
Report to: Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 29th October 2026

Subject: Annual Fire Performance Report

**Report by: Local Senior Officer, Clackmannanshire, Fife and Stirling
LSO Area**

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide committee with:

An overview of performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in Clackmannanshire covering the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

The report (Appendix One) is based on performance against objectives and targets set out in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Clackmannanshire.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that committee note and scrutinise the report as appropriate.

3.0 Considerations

3.1. A number of significant trends are worth highlighting:

3.2. There have been 0 fire related fatalities and 6 fire casualties during the reporting period.

3.3. The SFRS deliver Seasonal Thematic Action Plans. Targets include reducing accidental dwelling fires, reducing fire fatalities and casualties, reducing deliberate fire setting, reducing the number of outdoor fires, and reducing fire related anti-social behaviour.

3.4. There were 35 Accidental Dwelling Fires (ADF). The cause of these fires has predominantly been cooking related activities which in Scotland is the number one cause of fires in the home. This will continue to be a focus of our on-going prevention work.

3.5. Work continues to identify and support vulnerable people in Clackmannanshire, through the Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) Programme and fire safety referrals through multi-agency activity. The quantity and quality of referrals from partners allow the service to target resources within

Clackmannanshire, with the aim of reducing the number of accidental dwelling fires and casualties from these fires in the long term.

During the reporting period, local operational crews and the Community Action Team carried out 195 High Risk HFSV's.

- 3.6. A Youth Volunteer scheme (FireSkills) continues to be a success at Alloa Community Fires Station and has become a pivotal part of youth engagement within the Clackmannanshire area.
- 3.7. There were 100 deliberate fires recorded during the reporting period. This continues to be an area of focus for the SFRS and partners to reduce instances of fire and anti-social behaviour within the Local Authority area.
- 3.8. The number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) during the reporting period was 82. This is a significant reduction of previous reporting years.

SFRS continue to work with duty holders to discuss the implications of UFAS and identify where improvements can be made.

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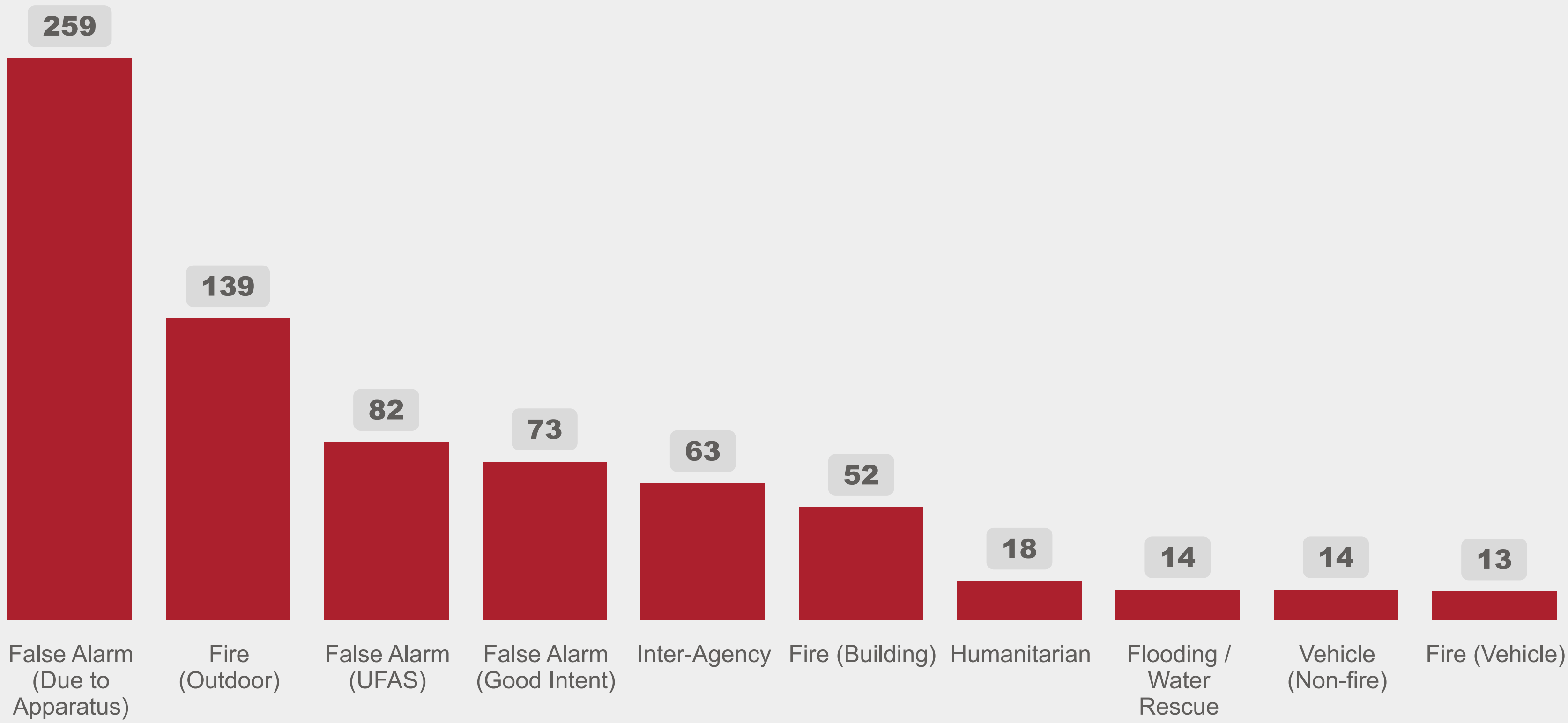
The activity totals and other statistics quoted within this report are published in the interests of transparency and openness. They are provisional in nature and subject to change as a result of ongoing quality assurance and review. Because all statistics quoted are provisional there may be a difference in the period totals quoted in our reports after local publication which result from revisions or additions to the data in our systems. The Scottish Government publishes official statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

1. Summary

2025-26

 738 Total Incidents (Incl. Incompletes)	 204 Fires	 119 Non-Fire Incidents	 415 False Alarms	 82 UFAS
 36 People Rescued by Firefighters	 7 People Receiving First Aid or Hospital Treatment (Fires)	 0 Fire Fatalities	 17 People Receiving First Aid or Hospital Treatment (Non-Fire)	 3 Non-Fire Fatalities
 195 Home Fire Safety Visits	 48 Fire Safety Audits			

Top 10 Incident Types



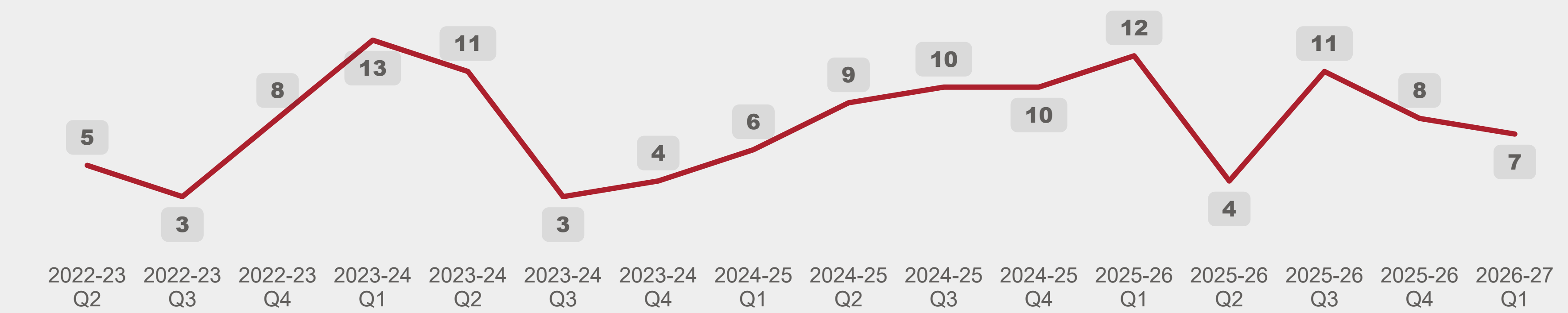
The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended 738 incidents within the Clackmannanshire Local Authority Area during 2025/26 with over half of these being recorded as False Alarms (415).

The summary above also shows that Fire Crews are attending a range of incidents other than 'Fire' incidents and are having to train and adapt to the changing demands on our Service.

