



AGENDA ITEM: 6

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

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PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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Purpose of Report

- 1.** To provide members with information relating to North Wales Fire and Rescue Service activity and monitoring performance against improvement objectives.

Information

- 2.** Attached at Appendix 1 for members' information is the monitoring report for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016.

Recommendation

- 3.** That Members note the contents of the performance monitoring report.

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE



**Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub
Fire and Rescue Service**

PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

**QUARTER 1
April 2016 – June 2016**

Figures are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment.

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IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVE 1:**Preventing Deaths and Injuries from Accidental Fires in Dwellings**

REPORTING YEAR 2016-17									
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Category	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year to Date		Average of 3 previous years	
Accidental fires in dwellings	2016-17	101				101	↓	110	↓ 8.2%
	2015-16	106				106	4.7%		
Injuries from accidental fires in dwellings	2016-17	4				4	↓	11	↓ 63.6%
	2015-16	17				17	13		
Deaths from accidental fires in dwellings	2016-17	1				1	↑		
	2015-16	0				0	1		
% of people who escaped unharmed and unaided from accidental fires in dwellings	2016-17	94.1%				94.1%	↑	78.7%	↑ 15.4pp
	2015-16	68.1%				68.1%	26.0pp		
Dwelling fires – Smoke alarm activated	2016-17	54.7%				54.7%	↓	63.5%	↓ 8.8pp
	2015-16	62.4%				62.4%	7.7pp		
Dwelling fires – Smoke alarm did not operate	2016-17	26.4%				26.4%	↑	23.5%	↑ 2.9pp
	2015-16	24.8%				24.8%	1.6pp		
Dwelling fires – No smoke alarm present	2016-17	18.9%				18.9%	↑	13.3%	↑ 5.6pp
	2015-16	12.8%				12.8%	6.1pp		
% of all Home Safety Checks undertaken that originated from a referral from a partner organisation	2016-17	29.5%				29.5%	↓	36.3%	↓ 6.8pp
	2015-16	35.5%				35.5%	6.0pp		

* Please note that the percentages above have been rounded to the nearest decimal place.

Accidental Fires in Dwellings and Casualties by Severity of Injury

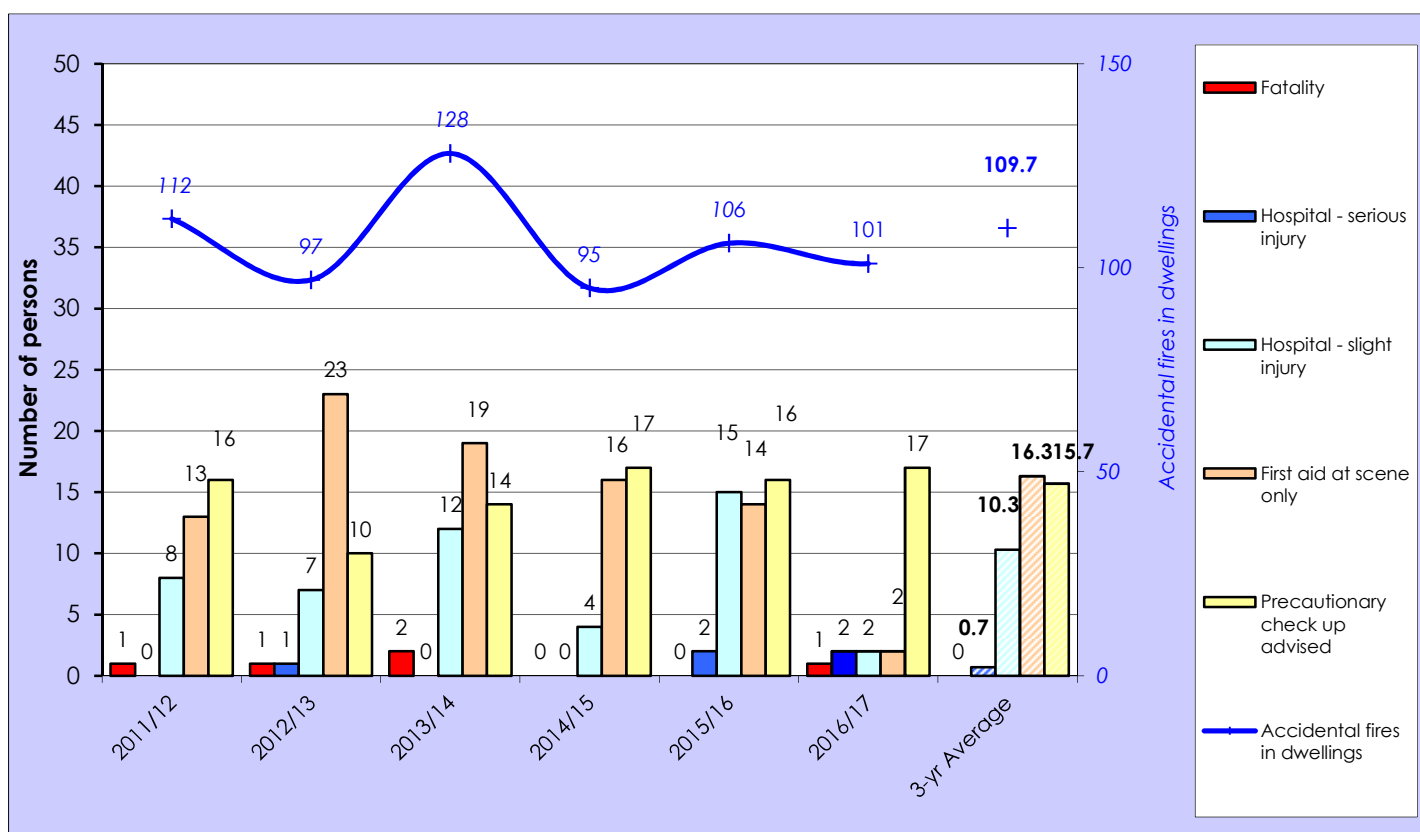
- **There was a 4.7% decrease in the number of accidental fires in dwellings compared with the same period in 2015/16**

During the first quarters of the year the Service attended 101 accidental fires in dwellings, which equates to 5 fewer than in the previous year, an 8.2% reduction when compared with the average of the 3 previous years (110).

