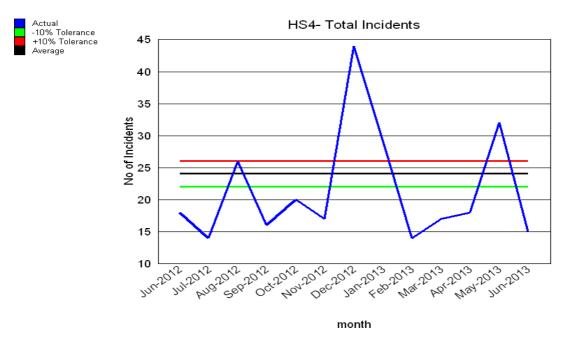
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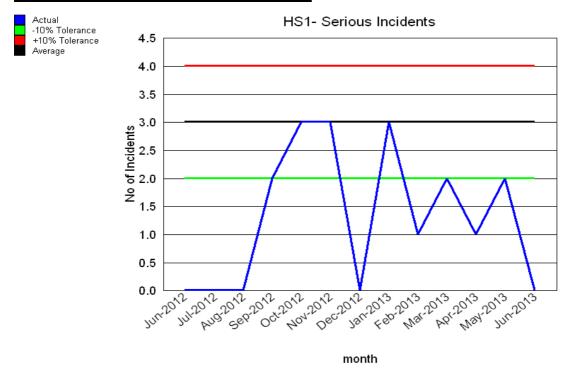
1.1. Quarter 1 Total Reported H&S Events



(Figure 1 – Total Events per month June 2012 to June 2013)

<u>Summary</u> Total H&S events for this first quarter are significantly higher than the preceding quarter, peaking in May, when twenty-two fire appliances were mobilised to a refuse fire. Several incidents of exposure to smoke or other hazardous substances were reported, the total number accounting for 31% of all H&S events reported in May.

1.2. Quarter 1 Serious Events Reported



(Figure 2 – Total Events per month June 2012 to June 2013)

<u>Summary</u> The serious and potentially serious events this quarter comprised of the following:

- During a cylinder explosion demonstration given to fire fighters, the safety base of the cartridge was ejected through the slats of the safety cage.
 Actions The cage was reinforced and trialled and the risk assessment revised. Training has resumed and no further issues have occurred.
- Whilst charging a fire fighting hose reel, the pump failed to deliver water. It took several attempts to release the valve to overcome the issue and provide water. The delay time was only seconds.
 - **Actions** A mechanic attended and serviced the valves. No further issues have occurred.
- Whilst using the pole drop to respond to a fire call a fire fighter landed awkwardly and injured his ankle.
 - **Actions** Investigation revealed that this is likely to be an isolated event.