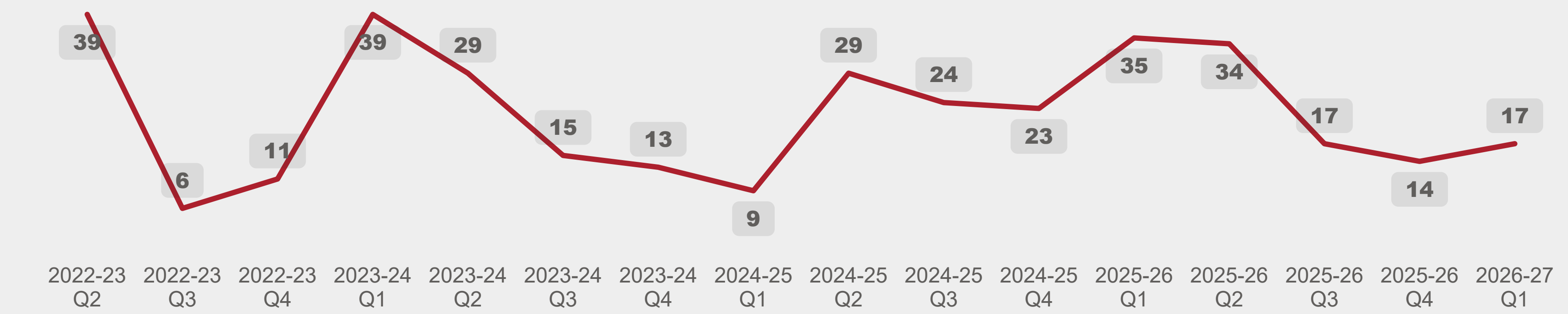
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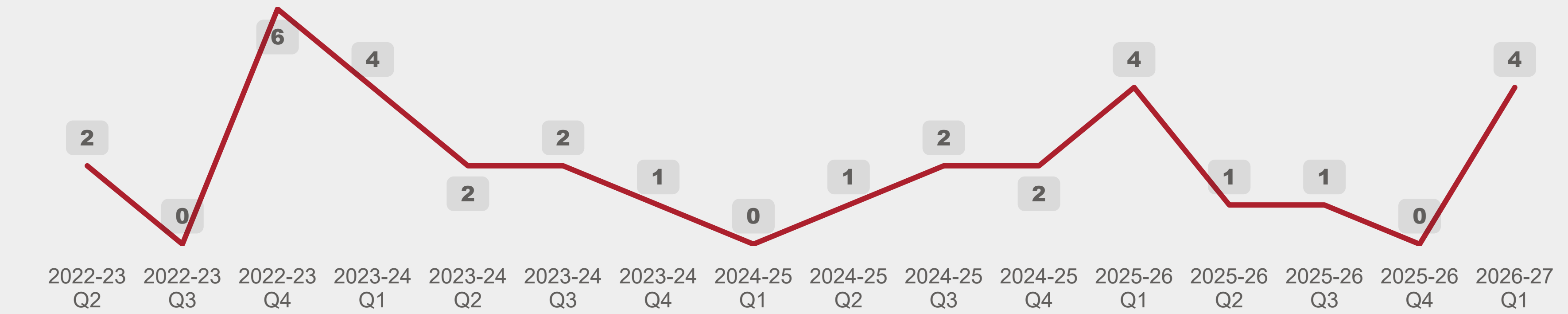
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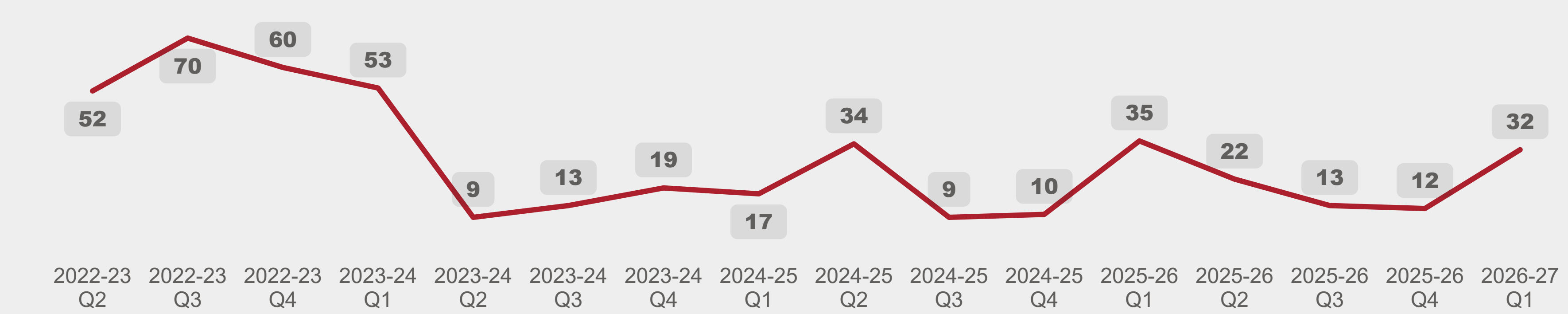
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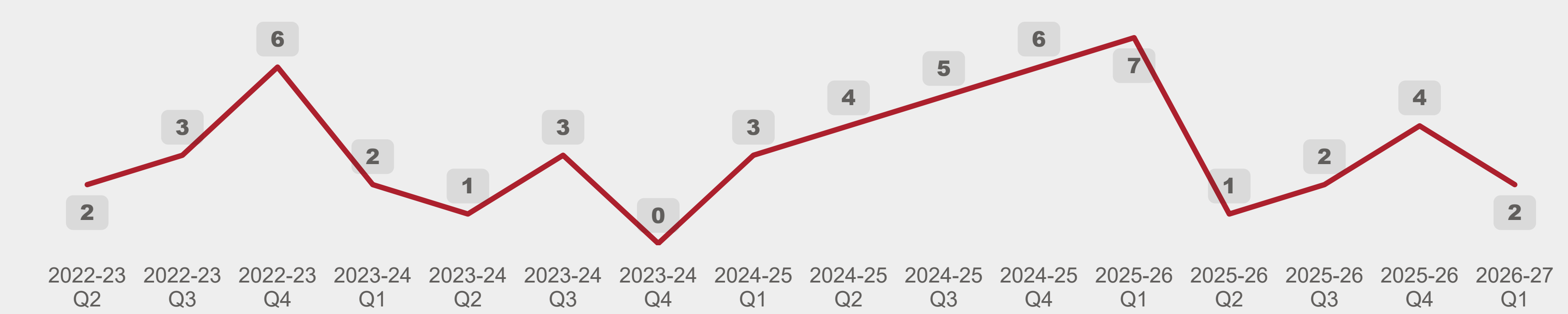
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Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



