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Middlesbrough District Performance April - December 2023



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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 143,734 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	2023/24	Direction of Travel 2022/23 - 2023/24	% Change
Total Fires	987	Decreased	-38%
Total Deliberate Fires	848	Decreased	-41%
Deliberate Primary Fires	94	Decreased	-27%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	754	Decreased	-42%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	41	Decreased	-16%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	1	Static	%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	1	Static	%

SAFER HOMES

- 70% Coverage across the Brigade area
- Over 3,900 smoke alarms fitted
- 3,863 visits completed
- 416 referrals made to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Multi-agency walk through Hemlington with Neighbourhood Safety Officers and Thirteen Group to discuss and deter arson related issues in the area.
- Winter warmth events in Newport and North Ormesby community hubs to promote home safety and address members of the community who are more vulnerable.
- Operation Autumnus - a multi agency planning process which examined resources and organisational responsibilities during the bonfire period. The Fire Brigade focused on delivering fire safety messages to schools and arson patrols.

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

False Alarm Good Intent Dwellings

The number of false alarm good intent dwellings has risen between April and December 2023 when compared to 2022 increasing by 7% from 140 to 150. False alarm good intent dwellings are important to monitor as they are incidents that could well have escalated into fires. The safety of all residents is the Brigades top priority and measures are in place to tackle this issue including targeted Safer Homes Visits and tailored education.

Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities

Middlesbrough District remain static in the number of accidental dwelling fire fatalities compared to 2022 with 1 fatality recorded. The safety of all residents is the Brigades top priority and measures are in place to tackle this issue including targeted Safer Homes Visits and tailored risk based level education.

HOTSPOT DATA

- The top 5 wards for all fire incidents between April and December 2023 accumulatively accounted for 55% of fires across the district.
- Hemlington had the highest level of fire incidents with 162 of which 155 (96%) were deliberate.

Ward	Number of Fires
Hemlington	162
Longlands and Beechwood	118
Central	92
Berwick Hills and Pallister	90
Brambles and Thorntree	81

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

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