Injuries from accidental fires in dwellings: 4 people sustained injuries at these fires, two were classified as serious, with the remaining 2 classed as slight. These exclude where persons were advised to seek a precautionary check-up and where first aid was given at the scene only, in accordance with national guidance for compiling national performance indicators.

Deaths from accidental fires in dwellings: There was one fatality at an accidental dwelling fire in North Gwynedd (April 2016), pending confirmation from the Coroner.

Accidental Fires in Dwellings and Casualties by Severity of Injury



After April 2009 non-fatal casualties are recorded under four categories of severity:

- victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be serious;
- victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be slight;
- first aid given at the scene only;
- precautionary check up recommended – this is when an individual is sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor as a precaution, but having no obvious injury or distress.

The percentage of people in accidental dwelling fires who escaped unharmed without fire and rescue service assistance at the fire.

- **94.1% of people involved in an accidental dwelling fire escaped unharmed and without the need for assistance from the Service at the fire. This is an increase of 26 percentage points compared with the same period in 2015/16.**

The 94.1% this year relates to a total of 153 people who left the premises, of whom 144 were able to exit the dwelling safely without having to be rescued by a fire crew.

With early warning from a working smoke alarm and a rehearsed escape plan tailored to the individual needs of the occupants of the dwelling, people can maximise their chances of escaping unharmed from a dwelling fire without having to rely on being rescued by a fire crew.

Accidental dwelling fires - total number of people involved

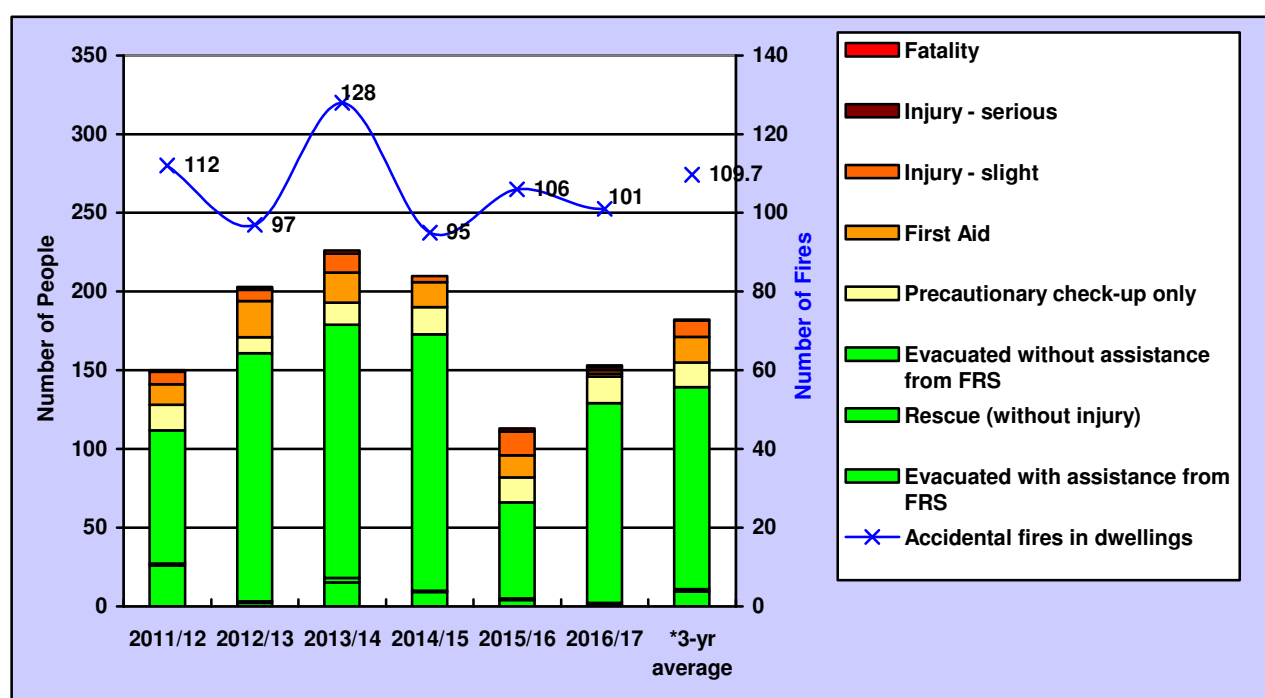


Table to show number of people involved in accidental dwelling fires

Status	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	3-yr Av.
Fatality	1	1	2	0	0	1	-
Injury - serious	0	1	0	0	2	2	0.7
Injury - slight	8	7	12	4	15	2	10.3
First Aid	13	23	19	16	14	2	16.3
Precautionary check-up only	16	10	14	17	16	17	15.7
Evacuated without assistance from FRS	85	158	161	163	61	127	128.3
Rescue (without injury)	1	1	3	1	1	1	1.7
Evacuated with assistance from FRS	26	2	15	9	4	1	9.3
Total persons leaving premises	150	203	226	210	113	153	183.0

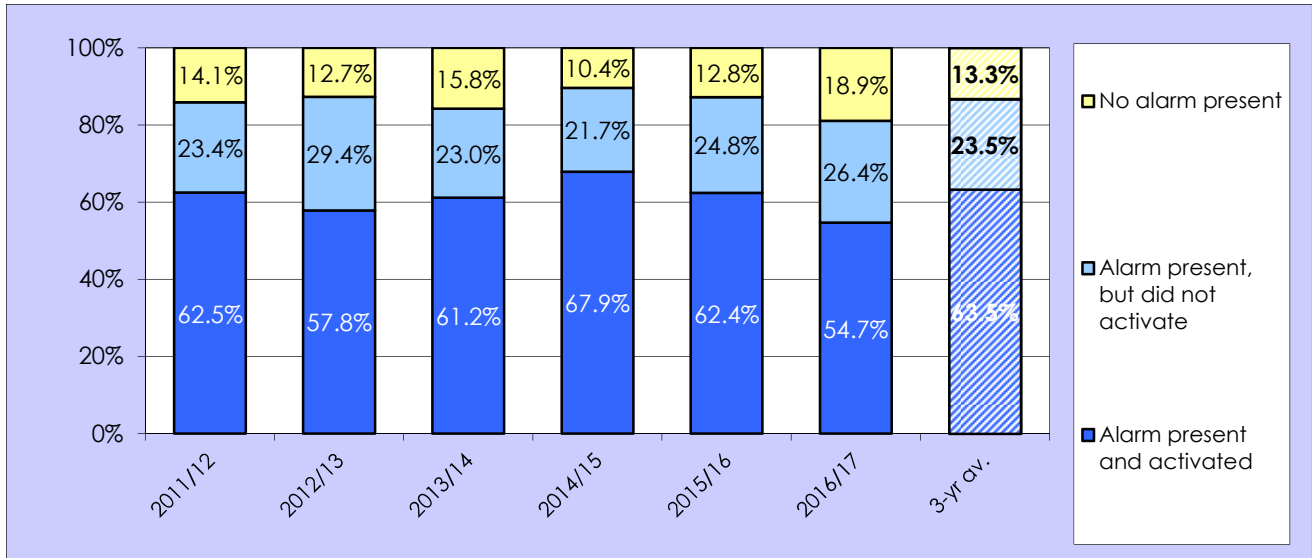
*'Unharmed and without assistance from crews at the scene' is calculated by adding the categories of 'Evacuated without assistance from FRS' and 'Precautionary check-up only', then expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons leaving the premises.