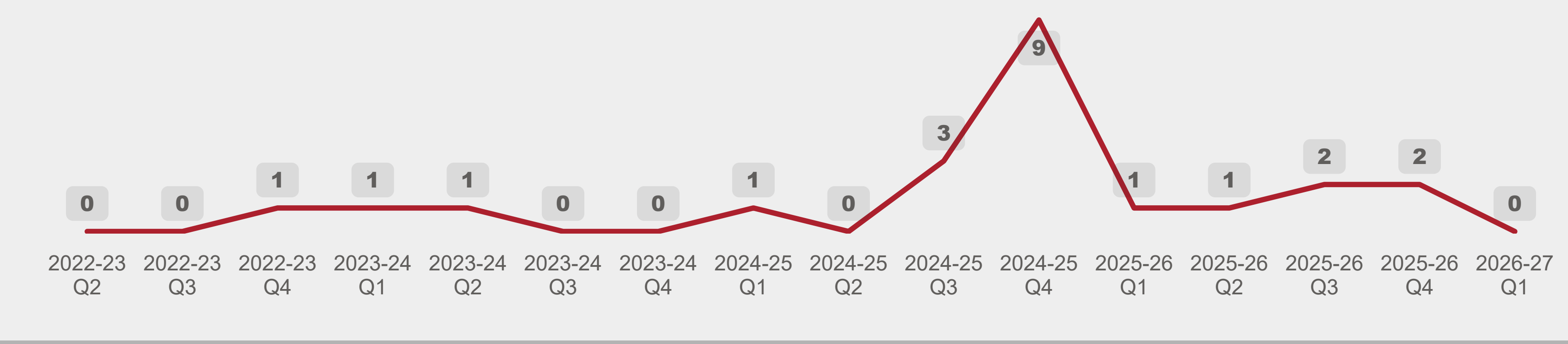
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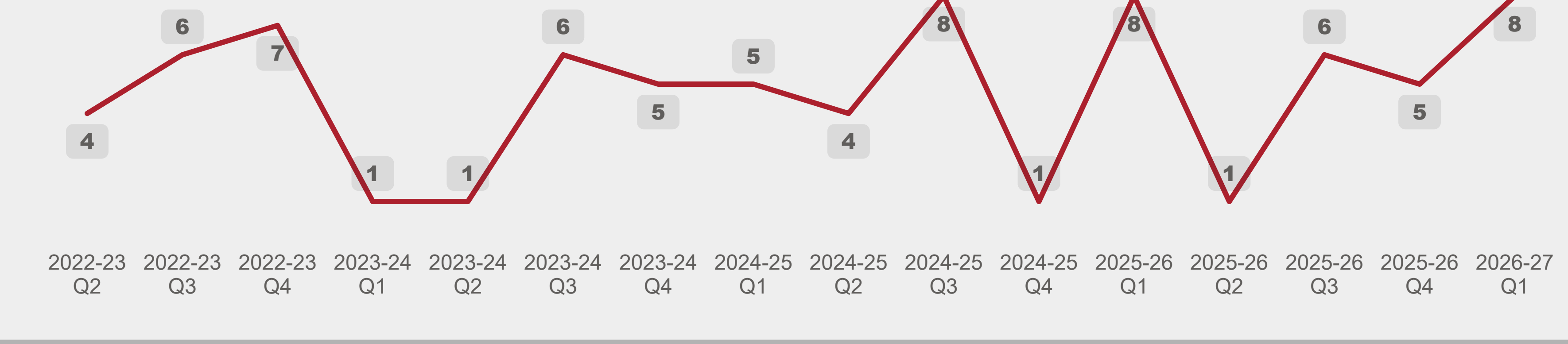
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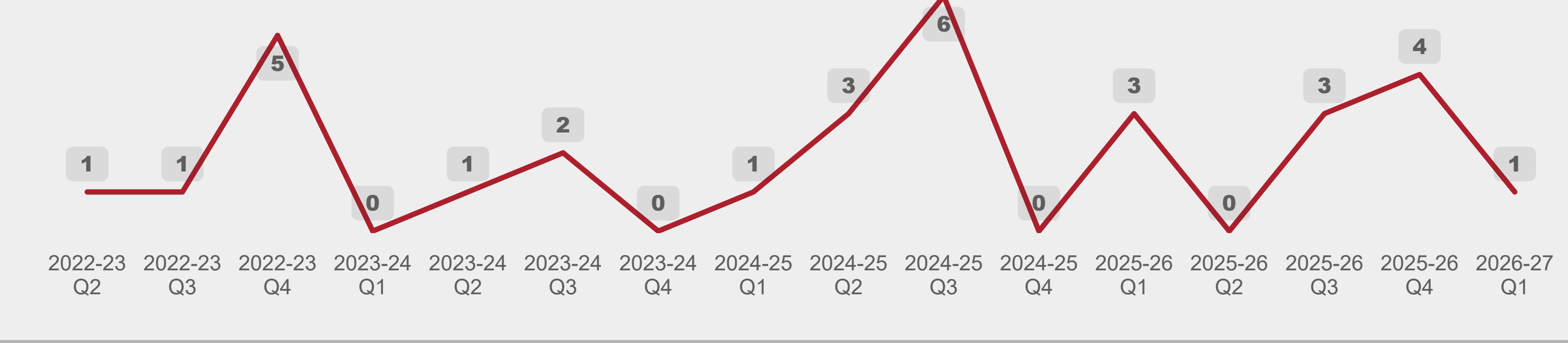
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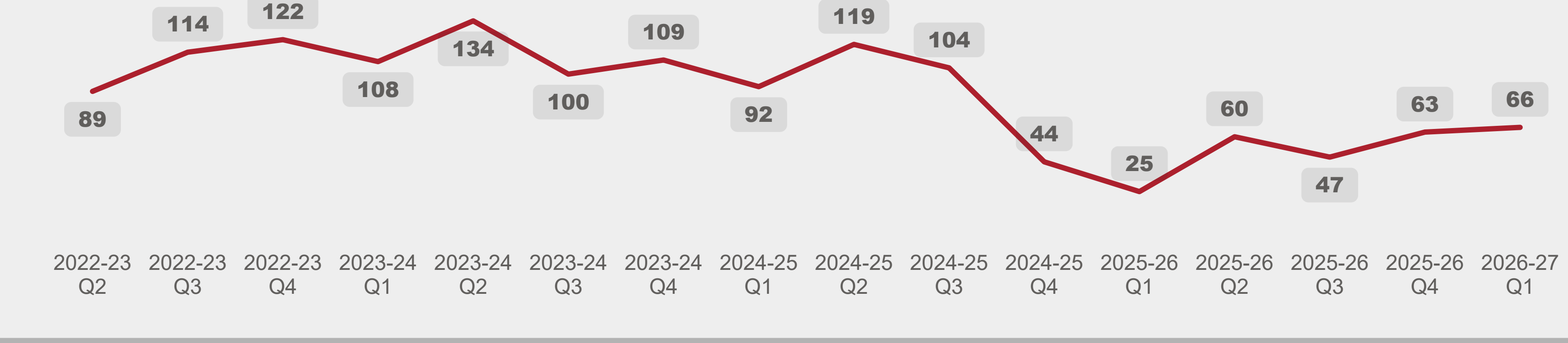
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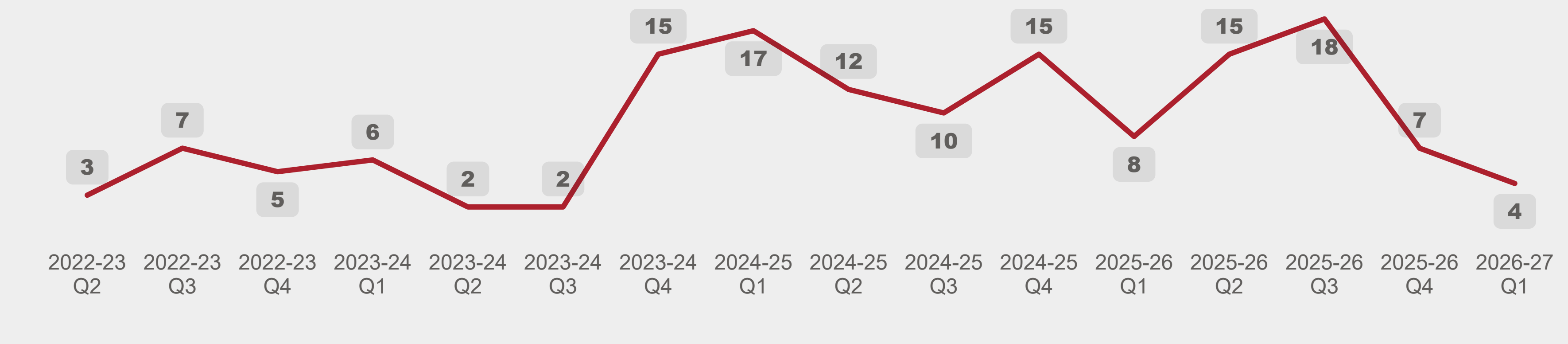
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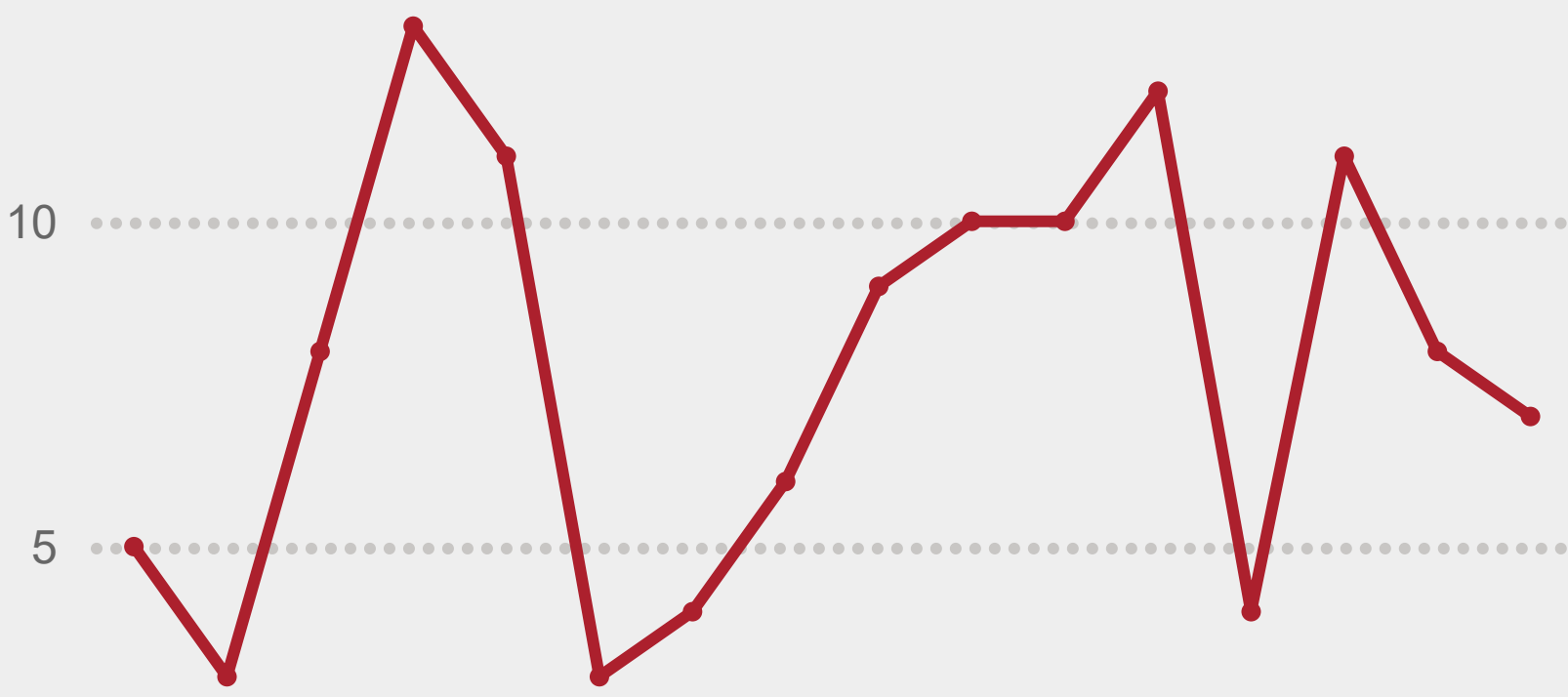
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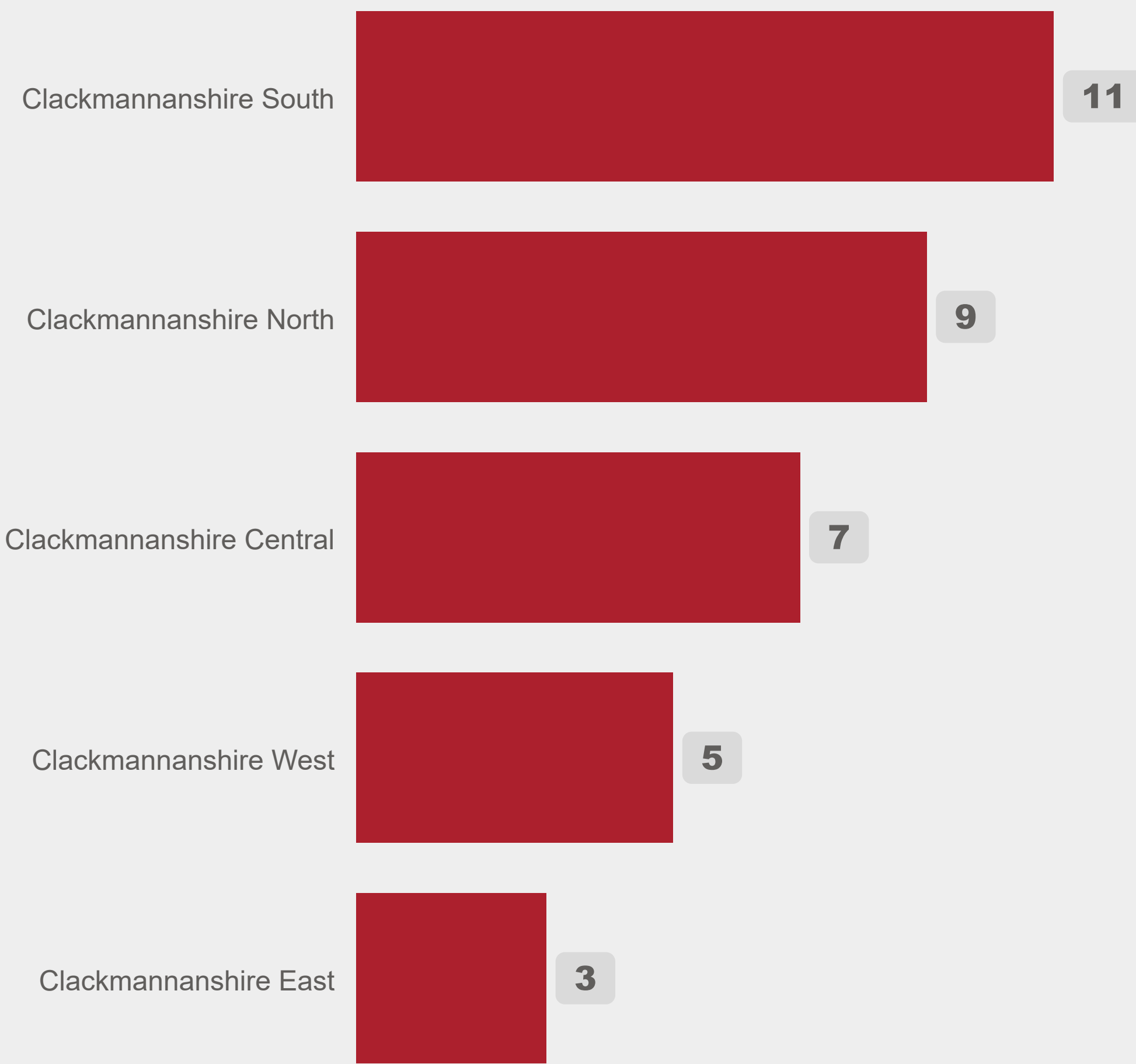
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Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Extent of Damage	Incidents
Limited to item 1st ignited	15
Not applicable	8
Limited to room of origin	5
Limited to floor of origin (not whole building)	3
Limited to 2 floors (not whole building)	2
Roof space and other floors(s)	2

