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Middlesbrough District Performance April - December 2024/25



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Middlesbrough lies in the centre of Cleveland Fire Authority area and consists of 20 local wards. It is the most densely populated and urbanised authority in Cleveland. Middlesbrough is bound by the River Tees, North Yorkshire Moors National Park and two other local authorities. The current population of this area is 148,285 living in 65,988 dwellings.

Specific risks within the district include: A19, A66, A174, Teesside Park, James Cook University Hospital, Riverside Stadium, Teesside University and Middlesbrough town centre.

Indicator	2024/25	Direction of Travel 2023/24 - 2024/25	% Change
Total Fires	1091	Increased	11%
Total Deliberate Fires	919	Increased	8%
Deliberate Primary Fires	112	Increased	19%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	807	Increased	7%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	37	Decreased	-10%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	0	Decreased	-100%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Static	%

SAFER HOMES

- 70% Coverage across the Brigade area
- 1513 smoke alarms fitted
- 3,908 visits completed
- 544 referrals made to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Attended a Community Safety Event at both Saltersgill shops and Holyrood Court shops with Partner Agency's (Thirteen Group and Middlesbrough Community Safety Teams).
- Multi agency patch walks were carried out with Middlesbrough Council neighbourhood safety teams. Areas covered were Acklam Hall, Saltersgill shops, Kader shops, Trimdon shops and alleyways around Ayresome ward. The walks were used to identify fly tipping areas to help reduce deliberate fire setting.
- Attended Chinese community Christmas event, engaged with 150 families.

Deliberate Primary Fires

The number of deliberate primary fires has risen between April and December 2024 when compared to 2023 increasing by 19% from 94 to 112. When examining the key subtypes for deliberate primary fires 67 (60%) of incidents were made up of vehicles with a further 18 (16%) incidents classified as dwellings. The top location during this time was Longlands and Beechwood with 25 incidents.

Deliberate Vehicle Fires

The number of deliberate vehicle fires continues to cause problems in the district with a 29% increase between April and December 2024 when measured against the same period in 2023 from 52 to 67 incidents. The Brigade continue to monitor these incidents alongside Cleveland Police to identify key offenders and patterns.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between April and December 2024 accumulatively accounted for 59% of fires across the district.
- Central had the highest level of fire incidents with 144 of which 116 (81%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Central	144
Longlands and Beechwood	136
Berwick Hills and Pallister	131
Hemlington	120
Brambles and Thorntree	114

SERVICE INFORMATION

Safer Homes

We offer Safer Homes Visits face to face, over the phone or virtual via TEAMS/ZOOM. For more details contact 01429 874063.

Advocates

We have a team of advocates and Home Safety Officers with special training to support vulnerable adults in our community. To find out more email advocates@clevelandfire.gov.uk

Fire Education

Our fire education team work with youngsters who are at risk of starting fires to educate them about the dangers and consequences of fires. To find out more email fsi@clevelandfire.gov.uk