Fire in Dwellings: Presence of Smoke Alarms

- **18.9% of dwellings experiencing a fire did not have a smoke alarm (20 fires), which is 6.1 percentage points higher than for the first quarter of 2015/16.**

There were 106 fires in dwellings during the period, eleven (9.4%) fewer than the previous year to date total of 117 and 15 fewer than the 3-year average of 121.

Fires in Dwellings: Presence of smoke alarms (percentage)

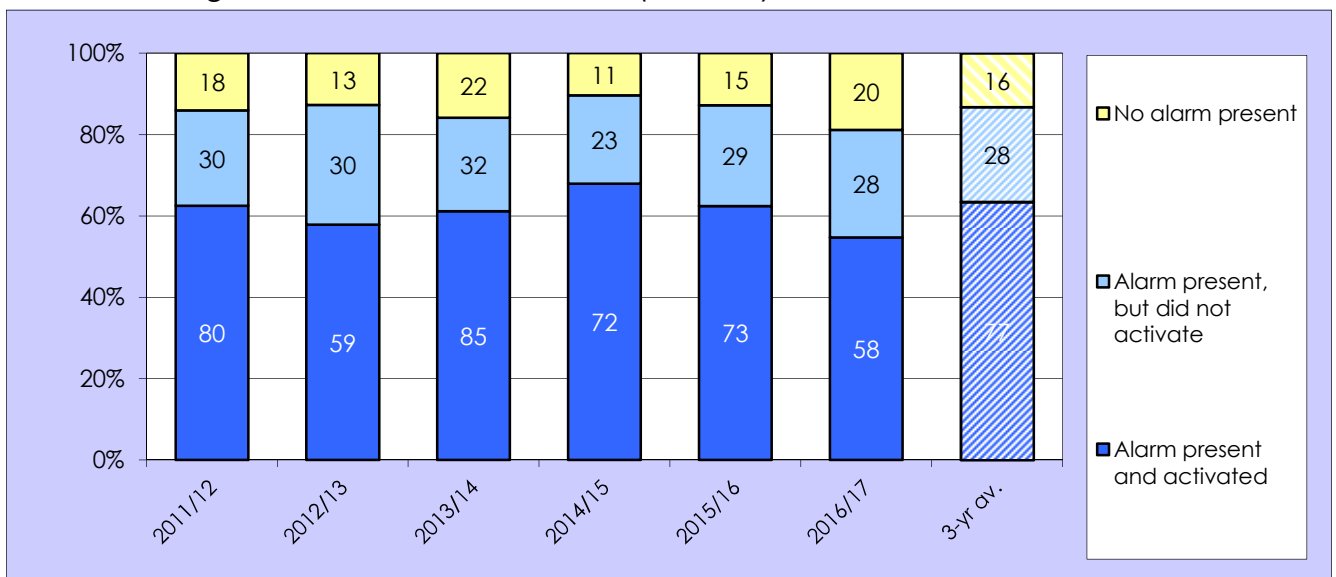


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In 54.7% of dwelling fires attended (58 fires), **an alarm was fitted and activated**. This is a decrease of 7.7 percentage points compared with the same period in 2015/16, and an 8.8 percentage point decrease on the 3-year average.

In 26.4% of dwelling fires attended (28 fires), **an alarm was fitted but it did not activate**. This represents an increase of 1.6 percentage points when compared with the first quarter of the previous year, and an increase of 2.9 percentage points when compared with the 3-year average. The main reason why alarms did not activate despite being fitted in the property was that the fire was not close enough to the detector to trigger the alarm (this was the case in 17 fires).

Fires in Dwellings: Presence of smoke alarms (number)

