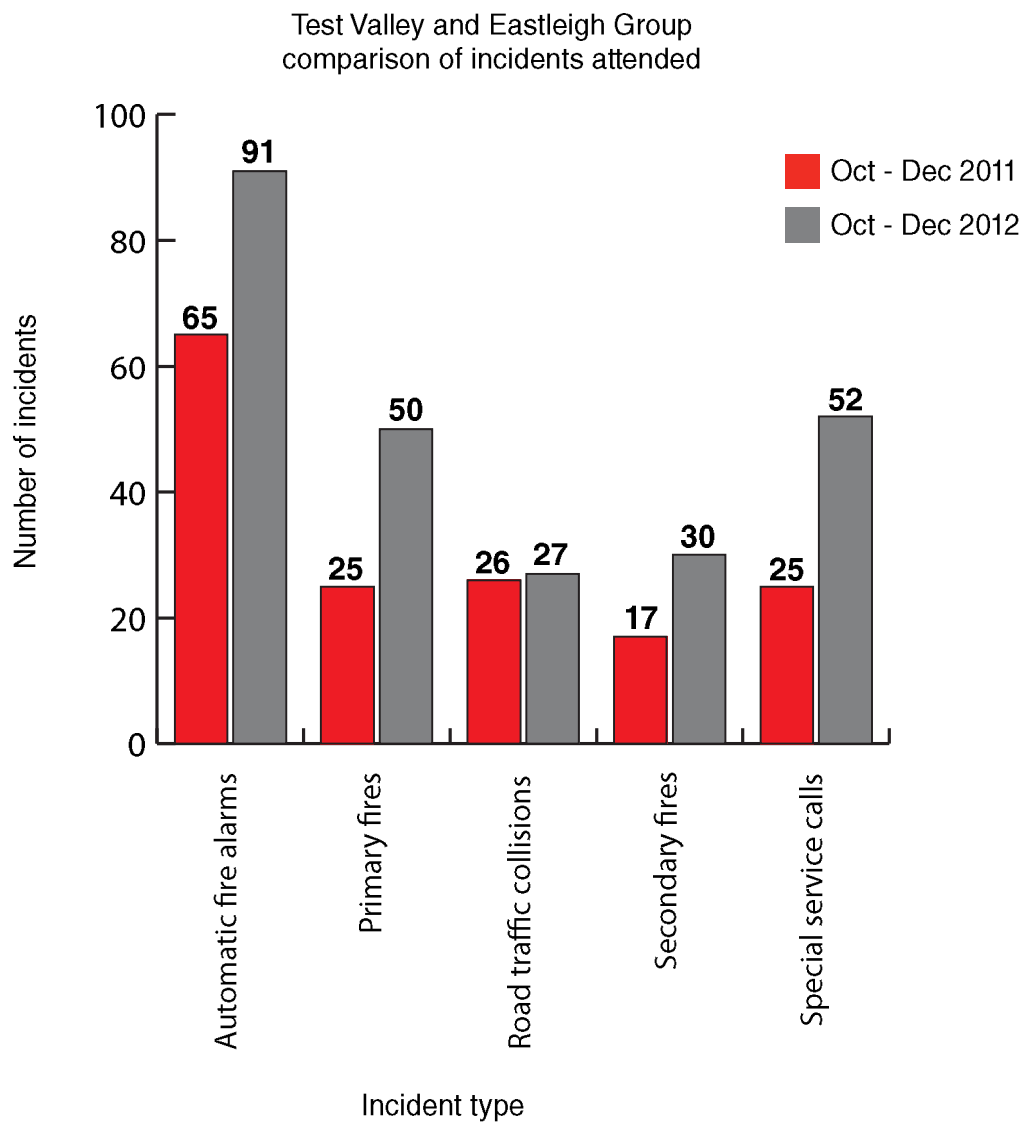
Prohibitions

One prohibition notice was issued on The George Public House in Fair Oak on 11 November but after working with them this was lifted on 22 November.

Community Response

On 26 November control operators mobilised four crews to Croydex Limited, Andover. There was a fire in a warehouse which contained boxes of bathroom accessories. Crews used 14 sets of breathing apparatus, one hose reel and one jet to put the fire out. The investigation concluded that the cause was a defective light fitting.

Test Valley and Eastleigh



Southampton Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 460

Smoke detectors fitted: 176

Fire investigations

There have been seven investigations in the reporting period involving three flats, a shop, a restaurant and two vehicles.

