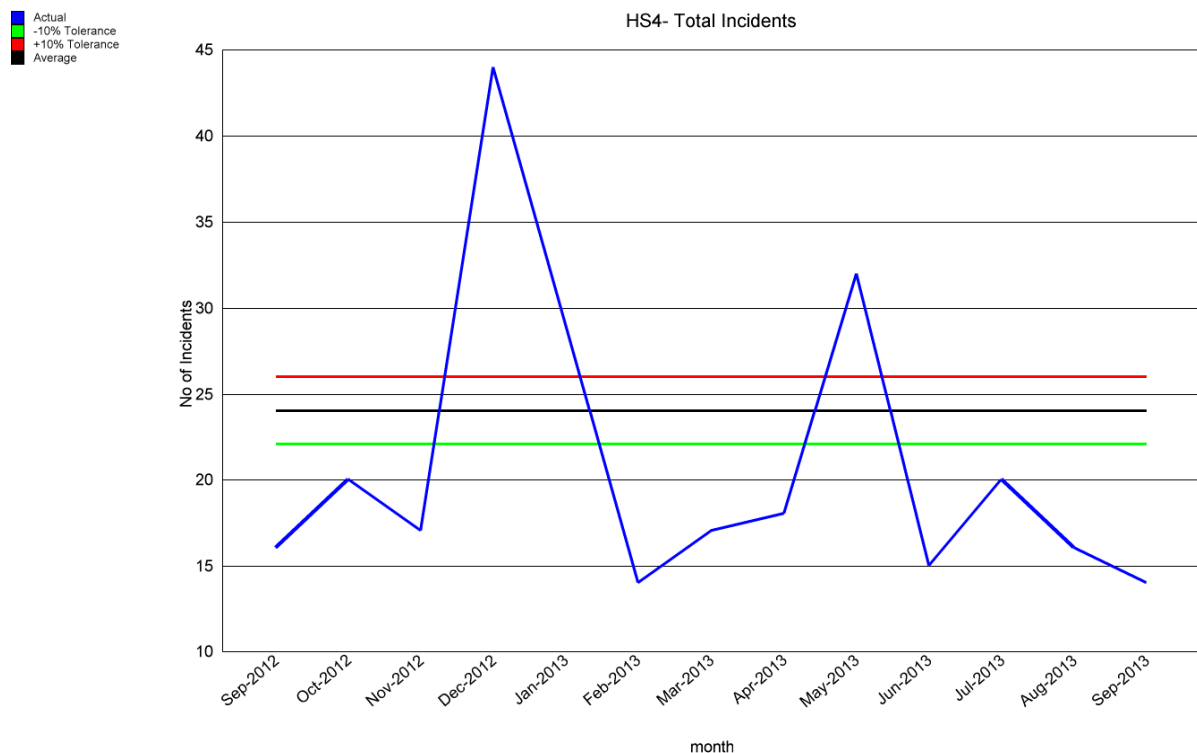


### Quarterly H&S performance report

#### Quarter 2 Total Reported H&S Events

A total of 50 H&S Events were reported this quarter:

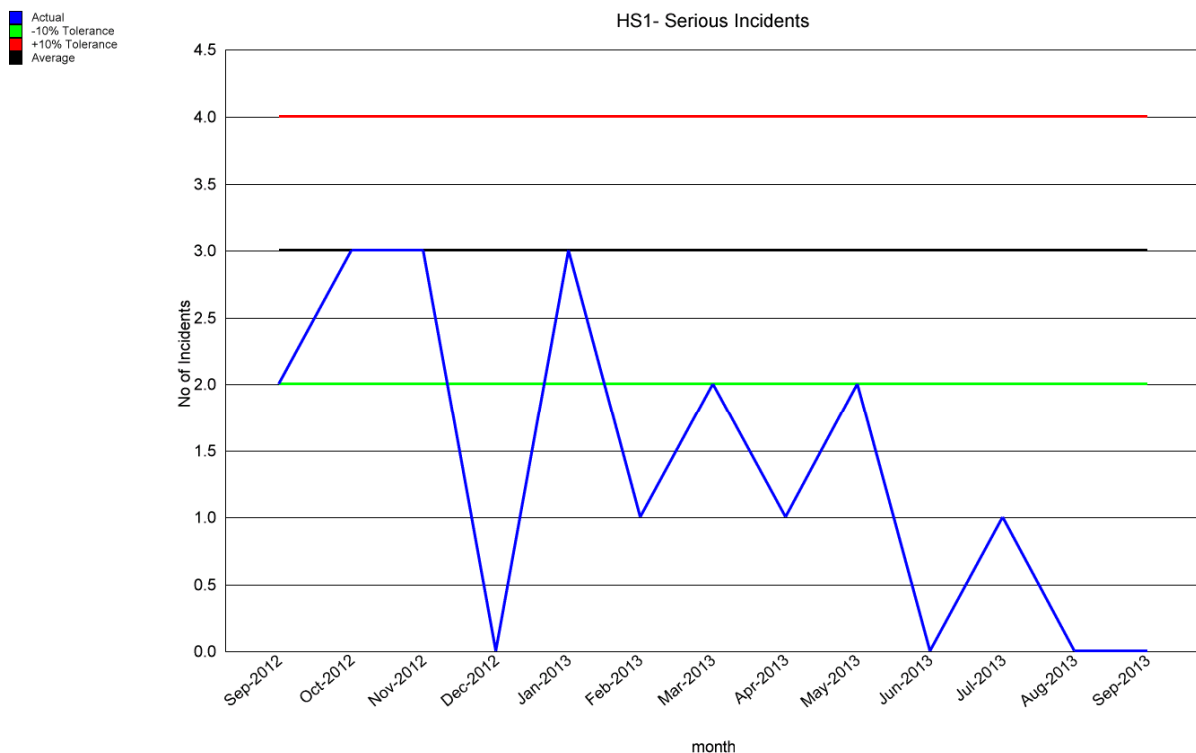
- 1 had the potential to be a 'serious event';
- 6 were causes for concern or near hits;
- 14 related to vehicle collisions, of which 10 were slow speed manoeuvres - 6 occurred whilst responding to incidents;
- 3 incidents were of minor verbal abuse from members of the public;
- 2 incidents of minor property damage; and
- The remaining incidents were minor personal injuries.



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

**Summary** Total H&S events for the second quarter are significantly lower than the preceding quarters, indicating a downward trend in incidents. However, with the onset of inclement weather that is seasonal at this time of year, this trend is not expected to continue. The two spikes in the graph are increases due to multiple events occurring at single incidents. These were at a waste recycling site in Kidderminster in December 2012 and at a waste recycling site in Long Marston in May 2013.

## Quarter 2 Serious Events Reported



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

**Summary** There was only one potentially serious event this quarter:

- The uncontrolled descent of a 13.5 m ladder during core skills training – the ladder was being made up in accordance with the fire service training manual when it descended uncontrollably. This was because the ladder pawls were not operating correctly resulting in the top two section of the ladder being used descending together as one unit: as the middle section of the ladder housed, this caused a jolt in ladder momentum, which then caused the top section of the ladder to descend uncontrollably. Workshops have confirmed that there have been no other issues with these ladders but have undertaken additional inspections and maintenance as a precaution. **No Injuries.***

**Actions** – A reminder of the correct drill sequence was issued to all crews to draw their attention to this incident as an example of the potential hazards involved in this activity.