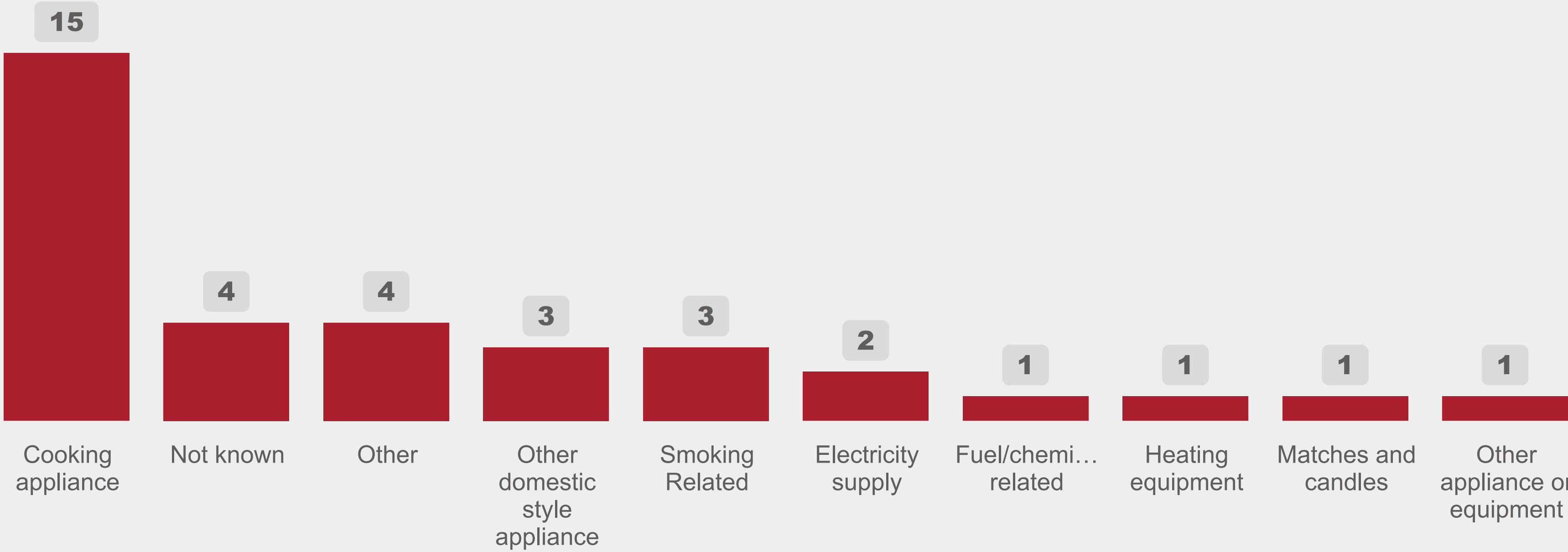
Incidents by Ward



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Accidental Dwelling Fires in this period

Source of Ignition (Top 10)

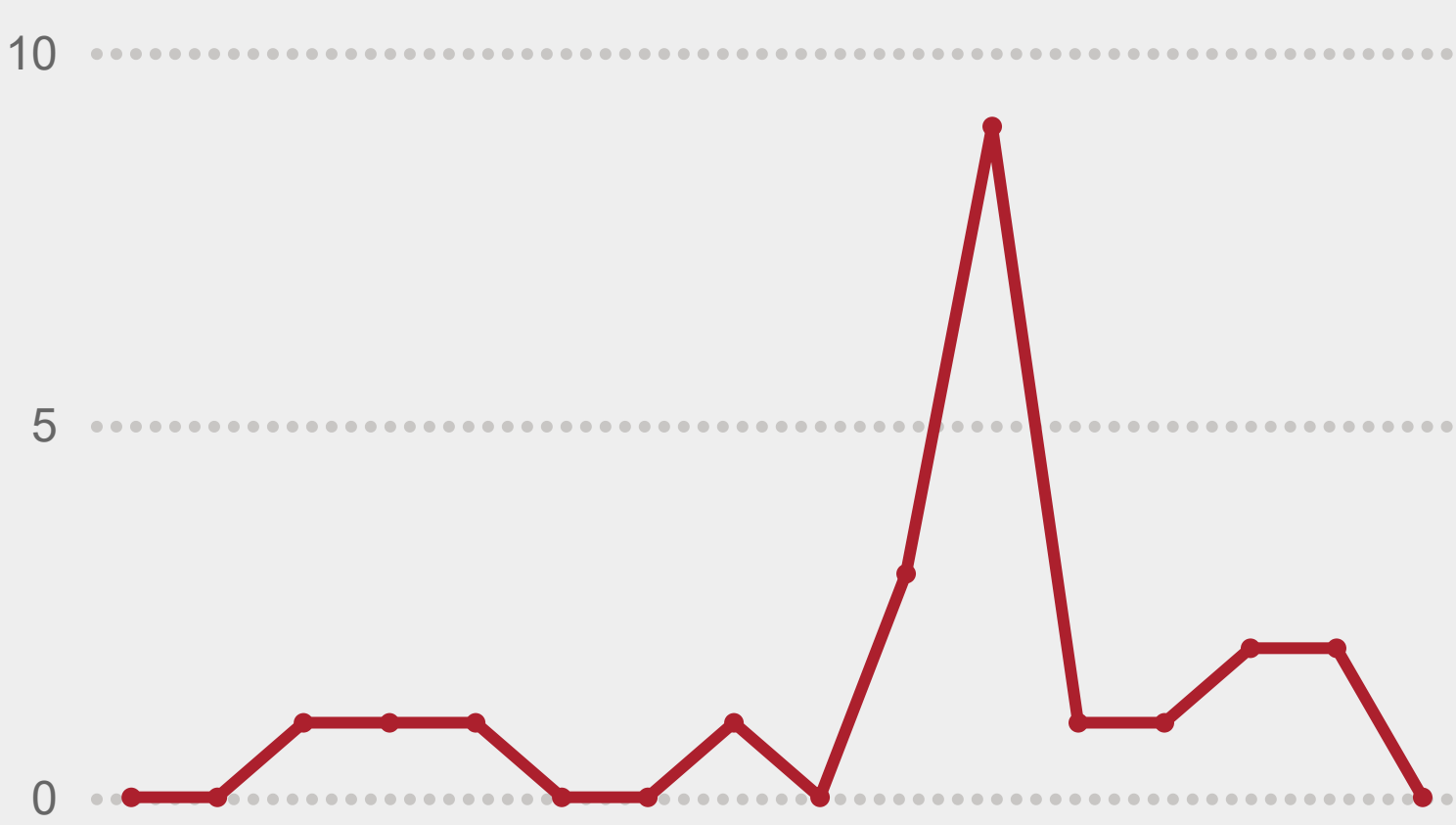


Accidental Dwelling Fires continue to see a downward trend following an increase towards the end of 2024/25.

Cooking remains the main cause of Dwelling Fires with the item ignited first accounting for 15 of the 35 Dwelling Fires.

Clackmannanshire South has seen the majority of Accidental Dwelling Fire incidents with a total of 11 incidents in this ward area.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Nature of Injury/Cause of Death	Casualties
Other	2
Overcome by gas, smoke or toxic fumes; asphyxiation	2
Breathing difficulties (Other than 'Overcome by gas, smoke or toxic fumes, asphyxiation')	1
Burns - slight	1

Casualties by Ward



6

Non-Fatal Casualties

0

Fatal Casualties

6

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)



5

First Aid Given at Scene



1

Hospital Slight Injuries



0

Hospital Serious Injuries

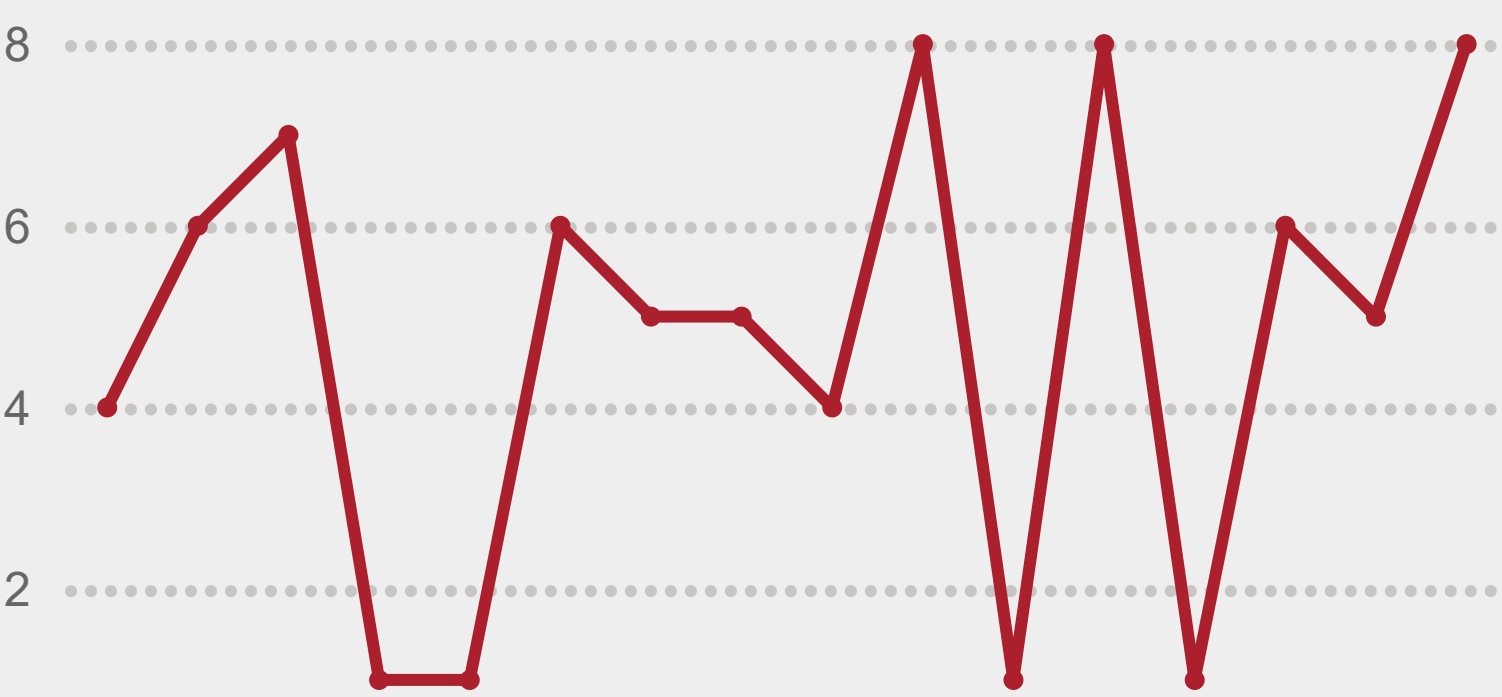
Of the 35 Accidental Dwelling Fire incidents we attended during 2025/26, 6 people were rescued by Firefighters, with 1 person taken to hospital suffering from slight injuries.

