

Inverclyde Performance Summary Report

Reporting Period: 01/04/23 - 31/07/23



Total Crime **-0.7%** **2,094 Crimes**

<p>Incidents Recorded</p> <p>+11.9%</p> <p>7,183</p>	<p>Common Assault</p> <p>-2.9%</p> <p>237</p>	<p>Overall Dishonesty</p> <p>+9.2%</p> <p>465</p>	<p>Domestic Abuse Incidents</p> <p>-10.6%</p> <p>271</p>
<p>Overall Violent Crime</p> <p>-2.8%</p> <p>277</p>	<p>Sexual Crime</p> <p>+6.4%</p> <p>50</p>	<p>Road Traffic Casualties</p> <p>+133.3%</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Disorder Complaints</p> <p>-7.3%*</p> <p>827</p>
<p>Missing People</p> <p>+20%</p> <p>84</p>	<p>Counter Terrorism</p> <p>The threat level from INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM is SUBSTANTIAL —an attack has been deemed as likely to occur.</p>		<p>Housebreaking</p> <p>-18.4%</p> <p>40</p>

*All data provided is for the period 1 April 2023 - 31 July 2023 unless otherwise stated. All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of 15 August 2023.

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Introduction

I am pleased to present this report to the Police Fire and Rescue Committee for its information and consideration. Please note that all data included in this report are management information and not official statistics. All data are sourced from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as of date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, numerical comparisons are against the comparable period in the preceding reporting year.

CI Damian Kane

Inverclyde Area Commander

INVERCLYDE POLICING PRIORITIES 2023/26

PRIORITY	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
 <p>VIOLENCE, DISORDER AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR</p>	<p>277 violent crimes were recorded in the reporting period - eight fewer than the previous year. The detection rate for crimes of violence is 63.5%. Meanwhile, the number of complaints relating to disorder in Inverclyde fell by 7.3%, to a total of 827 incidents.</p>
 <p>PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE</p>	<p>50 sexual crimes were recorded in Inverclyde in the reporting period - three more than the same period in the previous year. The detection rate for sexual crimes has increased by 7.2 percentage points, to 54%. 29% of all recorded sexual crime involved non-recent reporting.</p>
 <p>ACQUISITIVE AND CYBER / DIGITAL CRIME</p>	<p>Recorded acquisitive crime increased by 9.2%, with a total of 465 in the reporting period. Rises were noted in respect of acquisitive motor vehicle crime, fraud, and common theft. Around 63% of cybercrimes recorded in the current reporting year were acquisitive crimes, and in particular online frauds.</p>
 <p>SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME</p>	<p>Intelligence led policing resulted in 14 drug supply detections in the current year. In Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division, serious and organised criminals were deprived of £808,553 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act. One Serious and Organised Crime Group principal member and 29 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year; this compares to a total of nine in the previous year.</p>
 <p>ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME</p>	<p>Overall, road casualties have increased by 12, to a total of 21 - with more people seriously and slightly injured on Inverclyde's roads. Meanwhile, proactivity by Inverclyde officers and the Road Policing Unit has contributed to a rise of 19.8% in recorded road traffic offences.</p>

POLICE SCOTLAND'S POLICING PRIORITIES 202/23

Protecting vulnerable people

Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division continues to support a multi-agency approach to reduce drug deaths, to engage with Scottish Government and stakeholders to influence approaches to supporting individuals with complex mental health needs, and to work in partnership to develop local effective and efficient pathways to support vulnerable people.

Working with communities

The Division continues to support this Police Scotland priority and to develop strategic partnerships to find synergy in policy making and shared resources. Police in Inverclyde recognise the importance of engaging with communities to understand their needs, and strive to support innovation in local partnership settings.

Tackling crime in the digital age

Police in Inverclyde continue to benefit from the support of specialised Police Scotland units such as the Cybercrime Unit and the Economic Crime and Financial Investigation Unit, amongst others. There are continued efforts to ensure our Officers have the training, resources and equipment needed to tackle the threat arising from cyber related criminality and technological advancement.

