

Test Valley Community Safety Partnership

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service Report April 2007

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service have carried out a range of various activities during 2006/07. These have all been directly linked to our Integrated Risk Management Plan, which states how we are "Making Hampshire Safer". The activities are refocused around Preventing, Protecting and Responding.

Preventing/Protecting

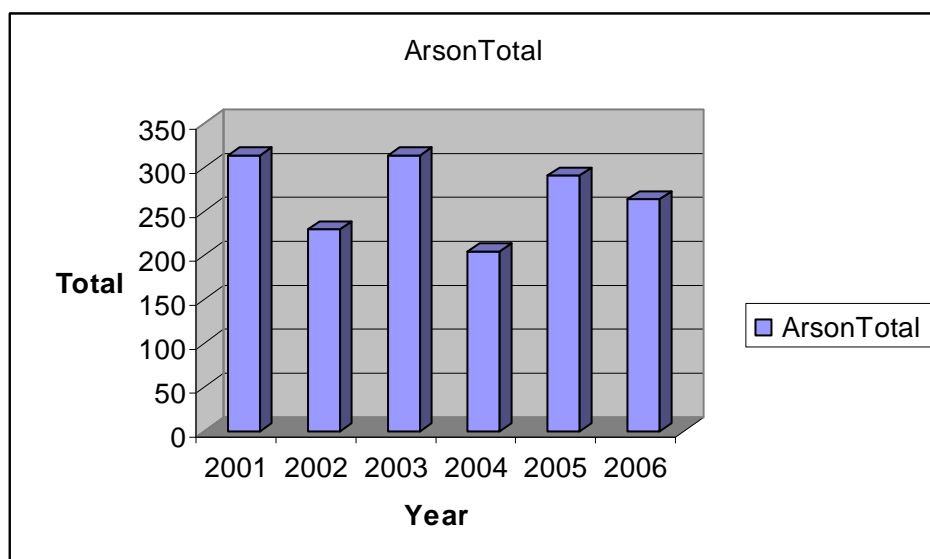
During the last year we have carried out over 500 Home Fire Safety visits within the Test Valley area. These result in fittings smoked detectors and formulating an escape plan with the occupiers of domestic dwellings.

HFRS have run a LIFE (Local Intervention Fire Education) course, in partnership with the Police and funded by the CSP.

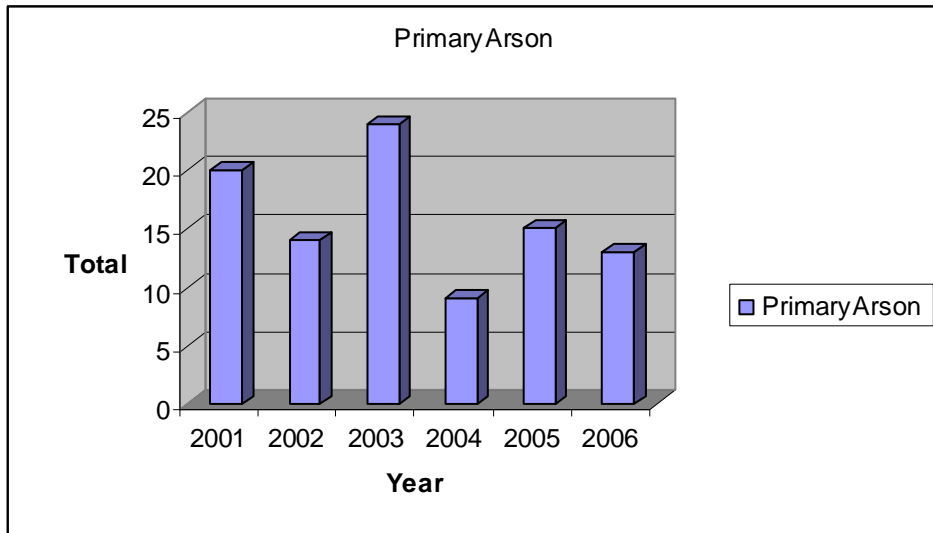
Responding

The statistical information only details incidents within Andover, Romsey and Stockbridge Fire Station grounds, and are not completely co-terminus with Test Valley Borough Council boundaries.

