

Quarter 2 Health & Safety Performance Report Summary (July – Sept 2014)

A total of 42 Health & Safety events were reported this quarter:

- 2 cause for concerns (detail over page).
- 11 vehicle accidents, 5 of which occurred whilst responding to incidents causing minor damage to FRS vehicles only.
- 3 safety critical equipment failures (detail over page)
- 2 near hits
- 22 personal injuries occurred:
 - 9 during training
 - 3 carrying out routine activities
 - 4 during operational activity
 - 4 non operational activity
 - 2 slip, trips and falls

Quarter 2 Total Reported H&S Events

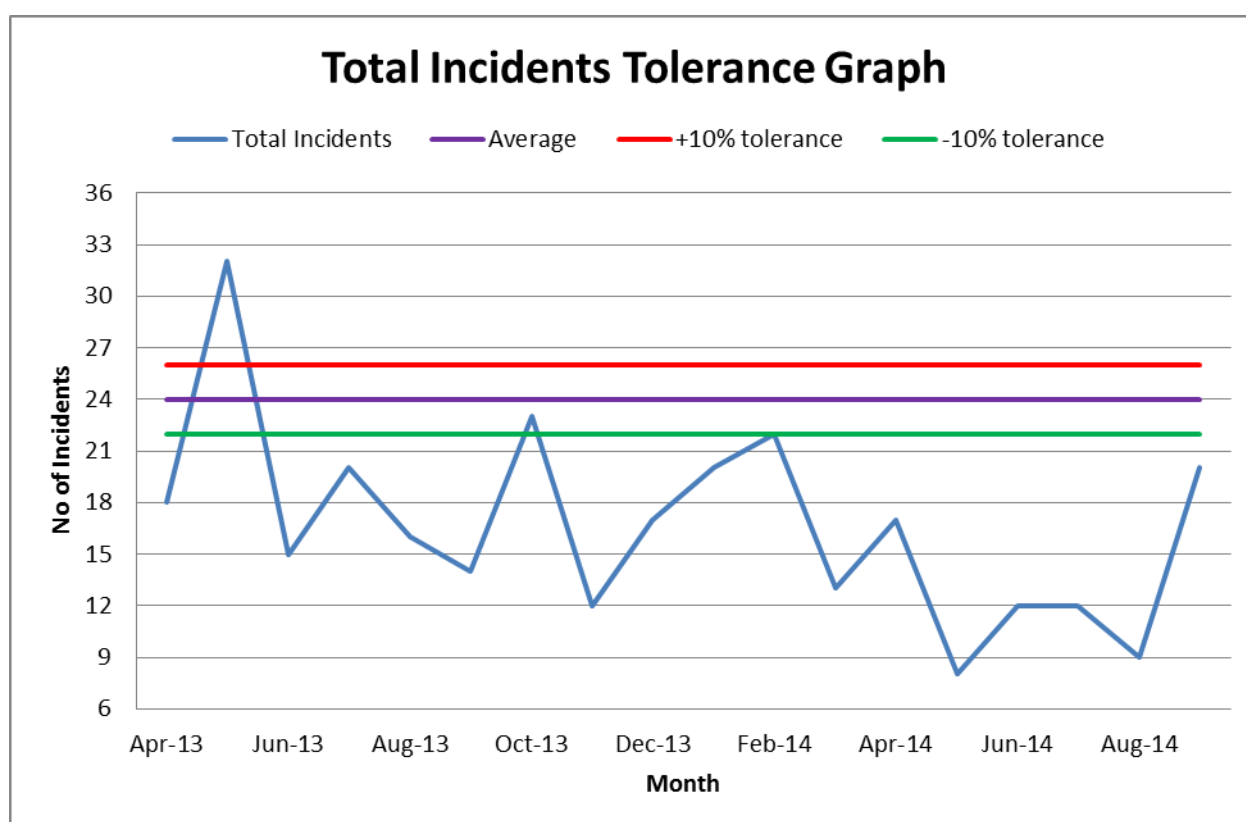


Figure 1 – Total events per month April 2013 to Aug 2014

Summary Total H&S events for this quarter show a slight increase. This can be attributed to the three equipment failures (details over page).