It is pleasing to note that there were no fire fatalities during the reporting period.

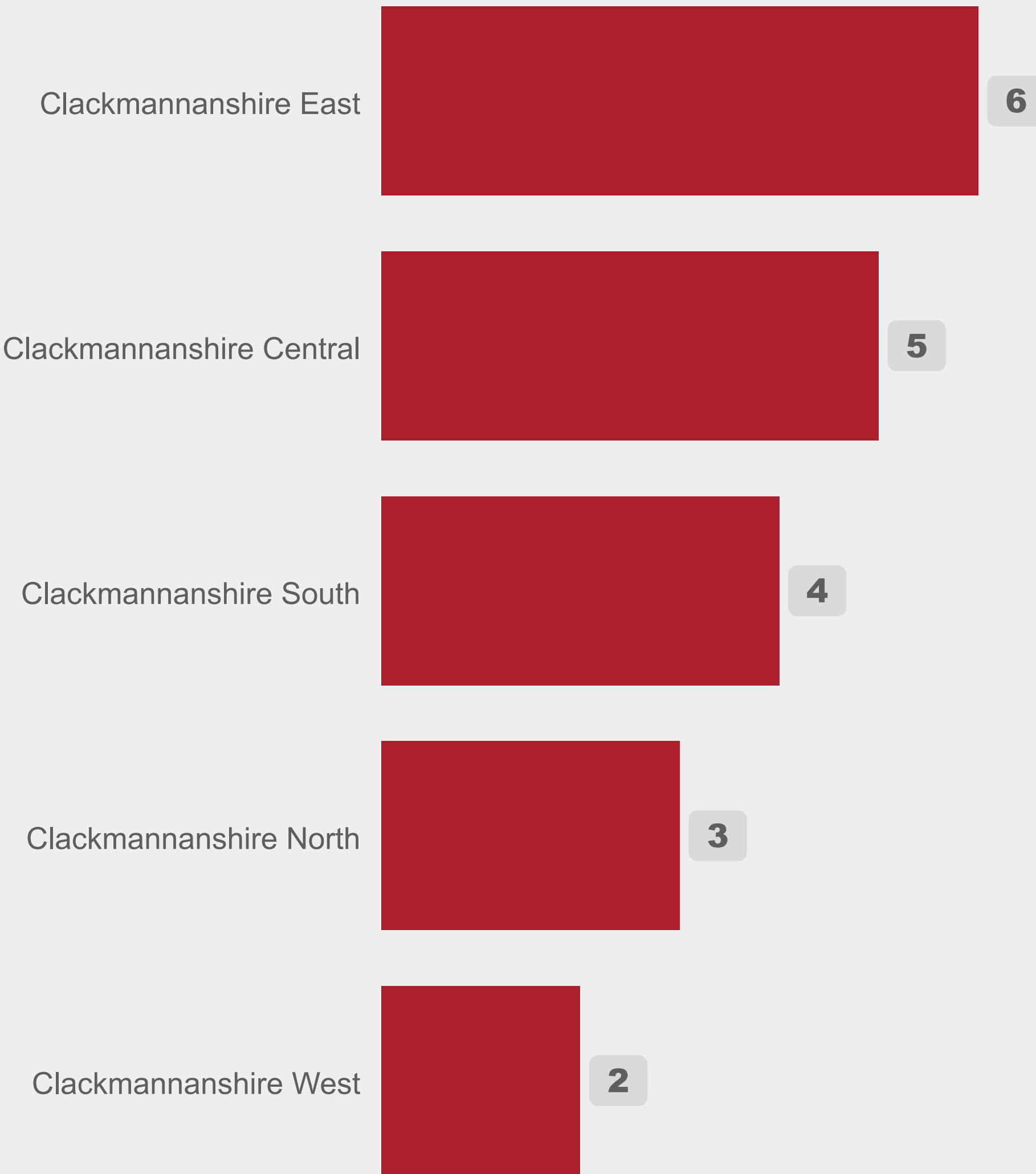
5. Non-Fire Casualties

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Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Casualties by Ward



17
Non-Fatal
Casualties

3
Fatal
Casualties

30
People
Rescued by
Firefighters

Extent of Harm
(Non-Fatal)



2

First Aid Given
at Scene



10

Hospital Slight
Injuries



5

Hospital Serious
Injuries

Non Fire Casualties include rescues from Road Traffic Collisions, Water Rescue and other incidents where People have been rescued by Firefighters.

Scottish Fire and Rescue also attend with other agencies to assist in gaining access/egress. Many of these casualties and fatalities result from this type of mobilisation.

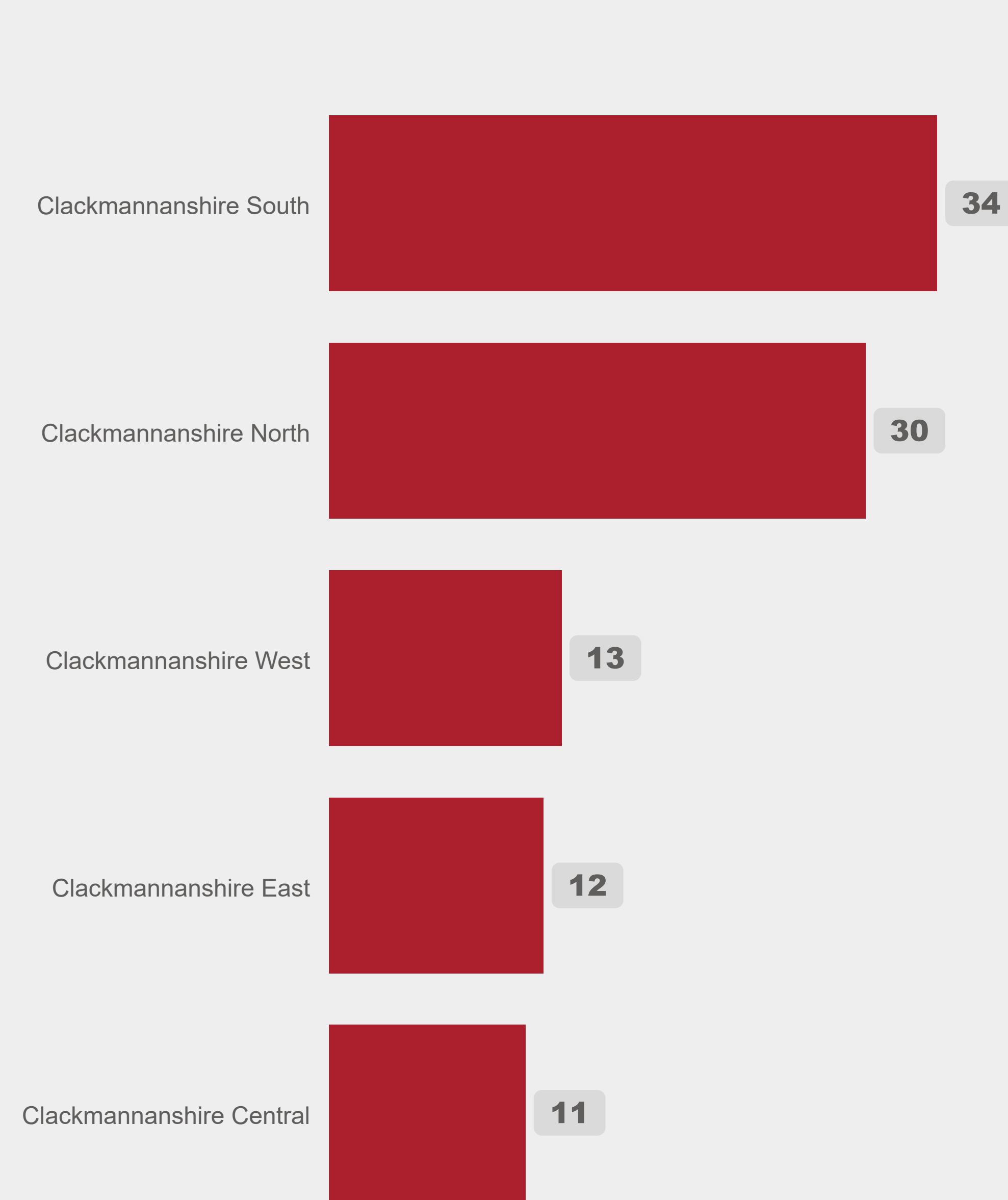
The largest majority of Non Fire Casualties have been reported in Clackmannanshire East.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Property Type	Incident
Grassland, woodland and crops	38
Refuse	24
Other outdoors (including land)	17
Non Residential	6
Dwelling	5
Road Vehicle	5
Outdoor structures	4
Outdoor equipment and machinery	1

