

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: JUNE – AUGUST 2017

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia

MY Colourful Memories Community Interest Company visited Blackburn Fire Station on Wednesday's during July and provided a free community art health workshop for the local community. Last year, Neil Floyd created a unique colouring book to help people who are living with dementia and it received national attention. The idea came from him when caring for his late father who was diagnosed with Dementia and Parkinson's Disease. The community workshops have evolved from the concept of the colouring book, using illustrations to trigger long-term memories and conversation. During the workshop, a person's photos are converted into monochrome line drawing prints and they are encouraged to talk about their memories associated with the photo while they colour-in the print derived from it. Neil said, *"The event has been well supported by the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, especially the Community Safety Department based at Blackburn Fire Station and with their support, people have been able to share stories and meet new people thus bringing the community closer together."*

Community Engagement

Green watch Blackburn and Community Safety colleagues attended the Blackburn Young Stars Sports Club's first hosting of a national cricket tournament run by the UK National Kokni association. Kokni, or Kokani Muslims are people who with the Partition of India seventy years ago did not migrate to Pakistan but remained as practising Muslims in India. Some subsequently emigrated to Britain, maintaining their cultural and religious Indian roots. The tournament was held at the Harrison Playing Fields in Blackburn and as well as the efforts of the players on the pitch it consisted of a family fun day with a range of activities, including the promotion of Fire Safety by our colleagues centred on the major visitor attraction of the pump and crew.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire Involving Electrical Substation

Date: 08 July 2017

Time of Call: 14:26

Two appliances from Blackburn were mobilised to a fire at the rear of a 4m x 4m electrical substation. Upon arrival, crews identified that the fire was spreading to the roof of the structure and affecting the internal high voltage equipment. The Incident Commander quickly realised the risks associated with high voltage equipment that had become heated as a result of fire. A 50 metre cordon was put in place, which in turn resulted in a road closure causing issues for traffic and importantly two nearby schools where parents could not meet their children due to the cordon.

As a result of close working with Blackburn and Darwen Civil Contingencies Department, a call was made from the incident requesting assistance in dealing with the pupils. The Civil Contingency team quickly contacted the schools who held all pupils in classrooms and the local radio stations who passed out public messages relating to the fire.

Colleagues from United Utilities attended the incident and isolated power to the substation resulting in the temporary loss of power to over 6,000 homes.

The multi-agency approach involving the Police, Fire, United Utilities and Blackburn with Darwen Council resulted in the safe extinguishment of the fire and replacement of damaged components in less than four hours.

Investigations led to the conclusion that the small fire was started deliberately and the scale of the incident would not have been envisaged by the perpetrators. It was a good example of how starting a small, seemingly innocent rubbish fire can have far reaching consequences to communities.

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BLACKPOOL

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Children of Chernobyl visit Blackpool

Chernobyl Children's Charity visit Bispham Station W31 on an annual basis. The charity was established and registered in 1992 by Victor Mizzi (OBE) in order to support the children of Belarus and the Ukraine. These children, and their families, will be forever affected by what is undoubtedly the world's worst nuclear disaster. In April 1986, Belarus, where most of the charity's work is focused, received over seventy percent of the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear explosion. As a result, thousands are born every year with, or go on to develop, thyroid cancer, bone cancer and leukaemia.

This year Firefighters and the Community Fire Safety Team collaborated to ensure that the children's visit was an occasion to remember. Ten children, along with their teacher, an interpreter, two adult helpers and the helpers own children visited Bispham Fire Station on Friday, 28 July 2017.

Following a tour of the station, the children were taught about and discussed the daily duties of a Firefighter and were shown the personal protective equipment that Firefighters use. Firefighters from Blackpool W30 drove the Aerial Ladder Platform over to Bispham and the children took turns to sit in the platform as it was raised. This provided a never ending source of amazement to the children. The children were also surprised to learn that we have female Firefighters within our service.

The Community Fire Safety Team and Fire Cadets set up their smoke tent and the children performed a rescue operation, along with the Fire Cadets and rescued a toy puppy from the smoke filled tent. They were also given the opportunity to use a thermal imager. The Crew Manager arranged for "Stu's Ices" to attend the station along with his ice cream van and Stu very kindly donated free ice creams for all the children. Our Fire Cadets presented each of the children with a gift, which included a limited edition Fire Cadet badge. The young children from Chernobyl had learnt a small thank you song in English which they sang in appreciation.