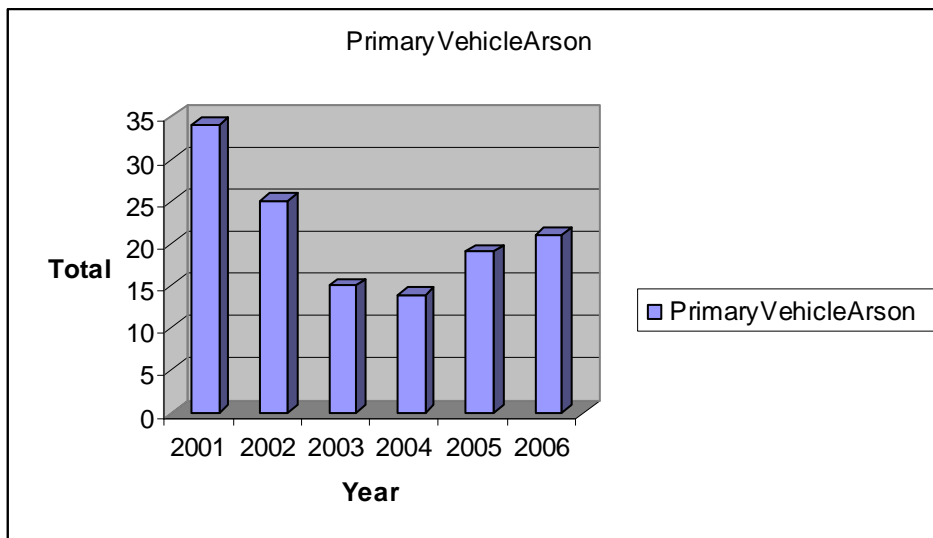
Arson is divided into four categories, detailed below. The total arson last year has reduced compared with the previous year.



Primary Arson involves property, excluding vehicles. This year and continues to remain low. This has reduced against last year.

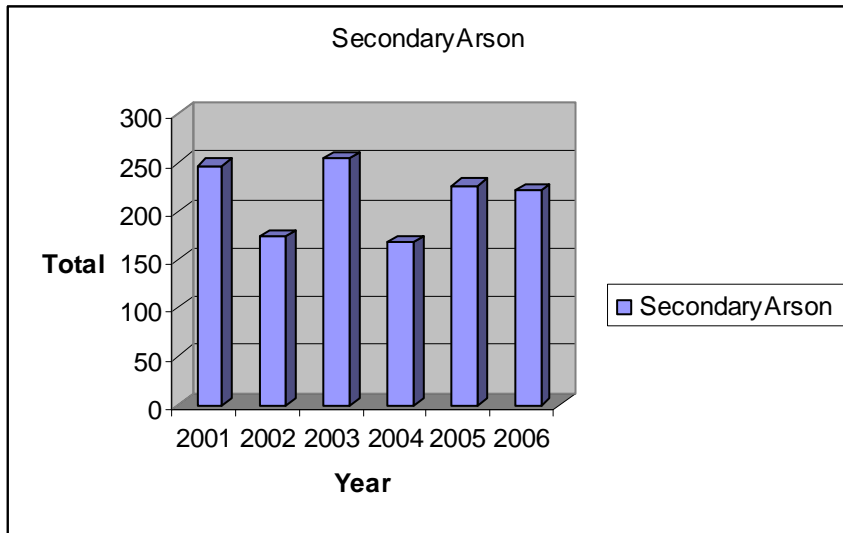


Primary vehicle arson is stolen or owned vehicles. The reason for this increase appears to be linked to an increase in car crime. The offenders are now setting fire to the vehicles after use, in an attempt to destroy forensic evidence.



Secondary arson includes grass, woods, bins etc. This is involved in youth engagement activities to combat weather conditions.

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