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Cleveland Fire Brigade

Performance

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2025/26



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Cleveland Fire Authority provides a fire and rescue service to an area covering approximately 597km² and consists of four unitary authorities (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton). The current population of this area is 600,369 living in 270,717 dwellings.

Cleveland is among the more densely populated fire authority areas in England and faces challenges commonly associated with inner-city areas.

Our 83 wards include the 2nd most deprived ward nationally (North Ormesby) with 28 falling within the 10% most deprived wards nationally.

| Indicator | 2025/26 | Direction of Travel 2024/25 - 2025/26 | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Total Fires | 5941 | Increased | 24% |
| Total Deliberate Fires | 4925 | Increased | 22% |
| Deliberate Primary Fires | 532 | Increased | 2% |
| Deliberate Secondary Fires | 4393 | Increased | 24% |
| Accidental Dwelling Fires | 213 | Increased | 27% |
| Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities | 2 | Increased | 100% |
| Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries | 8 | - | - |

SAFER HOMES

- **64% coverage across the Brigade area**
- **Over 14,978 visits completed between April 25 and March 26.**

CFB UPDATES

Cleveland Fire Brigade is pleased to announce the introduction of its new modular Foam Cannon system, designed to support the Service's response to large-scale industrial fires and hazardous material incidents.

The Foam Cannon system consists of two integrated hook-lift pod units designed for rapid deployment on industrial sites. It can be used alongside the foam proportioner or independently for water-only delivery, with Flexible Deployment for Industrial Risk

This dual-pod configuration offers a versatile firefighting solution suited to industrial sites, petrochemical facilities, storage depots and other high-risk environments where large-scale firefighting capability may be required.

Once all core personnel are fully trained, the foam cannon will be available upon request through Fire Control.

A Standout Session in Collaboration

Cleveland Fire Brigade joined colleagues from County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service, North East Ambulance Service, Hazardous Area Response Team (HART), Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS), Cleveland Police, Middlesbrough College and Teesside International Airport staff on 4 March for a major multi-agency exercise on Runway 23 at Teesside International Airport.

The scenario involved a simulated collision between a passenger jet and a fuelling vehicle, giving all partners the opportunity to test joint working arrangements and apply JESIP principles in a high-pressure, realistic environment.

The exercise was a resounding success. Crews worked seamlessly together to prioritise and rescue 22 casualties from a burning aircraft, applying Ten Second Triage to assess those who self-evacuated and safely removing 10 further casualties under Breathing Apparatus from inside the aircraft.

The event strengthened interoperability between agencies and reinforced our shared commitment to protecting the public during complex multi-agency incidents. Cleveland Fire Brigade would like to thank all participating organisations and airport staff for their professionalism, teamwork and dedication throughout the exercise.

HOTSPOT DATA

- 5 wards were the highest for all fire incidents and cumulatively accounted for 21% of fires across the Brigade area.
- 3 of the 5 wards are in Redcar & Cleveland districts and 2 are in Middlesbrough district.

| Ward | Number of Fires |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| South Bank | 301 |
| Grangetown | 297 |
| Eston | 234 |
| Berwick Hills & Pallister | 212 |
| Brambles & Thorntree | 190 |

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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