Support for operational policing

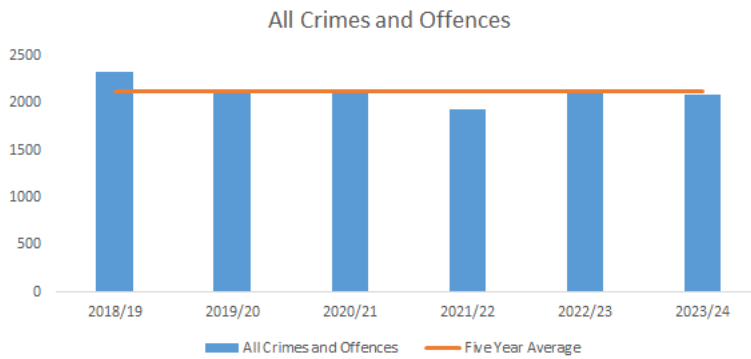
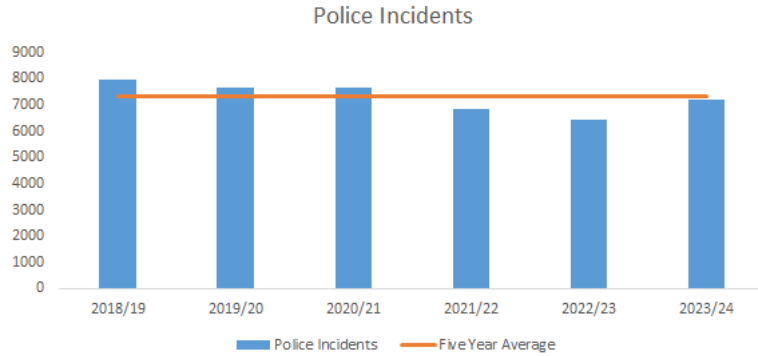
Inverclyde Police continue to link in closely with Police Scotland's Corporate Services who enable and support operational resources to deliver against the strategic priorities and their outcomes. Significant developments arising from the Digitally Enabled Policing Programme which have resulted in direct benefits to Inverclyde Police include the National Network / Project ADEL, the rollout of mobile devices and the suite of applications delivered via Core Operational Systems (COS).

DEMAND ANALYSIS

PYTD - PREVIOUS YEAR TO DATE

CYTD - CURRENT YEAR TO DATE

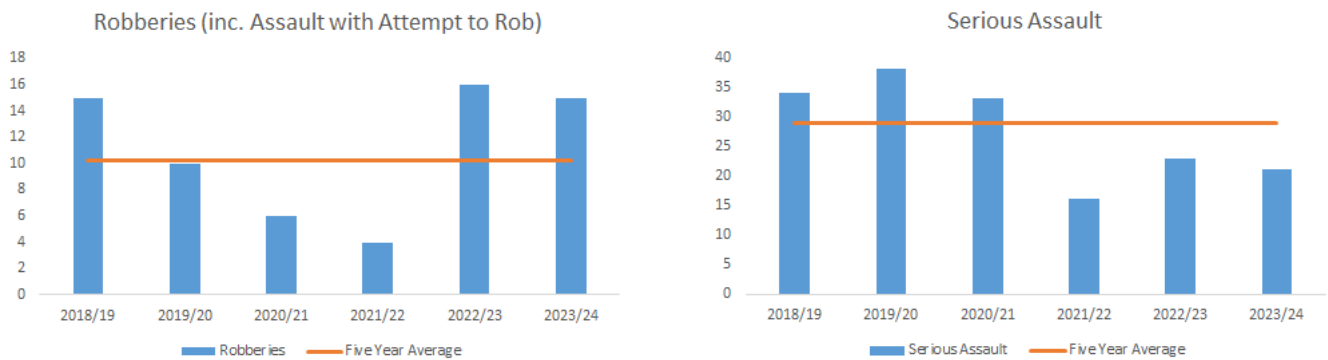
CRIME	PYTD	CYTD	INCIDENTS	PYTD	CYTD
Total Crimes & Offences	2,109	2,094	Total number of incidents	6,420	7,183



The volume of recorded crime and offences has fallen by 0.7%, with a drop in the number of recorded Group 4 (fireraising, malicious mischief etc) crimes, Group 5 (proactivity crimes) crimes) and Group 6 miscellaneous offences. Nonetheless, the overall rate of all recorded crime in Inverclyde (per 10,000 population) remains above the national average.