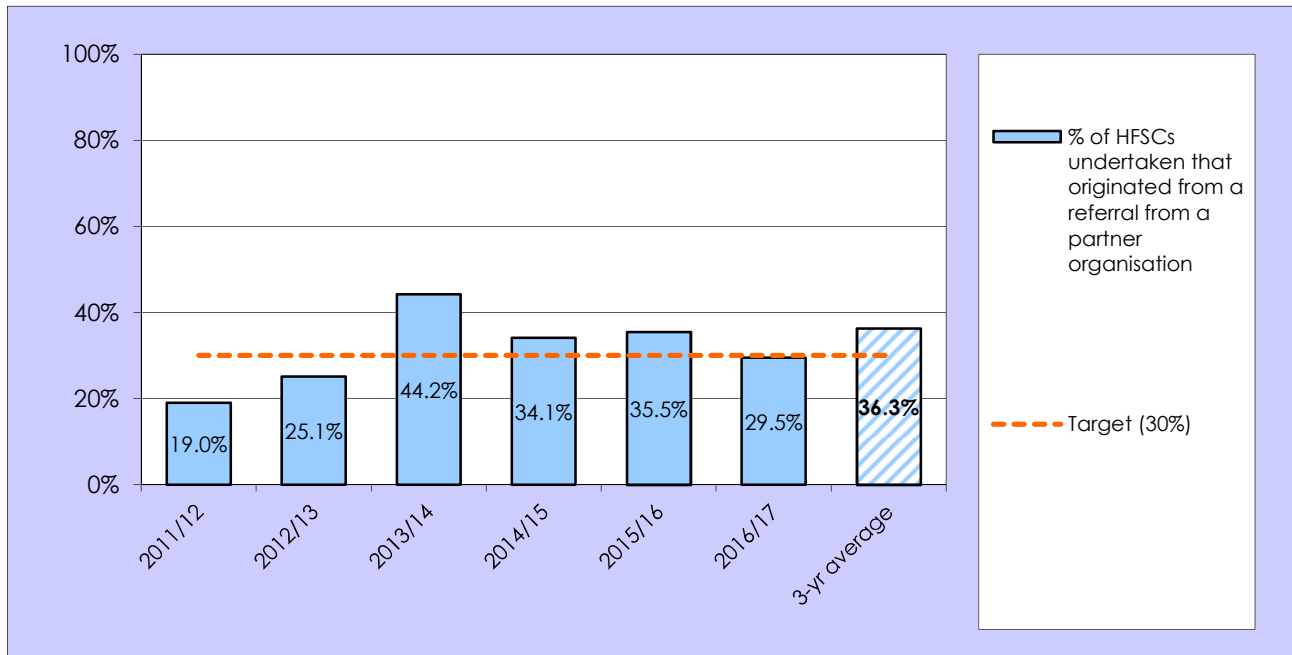


Home Safety Checks (HSCs)

- **29.5% of home safety checks were completed following a referral from a partner organisation.**

During the first quarter of the year 1,445 (29.5%) out of the 4,902 home safety checks completed were ones that had originated from partner organisation referrals. This is slightly below the Service's own 30% target.

% of all Home Safety Checks undertaken that originated from a referral from a partner organisation



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INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORTING: Summary of All Incidents Attended

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Category	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year to Date		Average of 3 previous years	
Total incidents attended	2016/17	1,213				1,213	↓ 6.1%	1531.7	↓ 20.8%
	2015/16	1,292				1,292			
Total fires	2016/17	535				535	↓ 20.5%	700.7	↓ 23.7%
	2015/16	673				673			
Total special service incidents	2016/17	182				182	↑ 33.8%	173.7	↑ 4.8%
	2015/16	136				136			
Total false alarms	2016/17	496				496	↑ 2.7%	657.3	↓ 24.5%
	2015/16	483				483			

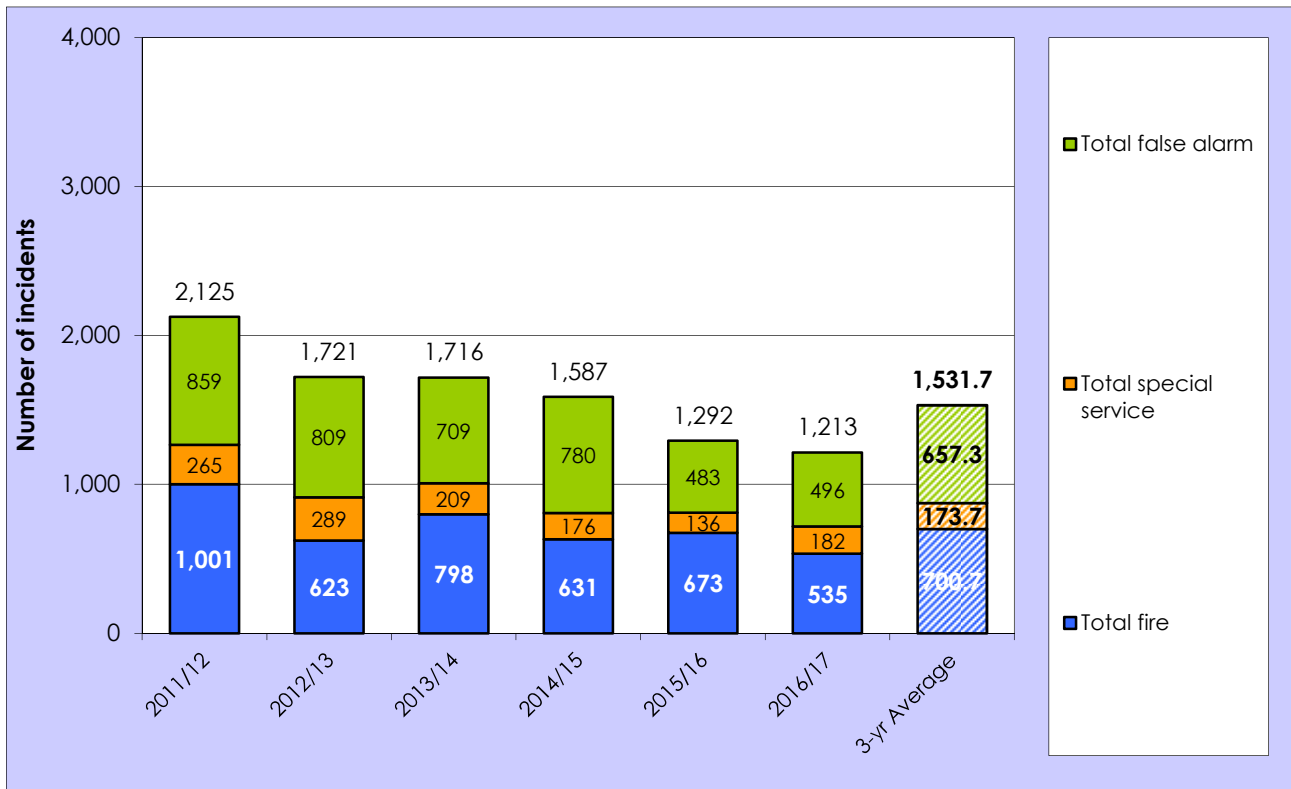
All Incidents Attended:

- **There was a decrease of 6.1% or 79 fewer incidents compared with the same period in 2015/16.**

During the period the Service attended 1,213 incidents, which is fewer than in the first quarter of the previous year and continues the overall downward trend.

Total **fire incidents** decreased by 20.5% (138 fewer fires) when compared with the same period in 2015/16 and by 23.7% when compared with the average over the previous 3 years. **Special service incidents** increased by 34% compared with the same period in the previous year, and increased by 4.8% when compared to the average over the previous 3 years. **False alarm incidents** also saw an increase, 2.7% more compared with the previous year but a 24.5% reduction when compared with the average over the previous 3 years.