Arson and risk reduction

There were three fire investigation search dog deployments and two statements taken.

Mosaic risk groups

G, N and M

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

Within Southampton, a fire in a commercial fast food kitchen highlighted fire safety issues within the premises resulting in us serving a restriction notice relating to the first floor sleeping accommodation. We are now proactively working with the business owners to ensure that they remain trading whilst ensuring the safety of occupants.

As a result of our response staff having received specific training on fire safety protection issues and the close working partnerships with local authority enforcing agencies, we continue to see more fire safety issues being reported. In this reporting period our business fire safety officers have responded to eight alleged fire risks.

Building activity seems to have increased within the Southampton area and as such we have been involved in 50 separate statutory consultations in the past two months alone. We have also reviewed 21 licence applications.

We have worked closely with our partners Hampshire Constabulary to establish a monthly meeting of all the parties interested in licensing. In particular we have been focussing on the night-time economy within Southampton with a view to sharing information so that we can better target high risk premises and to support business to comply with legislation.

During the reporting period we also delivered a licensing awareness day for all the licensees and door staff in Southampton. This was funded by the police and around 120 people attended. Fire safety and effective evacuation was one of the strongest messages put across on the day, which was very well received.

We have also worked in partnership with several agencies to assist in the city's community winter strategy. This year the focus has concentrated on the student population living within houses of multiple occupation (HMOs). We have been able to

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provide advice to the lead agency (private sector housing) on fire safety within these types of property and support landlords and tenants in answering any specific fire safety related questions.

We continue to encourage early consultation with any major building works within the city, and through this we continue to persuade designers and clients to install sprinklers in their new buildings.

Enforcement

Three enforcement notices have been issued on a public house, a large national retail outlet and a nightclub.

Prohibitions

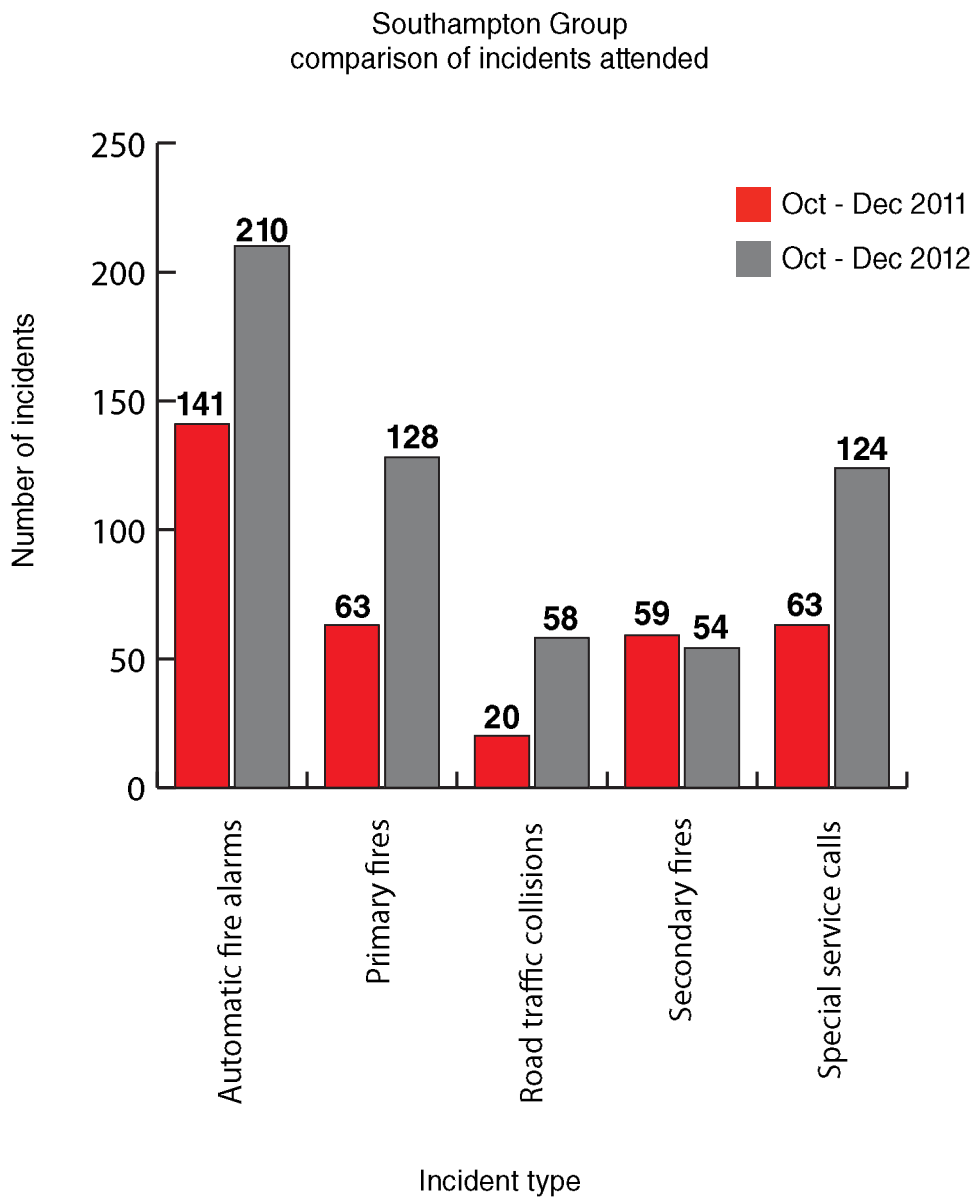
No prohibitions notices were served in this period.