Meanwhile, recorded police incidents have increased by 11.9% on the previous year, though they remain 1.8% below the previous five year average.

VIOLENCE, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DISORDER



Violence

Overall violent crime has decreased by 2.8% on the previous year, with a total of 277 crimes recorded in the reporting period. While the rate of violent crime per 10,000 population in Inverclyde remains low (approximately 35 crimes per 10k), it is slightly higher than the national population rate. Fewer robberies, serious assaults and common assaults were recorded compared to the same period in 2022/23. However, murder/attempted murder increased, with one additional crime of each category (with one murder and three attempted murders occurring in the current reporting period). 55% of violent crime in Inverclyde occurred in public space.

The detection rate for overall crimes of violence is 63.5%, which is a decrease of 6.3 percentage points on the previous year.

Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

The number of complaints relating to disorder in Inverclyde fell by 7.3%, to a total of 827 incidents.

28 wilful fireraising crimes have been recorded - a decrease of 9.7% on the previous year. This issue continues to be recognised as a key issue of concern in Inverclyde, with the rate of fireraising crimes being considerably higher than the national average.

Meanwhile, recorded vandalism crimes have also fallen by 4.7%, to a total of 163 crimes in the current reporting period.

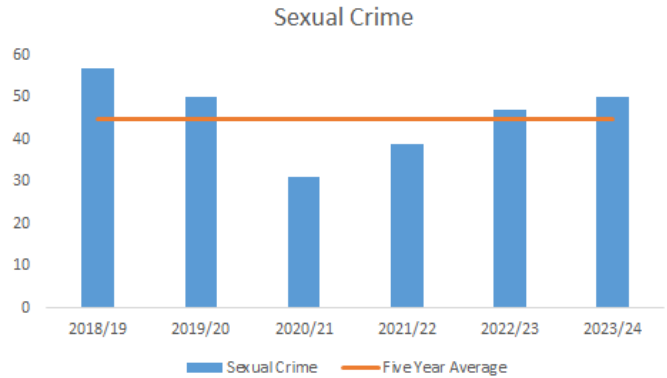
Hate Crime

13 hate incidents were reported in Inverclyde, a decrease of 55.2% on the previous year. A total of 11 hate crimes were recorded, with three of these involving Police Officers being targeted during the course of their duties.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Sexual Crime

50 sexual crimes have been recorded in Inverclyde in the reporting period, an increase of 6.4% on the previous year. The rate per 10k population in relation to sexual crime in Inverclyde is lower than the national average and equates to approximately six crimes per 10,000 people. The detection rate for sexual crimes has increased by 7.2 percentage points on the previous year, to 54%. 29% of all recorded sexual crime involved non-recent reporting - a lower proportion than recorded in the preceding year (34%). Cyber-enabled sexual crimes included indecent communications and sharing of indecent images with children, and threats to disclose intimate images.