All Incidents Attended, by Type



INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORTING: Fires Attended

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Total fires	2016-17	535				535	↓ 20.5%	700.7	↓ 23.6%
	2015-16	673				673			
Primary fires	2016-17	253				253	↓ 8.7%	292.3	↓ 13.5%
	2015-16	277				277			
Secondary fires	2016-17	249				249	↓ 30.1 %	363.7	↓ 31.5%
	2015-16	356				356			
Chimney fires	2016-17	33				33	↓ 17.5%	44.7	↓ 26.2%
	2015-16	40				40			
All deliberate fires	2016-17	146				146	↓ 38.7%	250.0	↓ 41.6%
	2015-16	238				238			
All accidental fires	2016-17	389				389	↓ 38.7%	450.7	↓ 13.7%
	2015-16	435				435			
Fires in non-domestic properties	2016-17	30				30	↓ 38.8%	40.0	↓ 25.0%
	2015-16	49				49			

Fires:

- **There was a reduction of 20.5% or 138 fewer fires compared with the same period in 2015/16.**

During the period the Service attended 535 fires. Primary fires reduced by 8.7%, secondary fires reduced by 30.1% whilst chimney fires reduced by 17.5% when compared with the first quarter of the previous year.

When compared with the longer-term picture and the 3-year average, the overall downward trend (improvement) in the number of fire incidents attended by the Service continued. The wetter-than-average weather during 2012/13 resulted in a low number of fires that year.

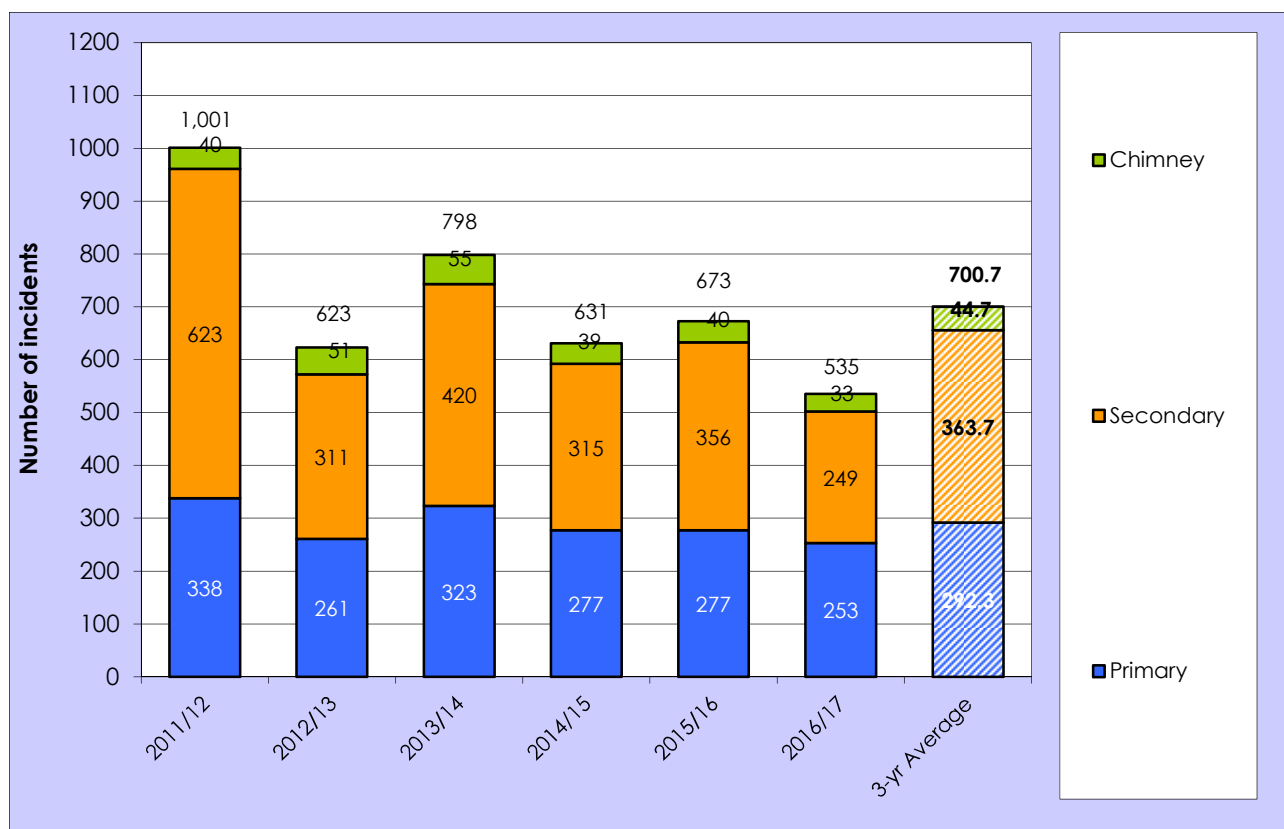
Fires: Type

Primary fires decreased by 8.7% or 24 fewer incidents compared with the same period in the 2015/16 and was 13.4% lower than the three year average.

During the first quarter of the year **secondary fires** decreased by 30.1% or 107 fewer incidents compared with the same period in 2015/16, and was 31.5% lower than the average of the previous three years.

Chimney fires decreased by 17.5% (7 fewer fires) compared with the same period in 2015/16 as well as a reduction of 26.2% in comparison to the 3-year average.

