

PARTNERS ENCOURAGING PUBLIC TO MAKE 2015 BONFIRE NIGHT SAFEST EVER IN ABERDEEN

Multi-agency partners in Aberdeen are appealing to the public to help make the 2015 Bonfire Night one of the safest ever.

Bonfire Night is traditionally one of the busiest nights of the year for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS).

The number of emergency calls typically increases by 40% throughout the period and SFRS is up to four times busier on 5 November than any other night of the year.

In the former Grampian area, which takes in Aberdeen city, Aberdeenshire and Moray, firefighters dealt with 155 incidents, 46 bonfires and there were two attacks on crews/appliances recorded (both in Aberdeen), which represents a reduction in attacks on staff compared to previous years.

The Service and its partners are appealing to the public to stay safe this Bonfire Night by attending organised events rather than staging their own bonfires or fireworks displays.

Watch Manager Craig Shand, said:

“We want to make 2015 one of the safest Bonfire Nights ever and we are appealing to the public who may be planning their own bonfire to consider attending an organised display instead. Organised events are well organised, normally more spectacular and crucially safer for you, your family and friends.”

He added: “Our attendance at bonfires could mean our resources are being taken away from other emergencies and calls to assist people in danger. It could have tragic consequences for those who urgently need our help.

“We want everyone to be able to celebrate the 5th November safely and in a way that doesn't require the intervention of the emergency services.

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