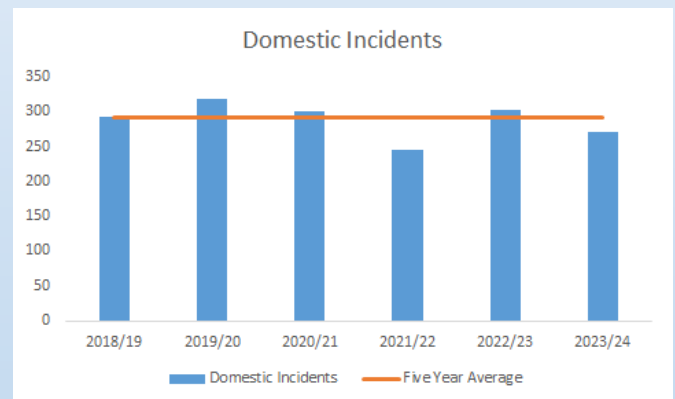


Missing People

In the period April to July 2023, 84 missing person reports have been recorded in Inverclyde, a rise of 20% on the same period in 2022. All 84 people were traced alive, with over 90% being traced within two days of first being reported missing. The increase in missing people has been particularly significant amongst younger people (19 years and under), with a rise of 44% in the number of young people going missing compared to the previous year and over 80% of all missing people falling into this age category. Repeat missing persons continue to be an issue of concern (particularly in relation to Looked After and Accommodated Children), with the top five individuals alone featuring in 52 incidents - over 60% of the overall total. These top five individuals were all aged between 12 and 15 years.

Domestic Abuse

Victims of domestic abuse remain one of Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Division's top priorities. Recorded domestic abuse incidents in Inverclyde decreased by 10.6% on the previous year, to a total of 271. 39.5% of all recorded incidents resulted in a crime being recorded – a decrease of 4.7 percentage points on the previous year. The detection rate for domestic crime decreased by seven percentage points on the previous year, to 71.3% in the reporting period.



Drug Related Deaths

Six suspected drugs related deaths occurred in Inverclyde in the reporting period - the same as the number of confirmed drugs related deaths in the same period in 2022. Toxicology results are awaited in relation to the deaths which have occurred in the current reporting year.

Following the Naloxone introduction in 2022, Renfrewshire Inverclyde Division commenced their divisional rollout in February 2023. The rollout incorporated all forward facing police resources. So far 108 officers deployed in Inverclyde have completed Naloxone training.

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Intelligence led policing resulted in 14 drugs supply detections in the current year. This comprised of 12 detected drugs supply / possession with intent to supply crimes and two crimes relating to the introduction of drugs into the Scottish Prison Service estate.

In the period April to June 2023, serious and organised criminals in Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division were deprived of £808,553 in cash and assets through use of the Proceeds of Crime Act, which was almost a threefold increase compared to the same period in the previous year.

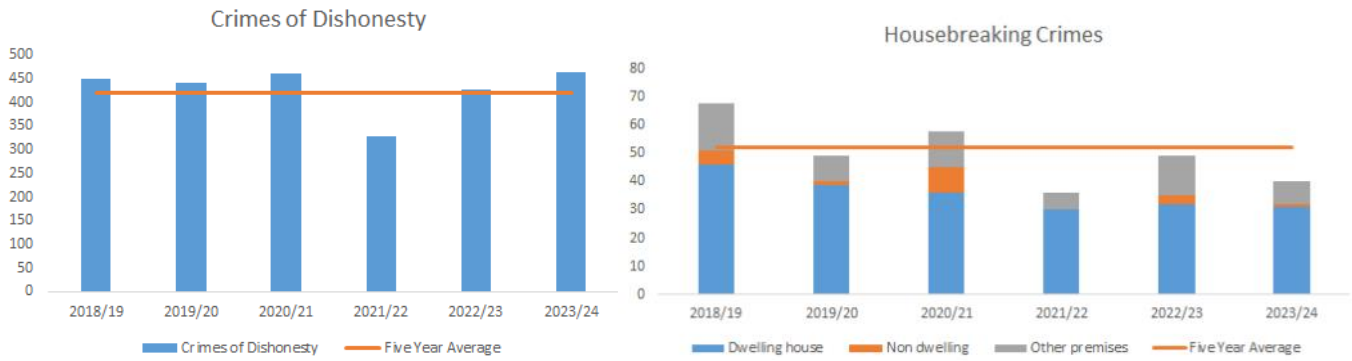
One Serious and Organised Crime Group principal member and 29 SOCG associates were arrested in the current reporting year.

Intelligence-driven stop and search continues to be utilised to proactively target serious and organised criminals, with this tactic resulting in 82 drugs seizures in Inverclyde in the reporting period, with around a third of these seizures relating to Class 'A' substances.