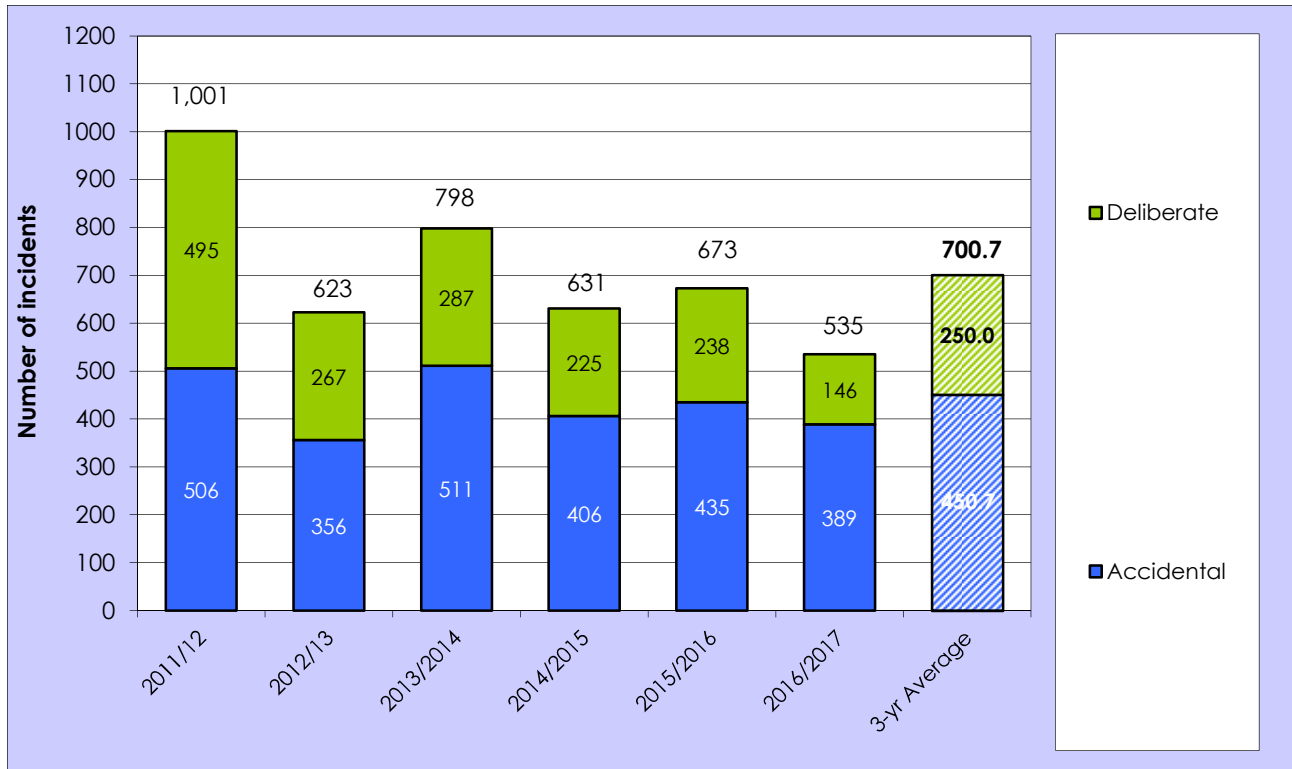
All Fires Attended, by Type



Fires: Motive

The reduction in fires in the first quarter 2016/17 compared with 2015/16 is also reflected in both accidental and deliberate fires with a reduction of 10.6% and 38.7% respectively. Both accidental and deliberate fires also remained below the 3 year average.

All Fires Attended, by Motive

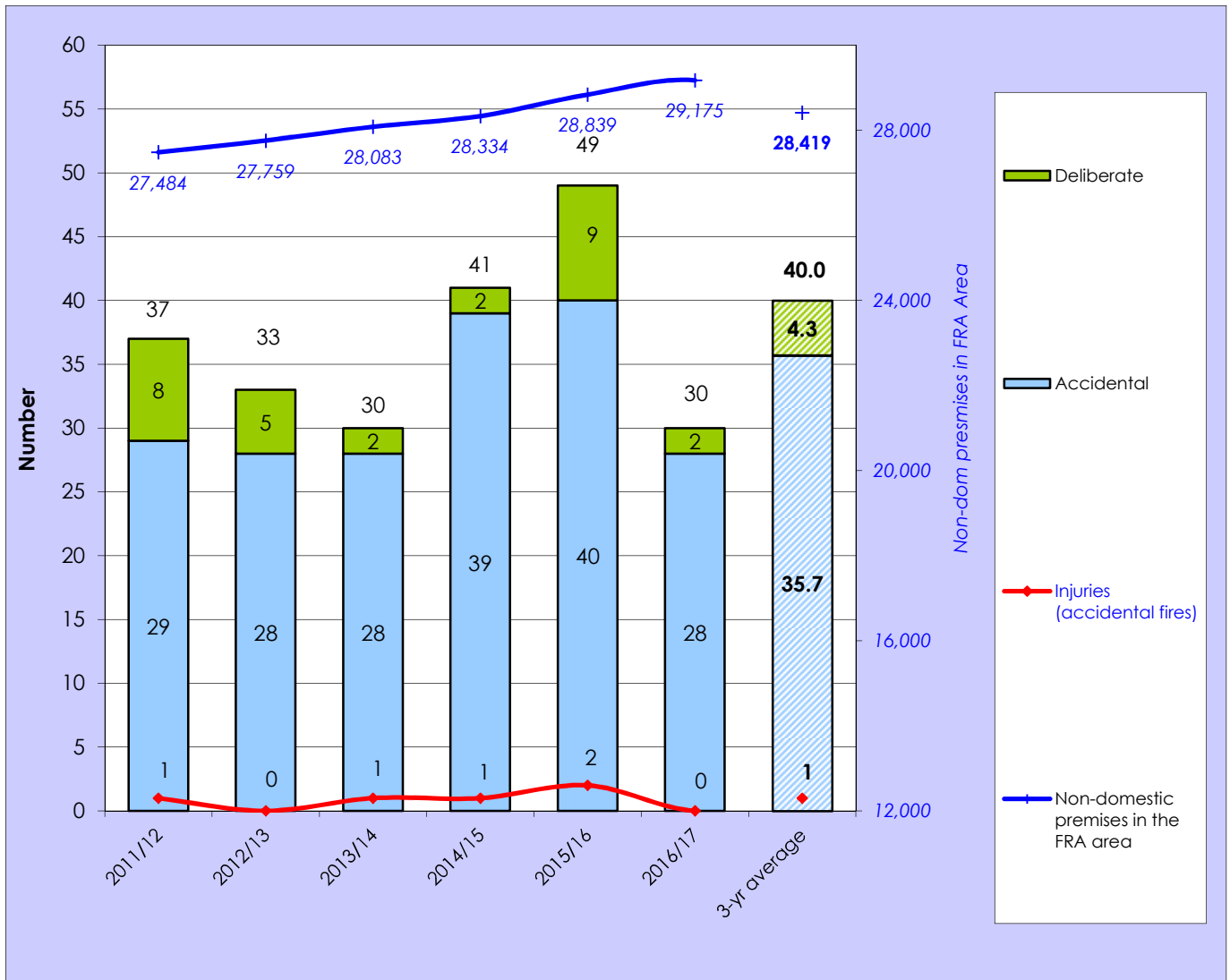


Fires: Non-domestic premises:

- There was a decrease of 38.8% or 19 fewer fires in non-domestic premises compared with the same period in 2015/16.

During the first quarter of 2016/17 the Service attended 30 such fires, 19 fewer than the previous year and 25% fewer when compared with the 3-year average.