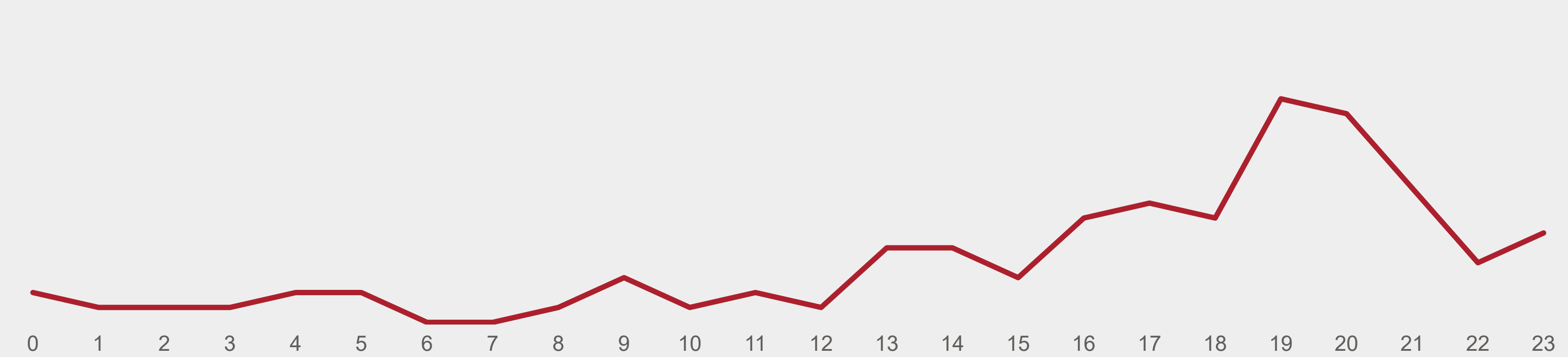
Incidents by Ward



100

Deliberate Fires
in this period

Hour of Day

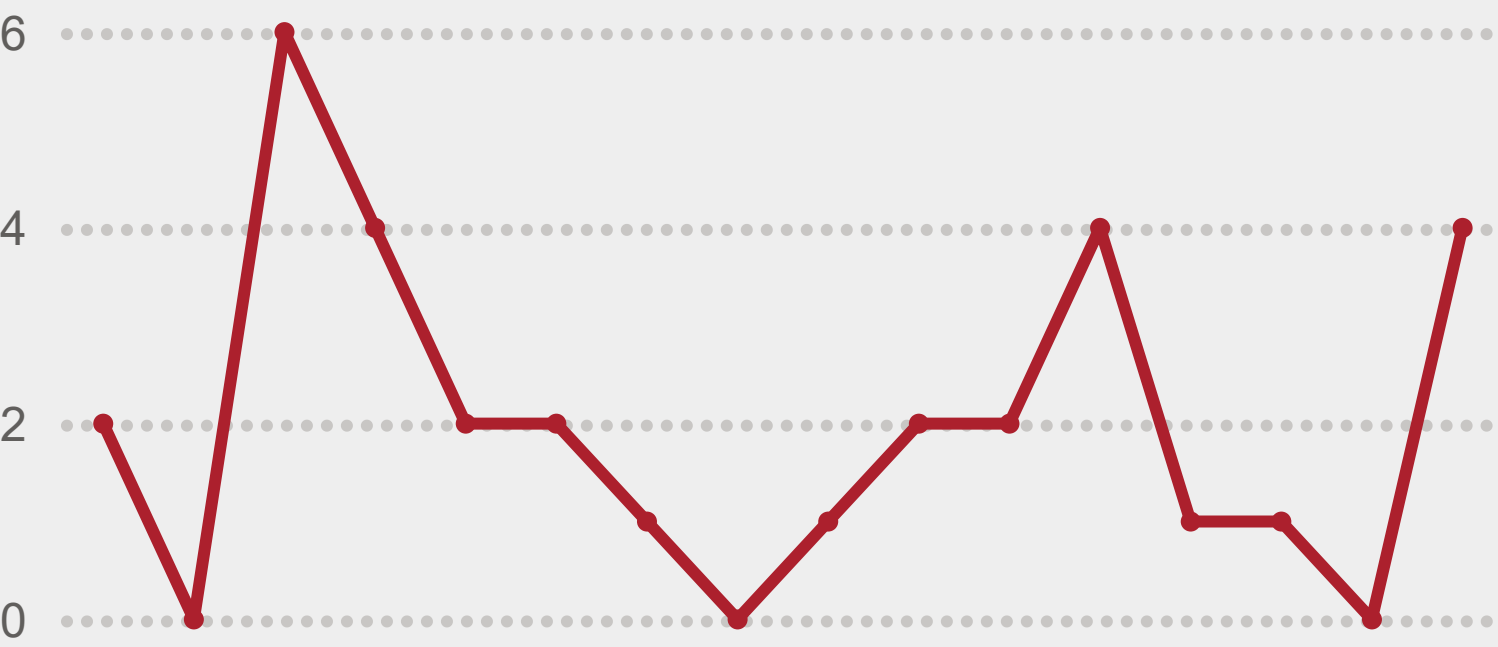


Clackmannanshire recorded 100 Deliberate Fires within the last 12 month period with Clackmannanshire North and South reporting most incidents.

Grassland and outdoor fires continue to rise year on year as the climate changes within Scotland. This is an area of focus for the SFRS with the introduction of our Wildfire Strategy.

Refuse fires continue to be a main cause of deliberate fire setting and we continue to work with partners on reduction strategies to tackle this problem.

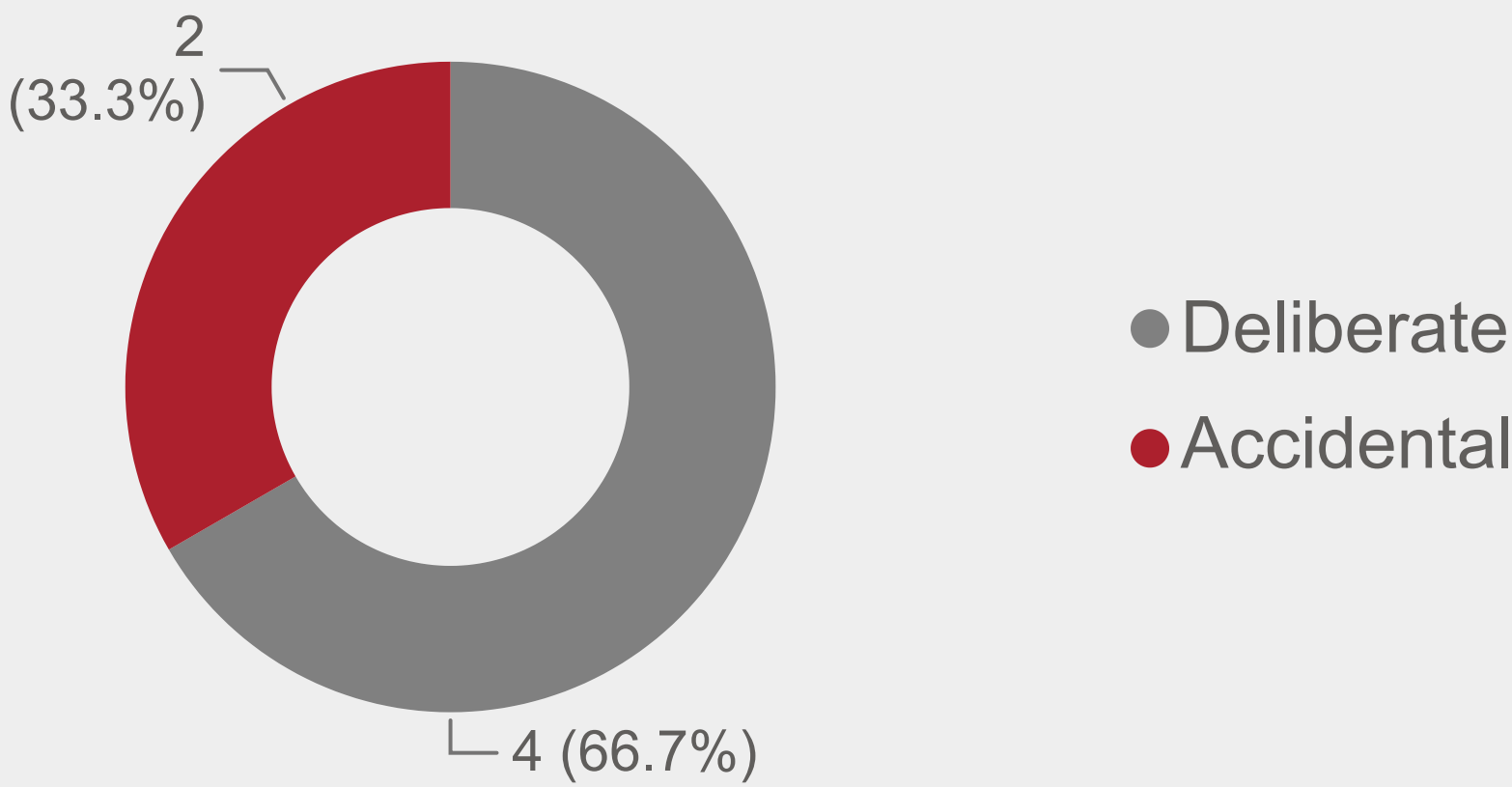
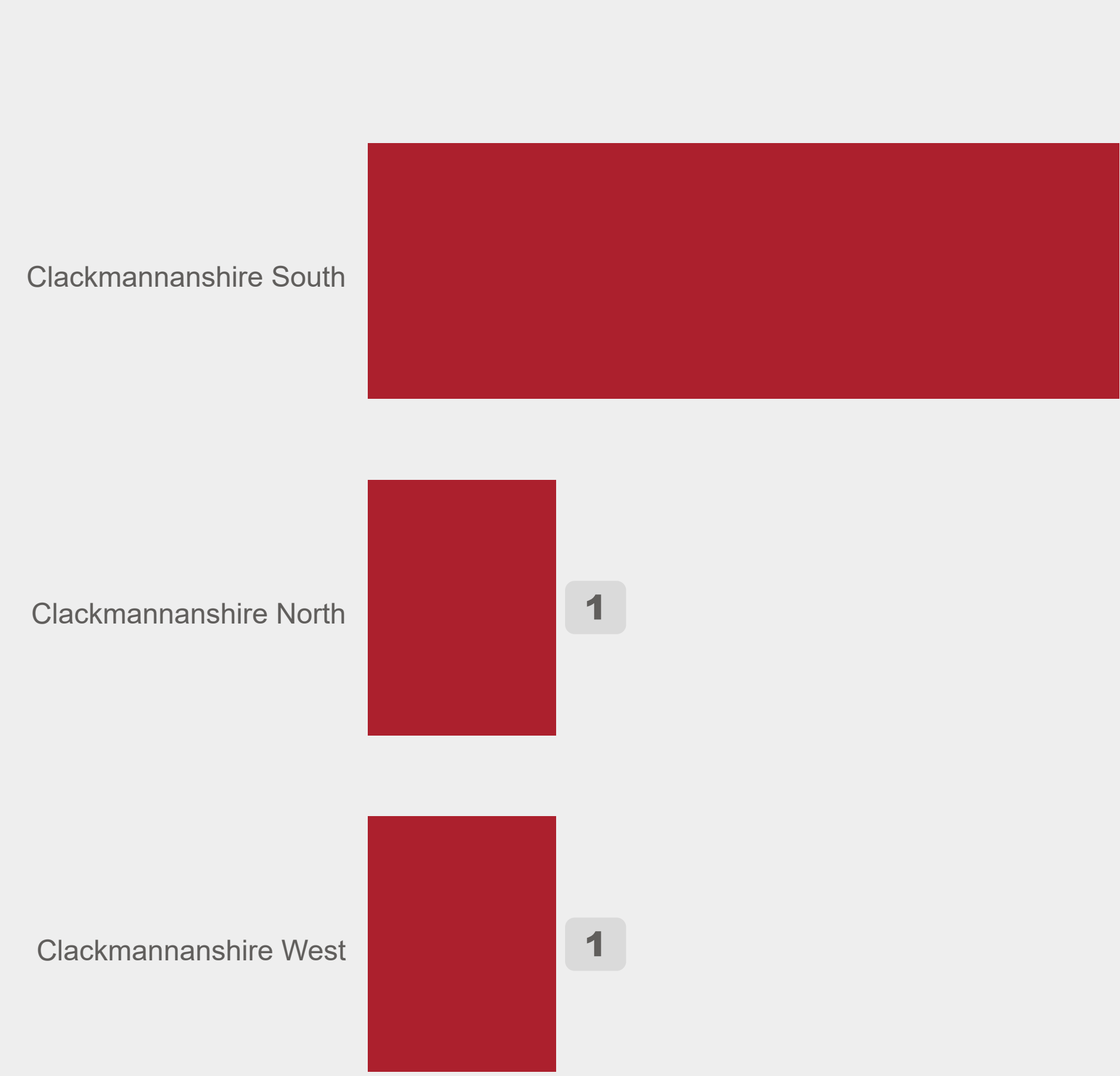
Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Top 15 Property Types