COUNTER TERRORISM & DOMESTIC EXTREMISM

In February 2022 the Home Secretary announced a decrease in the UK's Terrorist Threat Level from 'Severe' to 'Substantial'. This means it is deemed an attack is likely. At this time there is nothing to suggest that there is any specific threat to Scotland. However, the threat from Islamic, Northern Ireland and Right-wing terrorism remains a serious threat. Inverclyde has an embedded CTLO (Counter Terrorist Liaison Officer) who provides expert guidance and support regarding emerging threats from national and international terrorism & Extremism. The CTLO has provided support, security advice and reassurance to locally elected representatives. PREVENT awareness training has been carried out at HMP Greenock, local RSLs, Social Work and Mental Health teams within NHS to provide guidance and information. Op SANDBED hosted a briefing to all local new and current elected members.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME



Overall crimes of dishonesty increased by 9.2% to a total of 465. The rate of acquisitive crime in Inverclyde per 10k population is slightly higher than the national average. The detection rate in Inverclyde is 38.9%, a decrease of 12.7 points compared to the previous year.

The main drivers of the overall rise in acquisitive crime were motor vehicle crimes (thefts of vehicles, parts or contents), common theft and fraud.

While theft by shoplifting has fallen on the previous year, figures remain above the five year average and the rate per 10k population remains higher than the national average.

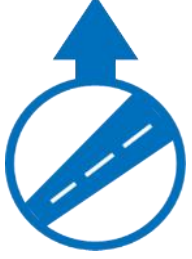
40 crimes of housebreaking were recorded in Inverclyde - nine fewer than the previous year. Over three quarters of reported housebreaking crimes involved residential properties.

CYBER & DIGITAL CRIME

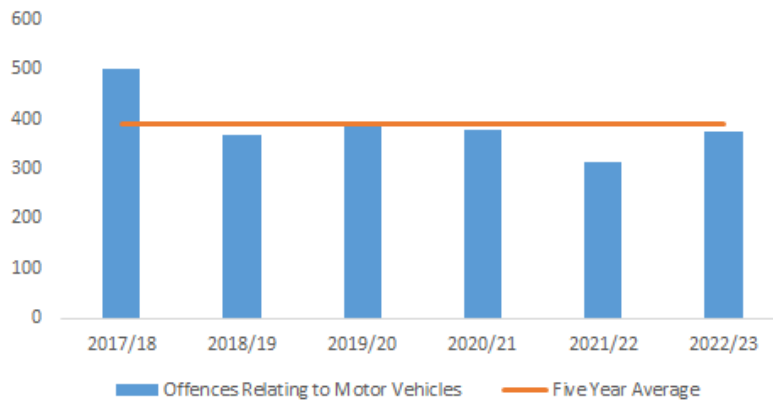
Cyber-enabled crime continues to impact on the communities of Inverclyde, with analysis suggesting that cyber-enabled frauds have become the most commonly recorded type of cyber-crime in Inverclyde in the reporting period. Various methods continue to be used by cybercriminals to defraud their victims, including social engineering frauds in which suspects posed as family members using various communication apps; vishing and phishing attempts in which suspects purported to be employees of financial and cybersecurity organisations; hacking of email and bank accounts; and e-commerce frauds in which victims were defrauded in the course of buying or selling goods online.

Other cybercrimes affecting Inverclyde's communities included threatening and abusive communications involving social networking apps; sexual extortion crimes; and cyber-enabled sexual offences (e.g. sending indecent images to children).

ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME

Road Traffic Casualties		2022/23	2023/24
	Number of persons killed on our roads	0	0
	Number of persons seriously injured	2	8
	Number of persons slightly injured	7	13
	Number of children seriously injured	0	0
Road Traffic Data from 01/04/2023 to 31/07/2023			

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles



Overall, road casualties have increased by 12, to a total of 21 - with more people seriously and slightly injured on Inverclyde's roads. Meanwhile, proactivity by Inverclyde officers and the Road Policing Unit has contributed to a rise of 19.8% in recorded road traffic offences. An increase has been noted in the number of various recorded road traffic offences, including (but not limited to) speeding, mobile phone, license, and insurance offences.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE: COMPLAINTS & USER SATISFACTION

COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE POLICE

From 01/04/2023 - 31/07/2023

Table: Complaints and allegations received in the Inverclyde Council area, by YTD period (Apr – Jul) ¹

	TOTAL COMPLAINT CASES RECEIVED			TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED		
	YTD	LYTD	% Change	YTD	LYTD	% Change
Inverclyde Council	29	27	7.4%	41	47	-12.8%

1 . Data is based on the case received date.