Community Response

Four crews were mobilised to Portswood Road, Southampton on 2 November. The fire involved a building used as a car workshop. The roof was completely destroyed and the rest of the building was severely damaged by fire. A total of seven cylinders of mixed contents were removed by firefighters. Crews used four jets, one ground monitor and 10 sets of breathing apparatus to put the fire out. The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental.

On 3 November five crews were mobilised to a fire at Roosters Piri Piri, Portswood Road in Southampton. This was a terraced building of three floors which was used as a shop with residential flats above. The fire involved the internal and external ducting system and there was smoke logging throughout the building and neighbouring properties. Five people were led to safety by firefighters. They used 12 sets of breathing apparatus, three jets and an aerial ladder platform to bring the blaze under control. (See 1.1 for more details).

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03 Group activity

New Forest

Community Safety

Home safety visits

Number of home safety visits: 116

Smoke detectors fitted: 95

Fire investigations

There have been seven investigations in the reporting period involving a static caravan, a bungalow, a public house, a number of motor vehicles at one incident, two houses and a house in multiple occupancy (HMO).

Arson and risk reduction

There were no fire investigation search dog deployments but two statements were taken.

Mosaic risk groups

A, D and B

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order

We continue to work with our partners within the local authority in order to reduce community risk and specifically to drive down unwanted fire calls by utilising better equipment and technology.

We have been focussing on reducing risk in fast food/takeaway premises that are known to have sleeping accommodation above. Our business support officer has been busy supporting the local economy out of hours by making contact, providing business with help and guidance as well as business continuity advice and, if necessary arranging formal audits.

We have reacted to five alleged fire risks referred by our newly trained response colleagues.

Enforcement

Two enforcement notices have been served during this reporting period. A further seven audits with an outcome of enforcement have been negotiated down to agreed action plans in order to better support business.

Prohibitions

No prohibition notices have been served during this reporting period.