Property Type	Incidents
Boarding House/B&B for homeless/asylum seekers	1
Education	1
Entertainment and culture	1
Industrial Manufacturing	1
Offices and call centres	1
Public admin, security and safety	1

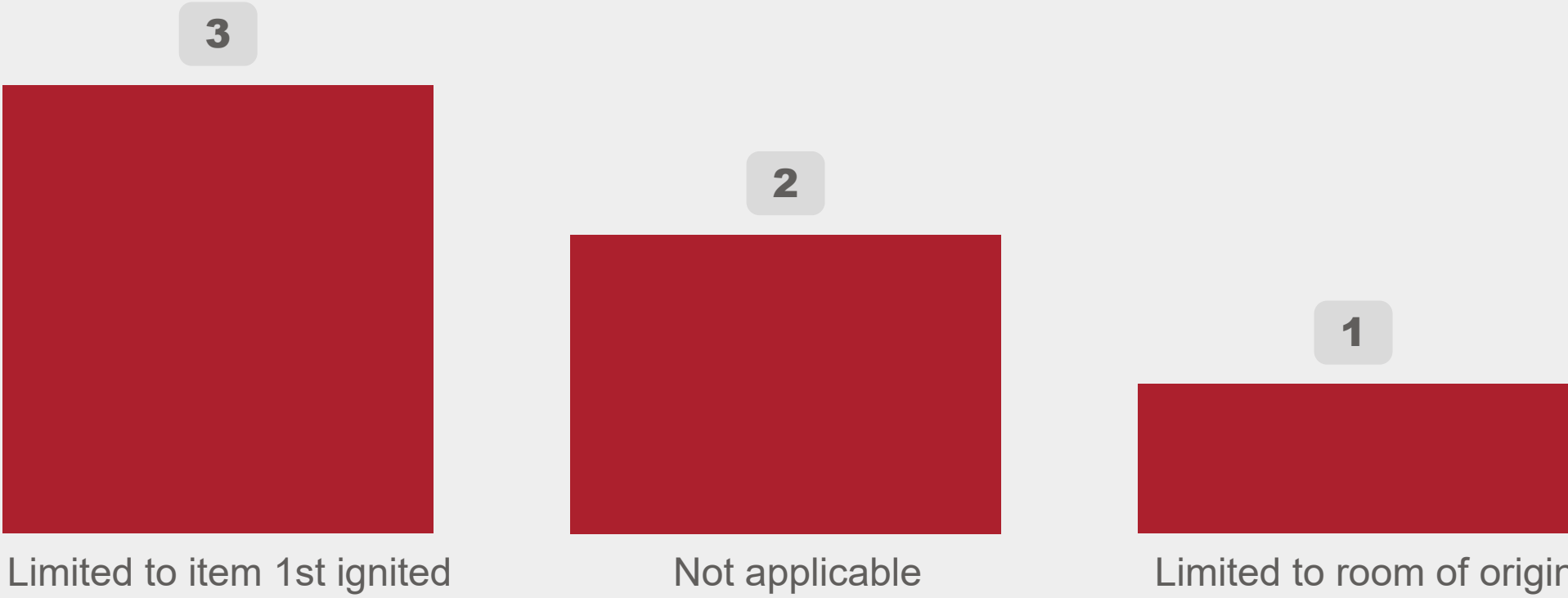
Incidents by Ward



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Non-Domestic
Fires in this
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Extent of Damage



Non Domestic Fires remain relatively low although it should be noted that there has been an increase during the reporting period which SFRS will continue to monitor.

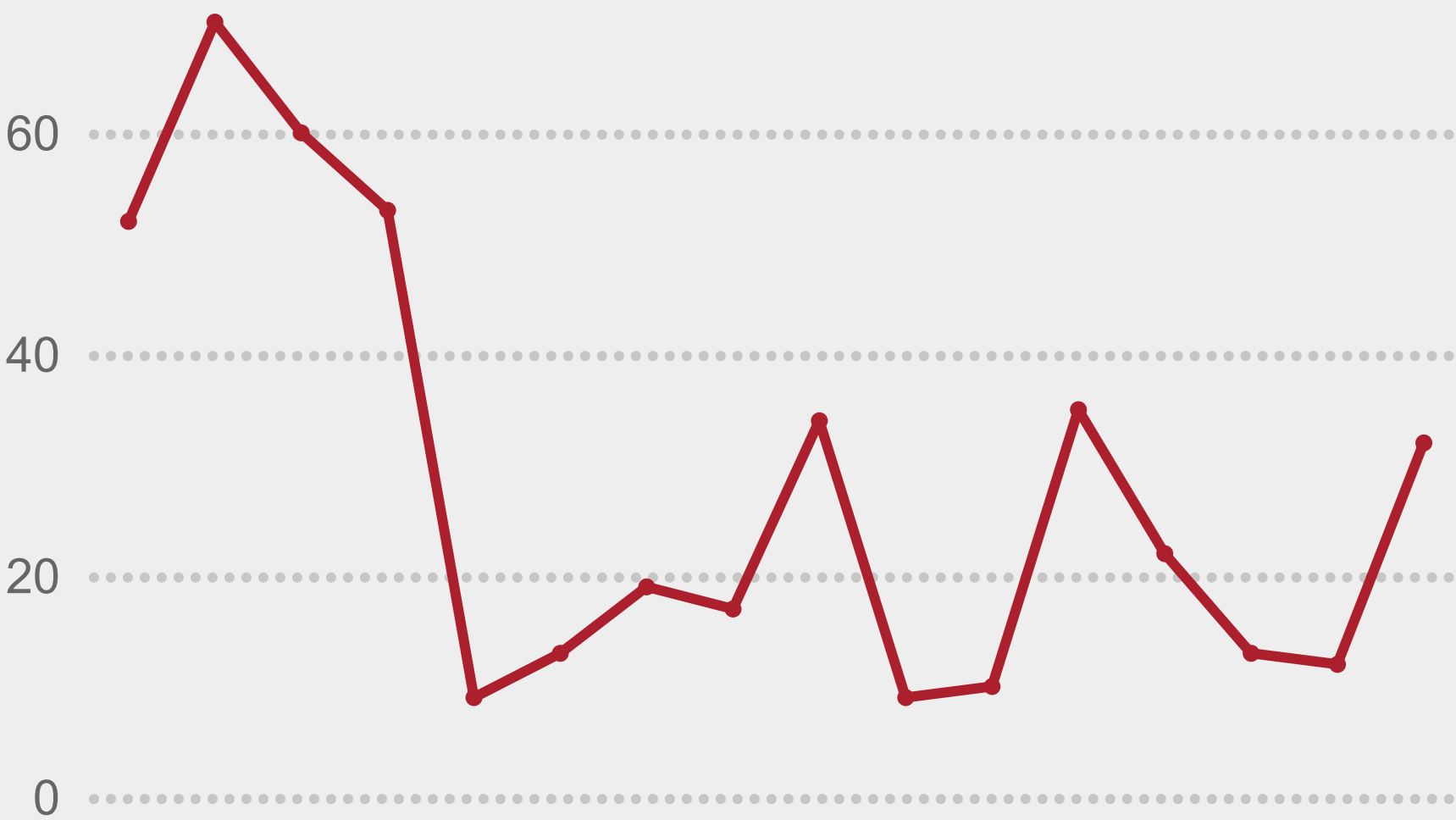
From the Property Type table above, there are no obvious trends or business types that are of particular concern, however our Fire Safety Enforcement Teams continue to work with businesses to ensure compliance through audits and education.

SFRS are pleased to report no fire related casualties from non domestic fires within Clackmannanshire.

8. Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

2025-26

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



Incidents by Ward



Top 15 Property Types

Property Type	Incidents
Residential Home	29
Sheltered Housing - not self contained	17
Hostel (e.g. for homeless people)	12
Boarding House/B&B for homeless/asylum seekers	11
Education	3
Hospitals and medical care	3
Vehicle Repair	2
Animal boarding/breeding/kennels (not farm)/animal shelter	1
Boarding School accommodation	1
Offices and call centres	1
Other Residential Home	1
Retail	1

82

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals in this period

Following the introduction of our Unwanted Fire Alarm System (UFAS) Reduction Strategy, we continue to see a significant reduction in UFAS incidents over a 4 year period.

Clackmannanshire South and Central reported the highest UFAS incidents and our Fire Safety Enforcement teams work closely with these premises to achieve fire safety compliance and reduce unwanted calls.

We remain committed to supporting Premises Duty Holders achieve high levels of fire safety and our UFAS Champion will continue to engage robustly with Care providers and NHS stakeholders in order to address spikes and drive these types of unwanted incidents down.