Table: Allegations received in the Inverclyde Council area, by category, type and YTD period (Apr – Jul) ¹

Allegation Category and Type	PYTD	YTD	% change from PYTD
On Duty - TOTAL	28	26	-7.1%
Assault	5	2	-60.0%
Excessive Force	4	1	-75.0%
Incivility	9	5	-44.4%
Irregularity in Procedure	9	15	66.7%
Neglect of Duty	0	1	x
Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	0	1	x
Other - Criminal	1	1	0.0%
Quality Of Service - TOTAL	19	15	-21.1%
Policy/Procedure	3	2	-33.3%
Service Delivery	8	4	-50.0%
Service Outcome	8	9	12.5%
Grand Total	47	41	-12.8%

1 . Data is based on the case received date.

A total of 29 complaint cases and 41 allegations have been received in Inverclyde in the reporting period. 26 allegations were 'On Duty' with a further 15 relating to quality service.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

From 01/04/2023 - 31/07/2023

69% of respondents to the 'Your Police' survey reported that they felt safe in their local area. 50% agreed, or strongly agreed that they had confidence in the police in their local area. 46.1% of Inverclyde respondents felt that the police were doing a good job in the local area. Your Police survey results indicate that some local residents feel Inverclyde Police are doing well is tackling drug supply and organised crime in the area. Issues which were highlighted which continue to cause concern in the local community include antisocial behaviour, weapons related violence and the continued desire for a visible police presence.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITY OUTCOMES – CASE STUDIES

Proactive Response to Serious, Organised Crime and Violent Crime

Operation Valkerie and Operation Marsbug were the Force and Divisional response to violent crime, the focus of which continued throughout the reporting period. This involved a national and divisional response to violent crime in the Larkfield and wider Inverclyde area following a highly publicised murder and attempted murder. These operations resulted in a number of arrests and a coordinated response between Police Scotland, COPFS and partner agencies such as Inverclyde Council, Community Wardens, Registered Social Landlords, Education and various other partners. Over and above local response officers, Anti Violence Unit and Community Policing Unit officers and detectives, the community was supported by specialists from the Major Investigation Team, Divisional Roads Policing, Mounted Branch and Dog Unit.

Disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour

A multi-agency plan was devised to provide a co-ordinated and effective response to disorder and anti-social behaviour in advance of the Easter holidays across Inverclyde. Due to growing concerns in the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay area, a multi-agency group was thereafter set up and chaired by Police Scotland involving elected members, British Transport Police, Neighbourhood wardens, SFRS and Inverclyde Council ASIST to deal specifically with Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

Road Traffic Casualties

Police carried out school inputs in April following a child being knocked down on Cowal View, Gourock to educate children on road safety.

FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

Preventions and Interventions Partnership

An initial focus of the department is conducting work around repeat missing persons and getting the groundwork in place for the implementation of the Philomena Protocol which Police Scotland has adopted. The national Philomena Protocol initiative, aims to help locate a young person as quickly as possible when they are missing from care. The scheme enables partner agencies to record on a dedicated form, vital information about the young person which can be used to locate them. The intention is that if a child in care should then go missing the partner agency can quickly supply Police Scotland with a copy of the form which speeds up the response time.

Meetings have taken place with local childrens units in order to progress the implementation of this.

September – Community Officers will work to tackle issues related to Road Safety. We will look to work with Divisional Roads Policing Colleagues and focus on areas of concern around speeding hotspots and traffic offences.

October – In advance of the October School Holidays Inverclyde will work with partners to prepare an anti-social behaviour related action plan which will draw on support from national divisions and resources.

November – Operation Moonbeam is the national multi-agency response to Bonfire Night and will be based on previous successful partnership working to address disorder issues in the run up to and on Bonfire Night.