

**OPERATIONS (RESPONSE)
- INCIDENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

SUMMARY

1. This report outlines details of incidents of special interest for the last quarter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the contents of this report as a quarterly update of Incidents of Special Interest.

RESPONSE

3. Incidents of Special Interest are included as Appendix 1 to this paper.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

4. The activities outlined above all contribute to the delivery of the strategic plan.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

5. None at this time. All activities are met within agreed budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

7. None arising from this report.

CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. All managed within the Risk and Opportunity Management process.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9. None.

COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

10. None at this time.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

11. For HFA information and discussion only.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

12. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

13. That Members note the contents of this report as a quarterly update of Incidents of Special Interest.

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13 June 2013

INCIDENT: Large Fire, Mount Farm, Burton Agnes
Large Barn Fire

DATE AND TIME OF CALL: 00.08
15th April 2013

MOBILE TIME OF FIRST APPLIANCE: 00.10

ARRIVAL TIME OF FIRST APPLIANCE: 00.18

INITIAL FIRE APPLIANCE ATTENDANCE: 2 Pumping Appliances

ADDITIONAL APPLIANCE MOBILISED: 3 Pumping Appliances

OTHER FRS RESOURCES ATTENDED: N/A

METHOD OF EXTINCTION: 3 Main Jets

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ATTENDING: 5, 5, 6, 6, 4 + 4 FDS Officers = 30

NUMBER OF BREATHING APPARATUS SETS USED: N/A

TIME INCIDENT UNDER CONTROL: 07.00
15th April 2013

TIME OF RETURN OF LAST APPLIANCE: 10.28
15th April 2013

SMOKE ALARM: N/A

SUMMARY:

Upon arrival at the incident the Officer in Charge found the barn was well alight and requested an additional pump, making pumps three.

As the barn was located approximately 40 metres from Burton Agnes Hall and the weather conditions on the night involved high winds, the immediate priority for the crews was containment and protection of the surrounding buildings, including the hall.

An early assessment of the local hydrants established that they were not providing sufficient pressure to quickly bring the fire under control, therefore an additional two pumps were requested to run a water relay from the duck pond in the village centre. Once the relay was in place the fire was quickly surrounded and brought under control. Crews remained throughout the night in a monitoring role as the remaining straw was left to burn.

The barn was destroyed in addition to 100 tons of straw and the two tractors which were contained within it. The actions of HFRS managed to contain the fire to the barn and no other buildings were affected.

The cause of this fire has been recorded as deliberate following fire investigation. This appears to have some similarities with a spate of farm fires in the East Riding and North Yorkshire over the past few months. Fire Investigation officers from HFRS are working closely with the Police and North Yorkshire FRS to investigate these incidents. The Community Safety Team within East Riding are providing prevention advice to the farming community and informing them of the current risk.

INCIDENT: Large Fire, Buckingham Street North, Scunthorpe
House Fire

DATE AND TIME OF CALL: 15.47
1st May 2013

MOBILE TIME OF FIRST APPLIANCE: 15.49

ARRIVAL TIME OF FIRST APPLIANCE: 15.53

INITIAL FIRE APPLIANCE ATTENDANCE: 2 Pumping Appliances

ADDITIONAL APPLIANCE MOBILISED: 3 Pumping Appliances
Aerial Ladder Platform

OTHER FRS RESOURCES ATTENDED: N/A

METHOD OF EXTINCTION: 2 Main Jets

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ATTENDING: 4, 5, 5, 2, 4, 4 + 3 FDS Officers = 27

NUMBER OF BREATHING APPARATUS SETS USED: 6

TIME INCIDENT UNDER CONTROL: 17.42
1st May 2013

TIME OF RETURN OF LAST APPLIANCE: 21.17
1st May 2013

SMOKE ALARM: Smoke Detector fitted – not activated

SUMMARY:

On arrival at the mid-terrace property, the Officer in Charge was confronted by a severe roof fire and immediately made pumps three along with the Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP). Following accounts from members of the public that persons may still be trapped within one or more of the properties, a further appliance was requested, making pumps four.

Breathing Apparatus operations commenced in the house of the fire's origin and all properties affected were searched, with all persons accounted for. BA wearers were also deployed within the roof spaces of both neighbouring properties. These spaces were smoke logged and the fire was threatening to break across the separating walls

The roof space was also attacked externally by firefighters working from an extension ladder deployed to the rear. Access was possible because the roof had collapsed due to the severity of the fire. This may also have contributed to the efforts of firefighters to check lateral fire spread by venting the roof space. Due to the effective actions of personnel and the complexities of the area, the aerial appliance was not used.

Fire spread was principally contained to the house of origin, although some slight damage from the fire was evident in the roof space of one neighbouring property. The back bedroom ceiling of the other neighbouring property also gave way during the incident and both neighbouring houses also suffered water damage.

Following Fire Investigation the cause of the fire has been recorded as accidental.