Fire Cadets – Passing Out Parade

South Shore fire station hosted our annual Fire Cadets Presentation Evening and Passing Out Parade on Wednesday, 19 July 2017. Guests included the High Sheriff of Lancashire, Robert Webb and the Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Ian Coleman.

Despite heavy rain, the Fire Cadets provided an excellent demonstration of hose drills and ladder work in order to showcase their recently acquired skills. After changing into dry clothing they were then awarded their certificates by Assistant Chief Fire Officer, David Russel.

The High Sheriff of Lancashire sent a letter expressing his appreciation of the Fire Cadets' excellent work.

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Dear Steve,

Many thanks indeed for inviting us to the Passing Out Parade last week. Carol and I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation & display, and thought it was a great credit to both the Cadets & Leaders.

I find the development of the Cadet movement is very positive, and I will be most surprised if you don't see the numbers coming forward grow significantly in the coming years.

Please pass on my congratulations to all participants for their contribution, and I wish you all success in the future.

With best wishes,

Robert

This month saw the fire cadets take part in their passing out parade. This was the culmination of a lot of hard work over the last 9 months.

The passing out parade took place in front of their parents, dignitaries, Combined Fire Authority Chairman and Assistant Chief Fire Officer. It included a practical drill involving hose and ladders, as well as a presentation and awards ceremony for Cadet of the year, Eureka moment and the most improved Cadet.

The Cadets also helped the Rossall Beach Buddies carry out a beach clean.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 11th August 2017
Time of Call: 14:42

On 11 August 2017, operational crews were called to a fire in the loft of a three-storey property in Blackpool. The fire originated in a solar panel inverter unit and switch mechanism. The inverter and switches were mounted onto a wooden board which was situated in a small loft area within the property. The board had been mounted just inside the loft area in order to afford easy access.

The debris resulting from the fire had dropped onto a plastic loft hatch. This in turn caused the loft hatch to burn which then fell through onto the carpeted landing area below. This set fire to the carpet. A total of seven appliances were deployed to the incident and four breathing apparatus sets were also used.

In terms of damage, the inverter unit and isolator switches relating to the solar panels were totally destroyed by the fire and the roof itself, in terms of the wooden roof trusses and loft insulation, suffered severe damage by fire. Moderate heat damage was noted on the external decorative roof cladding. The contents and decoration of the third floor landing suffered severe smoke damage and three rooms experienced moderate smoke damage as did some of the rooms on the second floor. The adjoining property also experienced light smoke damage to the loft area.

We have experienced an increase in solar panel related incidents where the inverter panel has been suggested as the possible cause of fire.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 13 August 2017
Time of Call: 23:42

Operational crews were mobilised to Blackpool Skip Hire on the evening of 13 August 2017. This was a fire involving a large amount of recycled building waste. The incident was labour intensive and was attended by six appliances, with a further three appliances being deployed in a relief capacity.

A total of 50 tonnes of rubbish and eight skips were destroyed by heat and fire.

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BURNLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Ramadan Safety

Pennine area Community Fire Safety Team was heavily involved in the 'Safety around Ramadan' campaign. Here is a compilation of some of the educational activities our staff have been involved with.

- Further to the launch of Ramadan Safety in May (to raise awareness around cooking safety, loose clothing and young drivers using the Wasted Lives package) and the launch of a Reassurance / Ramadan campaign at a Mosque with the objectives of reducing the risk of deliberate fire setting and hate crimes against the Muslim community and to show solidarity in terms of condemning the recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and London, Pennine launched a #westandtogether campaign at the aforementioned Mosque and then used social media to promote key messages to the wider community. More than 800 worshippers were addressed directly, whilst several hundred more listened to the talk via the Mosque radio broadcasting system.
- Community Fire Safety teams worked very closely with the Business Safety Advisor and piloted a presentation on 26 July at Burnley Community Fire Station. There was an opportunity to invite representatives from all places of worship in Burnley via the Lancashire Council of Mosques and Blackburn Diocese by circulating letters to businesses and places of worship on risk assessing and fire safety. This will be a continued effort across all areas within Pennine.
- More than 500 people with the local MP, the Mayor and other dignitaries met at Burnley Fire Station for a vigil walk to Burnley town centre Cenotaph supported by members of our Muslim community promoting the #westandtogether campaign, which is about community cohesion.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Emergency Special Service Call - Road Traffic Collision

