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Cleveland Fire Brigade Performance April - December 2023



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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 569,951 living in 267,396 dwellings.

Cleveland is the 7th most densely populated fire authority area in England and suffers from typical inner city type problems.

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

Indicator	2023/24	Direction of Travel 2022/23 - 2023/24	% Change
Total Fires	3204	Decreased	-33%
Total Deliberate Fires	2670	Decreased	-34%
Deliberate Primary Fires	346	Decreased	-18%
Deliberate Secondary Fires	2324	Decreased	-36%
Accidental Dwelling Fires	142	Decreased	-18%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatalities	1	Decreased	-50%
Accidental Dwelling Fire Injuries	8	Decreased	-11%

SAFER HOMES

- 64% coverage across the Brigade area
- Over 15,100 smoke alarms fitted
- 14,691 visits completed between April and December 2023
- Over 2120 referrals to external agencies for assistance

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Cleveland Fire Brigade provided free winter road safety checks to promote road safety. Along with the Cleveland Road Safety Partnership the Brigade offered motorists a free drive-thru vehicle safety check. This included checks on tyres, lights, wipers, fluid levels and washer bottles. Andrew Bright, Road Safety Co-ordinator, said: "We are urging drivers to come along to our winter vehicle check event to make sure their vehicles are fully prepared for the cold winter ahead. Prepare it, check it, don't wreck it. These checks are a quick and easy way to make sure your vehicle is road ready, topped up and ready to go. A broken-down vehicle on the road can put not only you but others at risk."

CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES

Cost of Living

As many households continue to struggle with the cost of living the National Fire Chiefs Council and Cleveland Fire Brigade urged people to take fire safety precaution in the home to stay safe. Robin Turnbull, Area Manager – Prevention, Protection and Engagement said; “The most common causes of fires in the house which we attend involve smoking materials, cooking, and electricals. Smoking being the number one cause of accidental fire deaths in the UK. As people look at ways to save money they may be tempted to buy cheaper fake and illegal cigarettes, however these significantly increase the risk of having a fire.” Residents were urged not to take this risk.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Cleveland Fire Brigade, was proud to support Carbon Monoxide Awareness and emphasised the importance of having working CO alarms in homes and businesses. Robin Turnbull, Area Manager, Prevention, Protection and Engagement at Cleveland Fire Brigade said: “To help keep you, your family and your home safe we recommend installing a CO alarm – it’s the only way to detect this harmful, colourless, odourless gas which can be fatal. It’s so important to check alarms are working by pushing the test button at least once a month. It could save your life.”

HOTSPOT DATA

- 5 wards were the highest for all fire incidents and accumulatively accounted for 19% of fires across the Brigade area
- 2 of the 5 wards are in Middlesbrough district, 2 in Hartlepool District and 1 in Redcar district.

Ward	Number of Fires
Hemlington	162
Longlands and Beechwood	118
Manor House	113
South Bank	110
Rossmere	109

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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