Trend by Quarter (4 years)



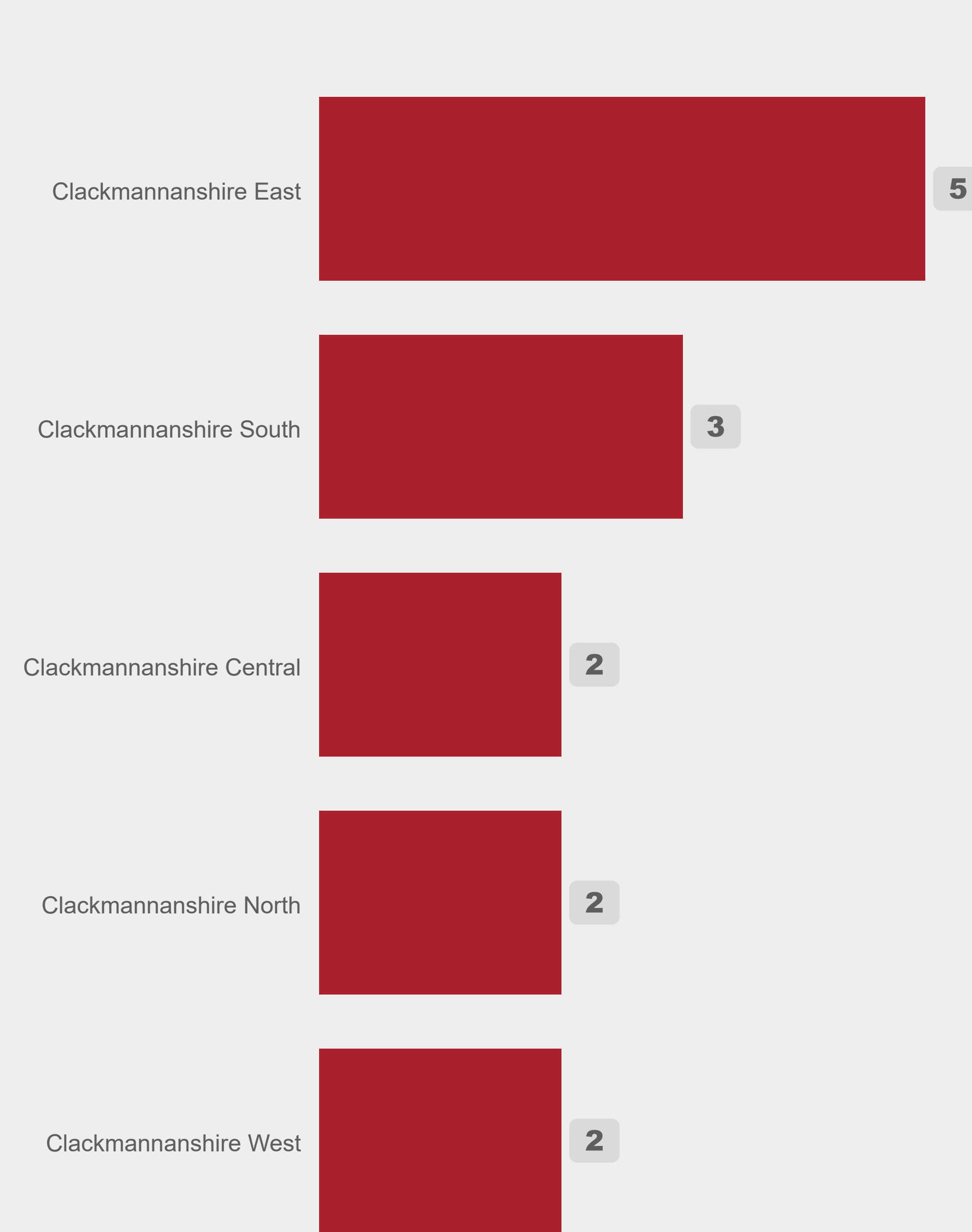
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Road Traffic Collisions in this period

Property Type	Incidents
Car	11
Lorry/HGV	1
Motorcycle	1
Other	1

Incident Type	Incidents
Vehicle (Non-fire)	14

Incidents by Ward



10

Non-Fatal Casualties

0

Fatal Casualties

2

People Rescued by Firefighters

Extent of Harm (Non-Fatal)



1

First Aid Given at Scene



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Hospital Slight Injuries



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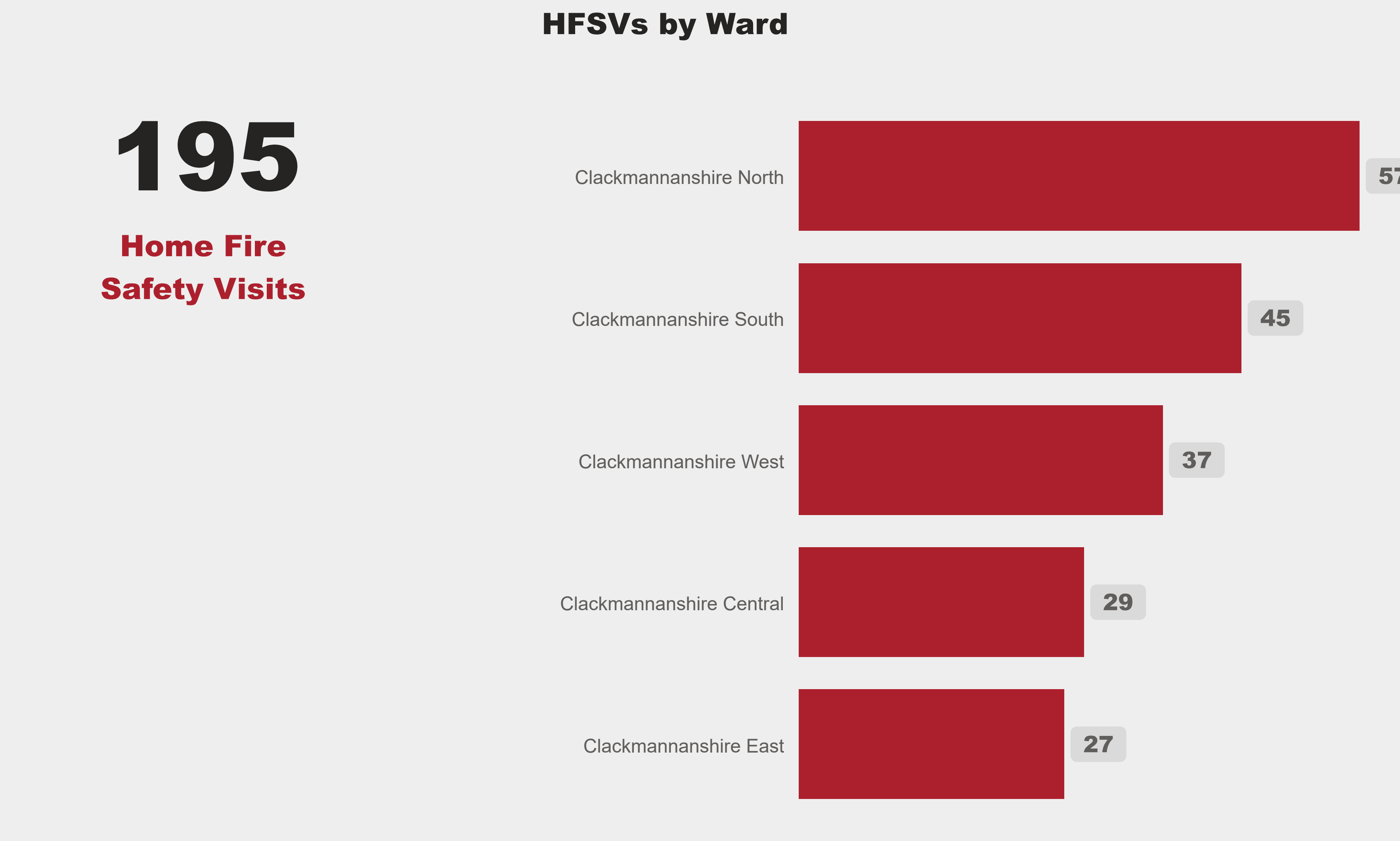
Hospital Serious Injuries

Road Traffic Collision incidents remain relatively low within the Clackmannanshire Local Authority Area. Crews responded to 14 RTC's during the 12 month period, with 9 people transported to hospital by the Scottish Ambulance Service.

SFRS continue to engage with Police Scotland and partners to champion and deliver Road Safety awareness and education programmes within the area.

There were no reported fatal casualties resulting from these incidents.

Further to this, our local stations carry out regular familiarisation training on RTC cutting techniques and casualty care to ensure the best outcomes for those involved in RTC's.



Home Fire Safety Visit Programme

The SFRS carried on with our Home Fire Safety Visit programme within the Clackmannanshire Council area, visiting 195 high risk premises.

Numbers include:

Total Completed – 195 full visits, plus 18 households who did not meet the criteria for a HFSV but were given targeted home fire safety advice in the form of a downloadable PDF.

Adult Protection (AP1) Referrals – 14
Child Protection and wellbeing (CPW) referrals - 3

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Bonfire Safety

20 talks to over 800 young people carried out by the Community Action Team and operational watches. Some large events and some smaller more targeted events in problem areas across a range of schools and youth groups. Additionally, schools were given information for their digital boards and presentations for their own use to support delivery of ASB information and reduction initiatives.

Partnership Training

Locally we carried out ten partnership training sessions on risk recognition and referring into SFRS. Groups we worked with included NHS, Social Work and Housing officers. In total 205* people received training.

*Point to note - this number is for Clacks and Stirling as they have joint adult support and child support committees.

Youth Volunteer Scheme (YVS)

This course has continued at Alloa Community Fire Station over the year. As a national course, the YVS aims to provide a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment for young people to learn and work together.

Water Safety and Water Safety School Talks

SFRS attended a number of events to promote water safety. These included joint patrols with Police Scotland and engaging with the public at problem areas to reassure and educate the public. Also, as part of our commitment to water safety, the SFRS summer schools talk now includes a water safety session that is offered to all P6 and P7's

13. Glossary of Terms

Term - What it means

ADF

Accidental Dwelling Fire.

HFSV

Home Fire Safety Visit.

PDIR

Post Domestic Incident Response, a term used to indicate actions taken following attendance at a fire or other incident in the home. PDIRs include amongst things the offer of a free follow up home fire safety visit.

RTC

Road Traffic Collision.

Special Service

Calls to incidents which are not fires or false alarms such as RTCs, rescues, flooding, incidents involving hazardous materials or the provision of assistance to other agencies.

UFAS

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals. When an automatic fire detection and alarm system is activated as a result of anything other than an actual fire the activation is classed as a false alarm. If an attendance is made to such an event by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, then the event is recorded as an UFAS incident.

UFAS Policy Change

In response to COVID, on the 6th May 2020, the SFRS decided to send 1 pump to UFAS premises that did not have their own Predetermined attendance (PDA).

As of 1st July 2023, the COVID interim 1 pump response was ended and a new UFAS policy was implemented.

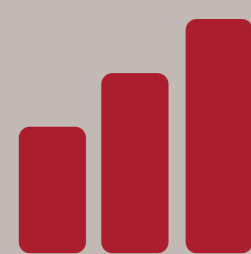
The new policy is to call challenge all UFAS incidents with the intention of non-attendance. Hospitals, care homes, and sleeping risk premises are all exempt and receive either 2 pumps or their premise specific PDA.



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