Fires in Non-domestic Premises and Casualties from accidental fires in non-domestic premises



INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORTING: Special Service (non-fire) Incidents Attended

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Total special service incidents	2016-17	182				182	↑ 33.8%	173.7	↓ 4.8%
	2015-16	136				136			
Road traffic collisions (RTC)	2016-17	47				47	↑ 17.5 %	66.3	↓ 29.1%
	2015-16	40				40			
Other than RTC	2016-17	135				135	↑ 40.6%	107.3	↑ 25.8%
	2015-16	96				96			

Special Service Incidents:

- **There was an increase of 33.8% or 46 more special service incidents compared with the same period in 2015/16.**

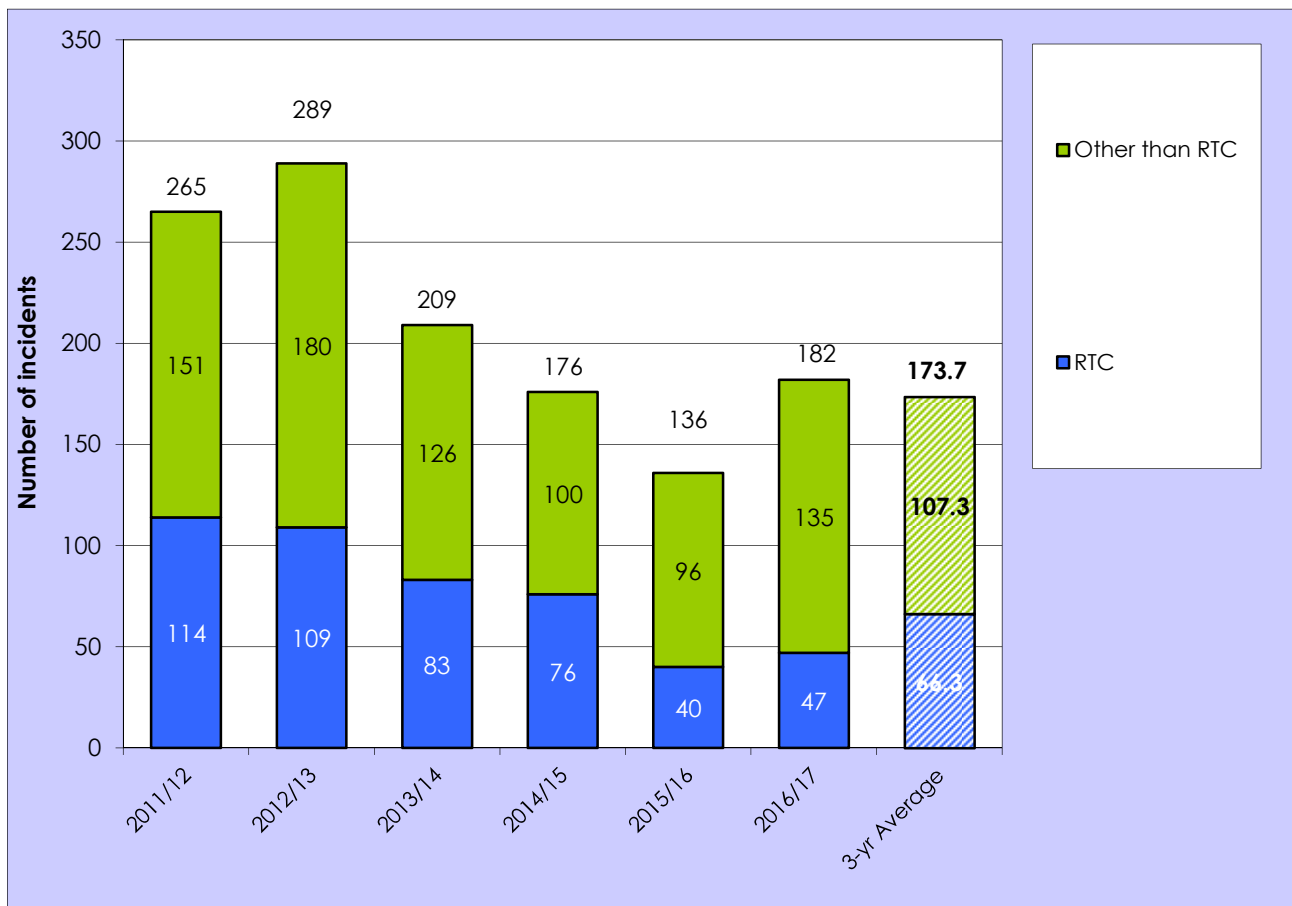
During the first quarter of 2016/17 the Service attended 182 special service incidents, which is more than the previous year and above the 3-year average.

The number of **RTCs** attended increased slightly when compared to the same period in 2015/16, but have reduced when compared to the 3-year average. Special service incidents **other than RTCs** increased, with 40.6% or 39 more incidents compared with the same period in 2015/16 and increased against the 3-year average.

Whilst the wetter-than-average weather during 2012/13 resulted in fewer fires, in contrast, special service incidents as a result of the weather conditions increased that year.

The increased number of flooding incidents in June 2016/17 and the impact of the Co-Responding pilot inflated the number of **other than RTCs** for 2016/17.

Special Services Incidents Attended, by Type



INCIDENT ACTIVITY REPORTING: False Alarms Attended

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Total false alarm	2016-17	496				496	↑ 2.7%	657.3	↓ 24.5%
	2015-16	483				483			
Malicious false alarms	2016-17	11				11	→ 0.0%	19.7	↓ 44.1%
	2015-16	11				11			
False alarms made with good intent	2016-17	212				212	↓ 9.4%	269.0	↓ 21.2%
	2015-16	234				234			
False alarms from AFAs in non-domestic properties	2016-17	72				72	↑ 24.1%	192.3	↓ 62.6%
	2015-16	58				58			
False alarms from AFAs in other properties	2016-17	201				201	↑ 11.7%	176.3	↑ 14.0%
	2015-16	180				180			

False Alarms:

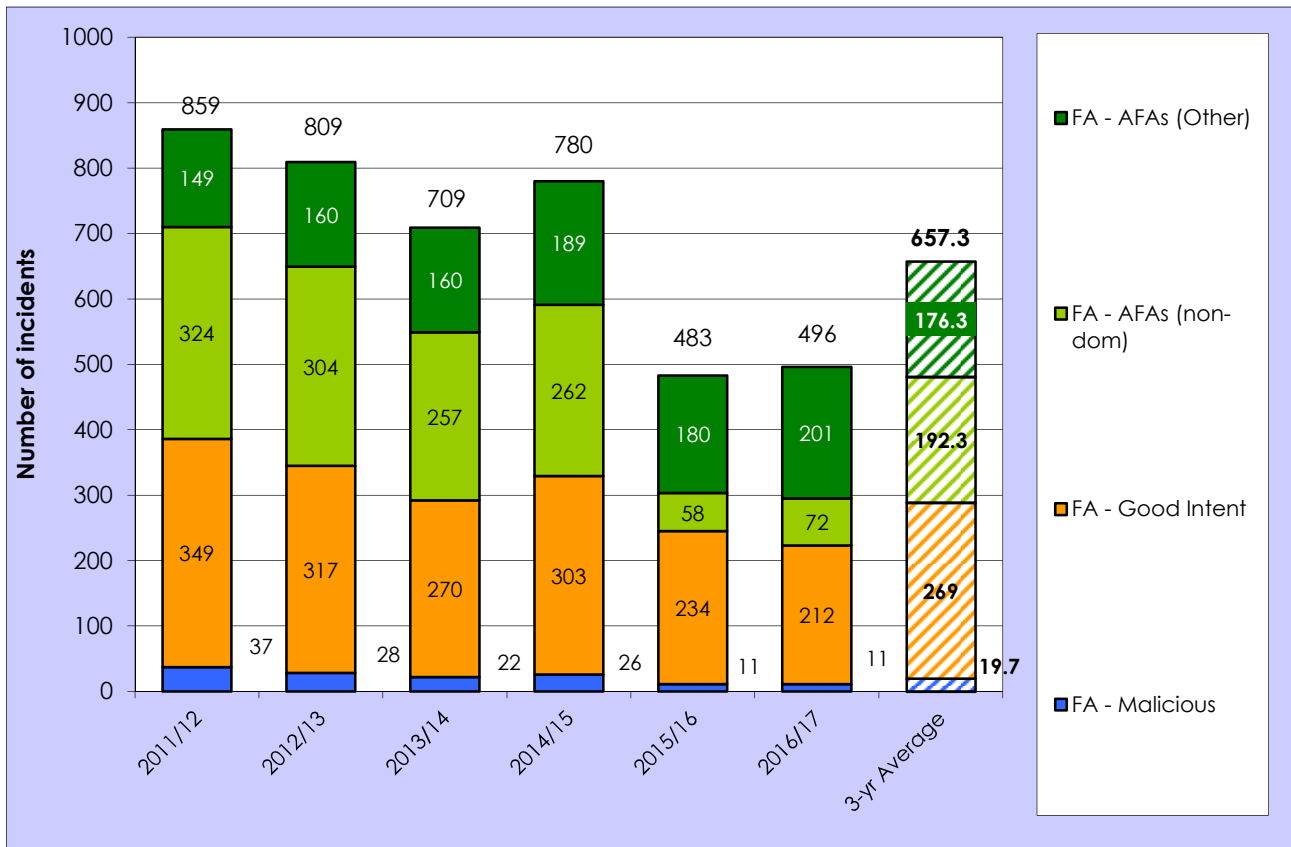
- **There was a slight increase of 2.7% or 13 more false alarms attended compared with the same period in 2015/16.**

During the first quarter of 2016/17 the Service attended in response to 496 calls for assistance that later turned out to be false alarms. This number is a slight increase of 2.7% compared with the first quarter of 2015/16.

When compared with the longer-term picture and the 3-year average, the overall downward trend (improvement) in the number of false alarm incidents attended by the Service continued. In particular, Automatic Fire Alarms in non-domestic premises has decreased by 62.6% compared with the 3-year average. This reduction can be attributed to a change in procedure.

Since April 2015 the Service has implemented a change in procedure in relation to Non-Domestic AFAs utilising new Pre-Determined Attendance protocols.

False Alarms Attended, by Type



GLOSSARY

Fires	All fires fall into one of three categories – primary, secondary or chimney.
Primary Fires	<p>These are fires that are not chimney fires, and which are in any type of building (except if derelict), vehicles, caravans and trailers, outdoor storage, plant and machinery, agricultural and forestry property, and other outdoor structures such as bridges, post boxes, tunnels, etc.</p> <p>Fires in any location are categorised as primary fires if they involved casualties, rescues or escapes, as are fires in any location that were attended by five or more fire appliances.</p>
Secondary Fires	<p>Secondary fires are fires that are neither chimney fires nor primary fires.</p> <p>Secondary fires do not involve casualties, rescues or escapes, and will have been attended by four or fewer fire appliances.</p> <p>Secondary fires are those that would normally occur in locations such as open land, in single trees, fences, telegraph poles, refuse and refuse containers (but not paper banks, which would be considered - in the same way as agricultural and forestry property - to be primary fires), outdoor furniture, traffic lights, etc.</p>
Chimney Fires	<p>These are fires in occupied buildings where the fire is confined within the chimney structure, even if heat or smoke damage extends beyond the chimney itself.</p> <p>Chimney fires do not involve casualties, rescues or escapes, and will have been attended by four or fewer fire appliances.</p>
Special Service Incidents	<p>These are non-fire incidents which require the attendance of an appliance or officer and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Local emergencies e.g. flooding, road traffic incidents, rescue of persons, 'making safe' etc; b) Major disasters; c) Domestic incidents e.g. water leaks, persons locked in or out etc; d) Prior arrangements to attend incidents, which may include some provision of advice and inspections.
False Alarm (general guidance)	<p>Where the FRS attends a location believing there to be an incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed.</p> <p>Note: if the appliance is 'turned around' by Control before arriving at the incident it is not classed as having been attended and does not need to be reported.</p>
False Alarms - Malicious	These are calls made with the intention of getting the FRS to attend a non-existent incident, including deliberate and suspected malicious intentions.
False Alarms – Good Intent	These are calls made in good faith in the belief that the FRS really would attend a fire or special service incident.
False Alarms - AFA	These are calls initiated by fire alarm and fire-fighting equipment. They include accidental initiation of alarm apparatus or where an alarm operates and a person then routinely calls the FRS as part of a standing arrangement, i.e. with no 'judgement' involved, for example from a security call centre or a nominated person in an organisation).