Date: 18 August 2017

Time of Call: 09:01

Two appliances from Burnley were mobilised to a Road Traffic Collision between a family car and a medium sized delivery van. The collision was head on with substantial frontal impact. The van driver escaped injury free, but the car driver was trapped and had sustained serious injuries to their arm.

Operational fire crews attended, along with the Paramedics and made an initial assessment of the injuries that had been sustained and the nature of the entrapment, and a tactical plan was developed to extricate the casualty.

The roof of the vehicle was removed using hydraulic cutting equipment and space was created around the casualty to enable safe extrication to be performed. Fire Crews made the area safe, working closely with the Police (stopping passing pedestrians and vehicles), by extending the cordon whilst an Air Ambulance came in to land in the field adjacent to the road. A safe access route was then created through a boundary fence for the Air Ambulance Doctors to access the scene. Fire Crews then continued to work closely with the other agencies to transfer the casualty to the aircraft and onwards to hospital. This ensured that there was a safe and effective conclusion to the incident and demonstrated the close professional working relationships between different agencies including the Police, Ambulance, Air Ambulance and Council services.

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CHORLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dying for a Dip – Junior Citizens

Thirty young people from Chorley have engaged in a six-week summer holiday Junior Citizenship Programme, where they have engaged in a varied programme of activities including arts, sports and crafts, with a special trip to Botany Bay where they learned basic CPR training with input on Water Safety from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. Crews and Community Safety Advisors delivered the 'Dying for a Dip' Water Safety presentation to the young people. The group was split into two groups of 15, with one group litter picking around the area and the second group receiving the input. The presentation was well received, especially with the second group who were very interactive, interested and asked insightful questions around the dangers of open water swimming.

Update on PIVOT

On Monday 03 April 2017, a multi-agency team named PIVOT (Partnership, Integration, Vulnerability, Outcomes, Transforming) was launched at Chorley Fire Station. Since then, the team have worked on 54 cases and at the time of writing, 22 of those were live cases. An example of a recent success story is from a referral which came from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, where a gentleman with complex needs which impacted on a number of Services had requested the Police to attend. After presenting to the PIVOT team, a plan was put in place to provide him with the support he needed. A joint visit between Community Fire Safety and Fire Safety Enforcement took place due to the property being a House of Multiple Occupation and with further support provided by health professionals the gentleman is now receiving the support he needs.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 16 June 2017
Time of Call: 10:40

Two fire engines and crews, from Chorley and Horwich, responded to an incident in Chorley. The fire was in a chip fryer and Firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus used a hose reel jet and a dry powder extinguisher to put the fire out. The fryer had been accidentally left on at close of shift the previous evening and had subsequently overheated, igniting the oil. This was discovered at the time of ignition by the manager who was in the shop preparing to open. On arrival of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service personnel, the ground floor of the property was smoke logged but the fire had burnt itself out. There were no casualties and the cause of the fire was accidental.

Incident: Special Service
Date: 03 July 2017
Time of Call: 13:23

Two fire engines and crews, from Chorley and Darwen, responded to a special service call that had been called in by a member of the public to a report of fifteen juvenile cows stranded on a ledge in shallow water in the canal, unable to get out. On arrival, the farmer informed fire crews that the cows regularly entered the water on warm days. The farmer and Firefighters succeeded in rescuing all fifteen, uninjured, and they were led back to the farm.

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FYLDE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Lytham Gala & Club Day

This year's Lytham Club Day was held on Saturday, 24 June 2017. The day began with a parade through the town and finished in Westby Street with the Rose Queens proceeding to Lytham Hall for the crowning ceremony. The afternoon was planned specifically as a family focused event, with sports activities which were delivered by AFC Fylde, donkey rides, and traditional stalls.