Quarter 2 Serious Events Reported

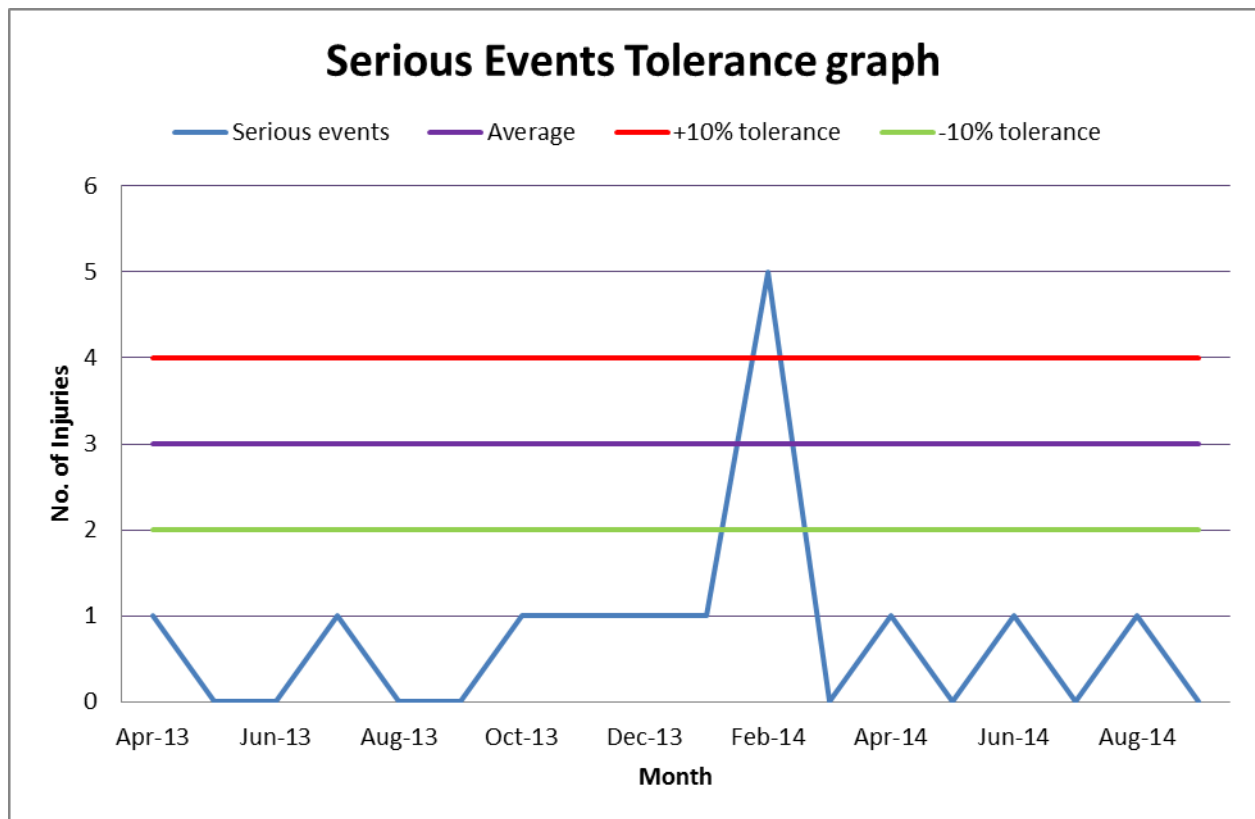


Figure 2 – Total events per month April 2013 to August 2014

Summary *one potentially serious event this quarter (see below for details)*

Significant/Serious Events

(Cause for concern)

1. *MDT mounting failure causing the MDT to fall and strike the driver of an appliance responding to an incident – (This event is considered serious as it had the potential to cause a high degree of harm)*

Action – *All MDT mounting brackets have now been checked across the Service.*

2. *Overheated cables in PC at Service Headquarters which had the potential to catch fire.*

Action - *Communication has been sent to all staff to power down PCs at the end of the day to negate further risk.*

Potentially Serious Events

(Safety critical equipment failures)

1. *The pump on an appliance failed to deliver water at a fire.*

Action – Workshops have consulted with the supplier and have rectified a tank to pump valve failure and have since checked all other appliances fitted with similar valves and confirmed no further issues.

2. *Failure of cutting blade on powered hydraulic cutting equipment.*

Action – Bulletin item published by Operational Logistics drawing attention to the correct use of equipment by operational staff

3. *BA set failure – demand valve entered into free flow of air (failed safe) and was unable to be reset.*

Action - Investigation currently being carried out – further update to be supplied to the Health and Safety Committee 1st December 2014.