Community Response

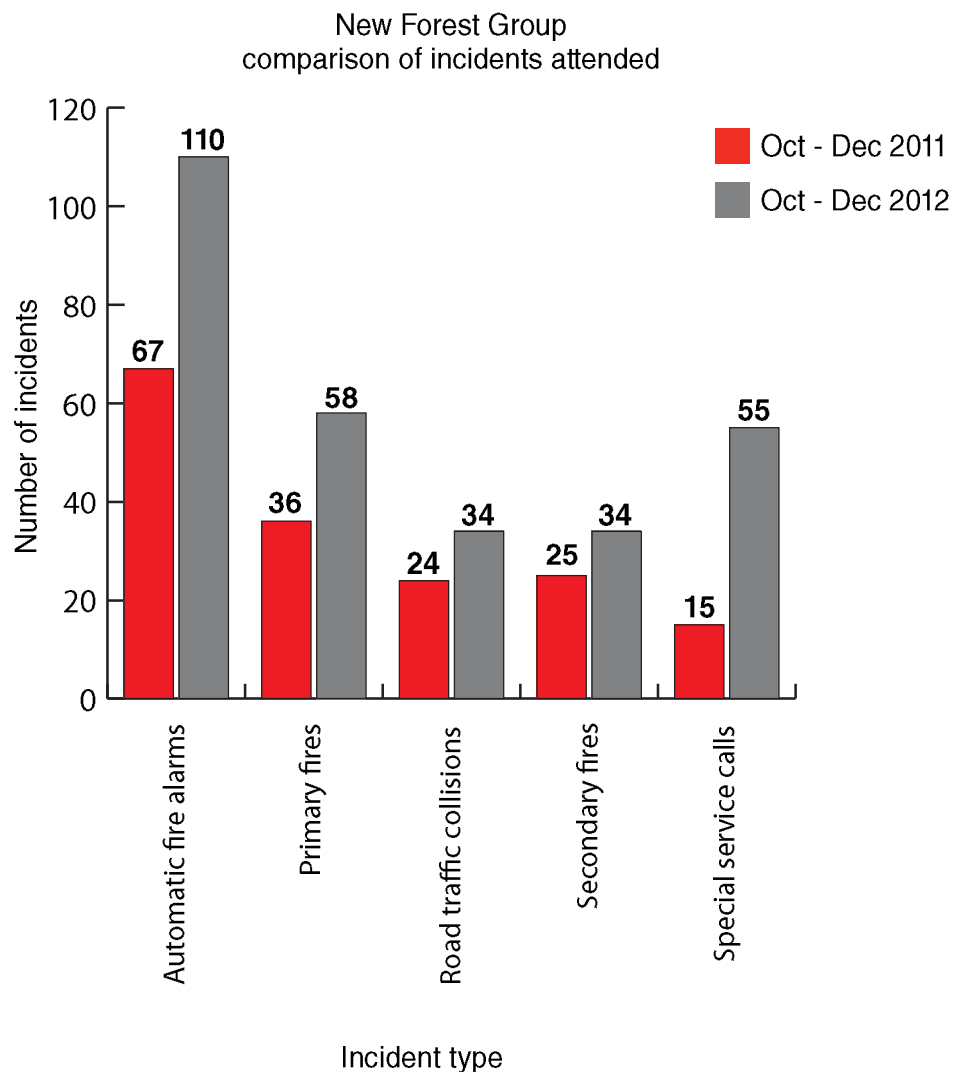
On 6 November four crews were mobilised to a fire in De Mowbray Way, Lymington. The property was a detached bungalow consisting of two floors. The roof was 70 per cent damaged by fire, the first floor was 100 per cent damaged by fire, smoke and water and

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New Forest

the ground floor was also 50 per cent damaged by water. Crews used three jets, two hose reels, eight sets of breathing apparatus and an aerial ladder platform to bring the blaze under control. The cause of the fire remains undetermined.

Five crews were mobilised to Whartons Road, Ashurst on 12 December where they were faced with a fire in a four bedroom house. The fire involved the loft space which was severely damaged by fire. Crews used 10 sets of breathing apparatus, three jets and a hose reel to extinguish the fire. The cause is thought to have been electrical.



Out of County

Arson and risk reduction

There have been two fire investigation search dog deployments and two statements taken.

5.1

Shop destroyed by fire in Waterlooville

A Waterlooville shop was destroyed after it was rapidly engulfed by fire on 5 January 2013.

Flames spread quickly through the Co-op building on Milton Road, Cowplain, causing the collapse of the roof despite the best efforts of more than 30 firefighters.

Control room operators received the 999 call from an employee at the shop at 14:51, reporting smoke issuing from the back of a freezer inside the store. The control operator advised the staff to get out of the shop immediately and crews arrived on the scene within five minutes.

The single-storey building was completely taken over by the fire and crews from Waterlooville, Horndean, Cosham and Southsea used four sets of breathing apparatus, four jets and the aerial ladder platform to extinguish the blaze.

Three people were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation by South Central Ambulance Service, one of whom was taken to hospital as a precaution. There were no further injuries.

The cause of the blaze is believed to have been an electrical fault.

5.2

Firefighters tackle fire in Liphook pub roof

The roof of a pub in Liphook was destroyed by fire on 17 January.

Fire crews were alerted just after 10:30 to reports of the pub roof well alight in London Road.

Fire crews used six sets of breathing apparatus, three jets, two high-pressure hose reels and an aerial ladder platform to bring the blaze under control.

No-one was injured during the incident.

The roof of the pub was completely destroyed and there was also extensive damage to the first floor. The ground floor and cellar were also damaged by smoke and water.

A combination of appliances from Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire were mobilised to the scene.

Hampshire crews attended from Bordon, Alton, Basingstoke and Rushmoor. Around 50 firefighters in total dealt with the incident.

The cause of the fire was accidental with heat from a propane gas torch igniting roofing felt during maintenance work.

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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