The appliance and crew from Lytham Station took part in the procession and then attended the event at Lytham Hall afterwards. Their aim was to promote general fire and rescue safety messages and to also raise awareness of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service within our local communities. The operational crews, particularly the retained duty system, felt this was an ideal opportunity to highlight to members of the local community the role played by Retained Firefighters.

The event was also designed to provide a collection of photographs and memorabilia from past festivals, thus hoping to provoke memories of the people of Lytham that have enjoyed Lytham Club Day over the years, whether this be a family coming home for the day, building floats to be included in the parade or perhaps even being a member of the procession.

Operational crews offered current and relevant advice on topics such as "Summer Safety", "Home Fire Safety", "Road Safety", as well as increasing the profile of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service within the local community. The crew obtained maximum visibility and engaged with hundreds of people throughout the course of the day. We maintained a significant visual presence, distributed leaflets and, in keeping with the tradition of these events, the appliance proved to be the "big hit" acting as a magnet for both the younger children and their parents.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: **Chip Pan Fire**
Date: **08 August 2017**
Time of Call: **19:47**

On the evening of Tuesday, 8 August, the crew from Lytham Fire Station were in the yard to the rear of the fire station completing drills. During one of the drills, an operational Firefighter who happened to be on the third floor of the drill tower noticed smoke coming out of a third floor flat window from a property that was situated directly behind the fire station.

Within minutes, a second billow of smoke came from the same window. The turnout system then began to sound and alerters activated directing crews to a kitchen fire at the address that had just been identified. The crew quickly made up the essential equipment and proceeded to the incident.

On arrival, Firefighters were met by the occupants who confirmed all persons were out of the flat and that they had extinguished the chip pan fire. A male occupant from the flat had put water onto the chip pan fire causing it to flash and as a result had sustained superficial burns to both his arms. As Firefighters were tasked with administering first aid to the casualty, two Firefighters donned breathing apparatus and entered the flat to confirm the fire was out and also to ventilate the property.

Damage was severe by fire to the chip pan, the cooker hob, the extractor fan and all the wooden units directly surrounding the cooker. Damage was also moderate by smoke to the remainder of the kitchen area and slight by smoke to the living room. The occupiers had put the chip pan on to heat and then become distracted by the television. The male occupant who had sustained the superficial burns was treated with burn gel by Firefighters at the scene and was not required to attend hospital.

This incident highlights the importance of crucial home fire safety messages in relation to safe cooking practices and for occupiers to never leave their cooking unattended. The other crucial message is for occupiers not to tackle fires themselves and the importance of installing working smoke alarms. These messages were issued through Lytham Fire's Twitter account, our own Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service website and via the Blackpool Gazette.

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HYNDBURN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Community Engagement

A Community Fire Safety Advisor and a Retained Support Officer were invited to speak on a local community radio station and to discuss fire safety and the role of a Retained Firefighter.

15,000 people from the Hyndburn and Blackburn areas tuned in during the hour allocated and many got in touch while staff were 'on air' to ask questions. It proved to be very popular and resulted in the offer of a regular slot on the radio once every six weeks.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 10 July 2017
Time of Call: 03:39

A call was received at North West Fire Control indicating a fire involving a derelict building and two fire appliances were mobilised from Hyndburn Fire Station. Whilst on route, further information was received by North West Fire Control indicating that the fire potentially involved a kitchen.

The first appliance arrived on scene at 03:45, four minutes after being alerted and was joined by the second appliance at 03:47. On arrival, the Incident Commander was faced with a developing fire involving the rear ground floor of a commercial property. The extent and severity at this time prompted the Incident Commander to request additional resources and a further appliance was requested and mobilised from Blackburn Fire Station. The rear of the premises was secured by a metal security door which needed to be accessed by Firefighters using the power saw. Whilst crews were working to gain access, the Incident Commander was informed by a neighbour that the flat above the shop was occupied by an elderly gentleman, who was likely to be in his flat. A 'Persons Reported' message was sent at 04:01 and an ambulance requested to attend.

Once access was gained, four Firefighters wearing Breathing Apparatus were committed into the affected property for the purpose of firefighting and search and rescue and within a very short period of time an elderly male was located in the first floor flat and carried outside by Firefighters. An ambulance was already in attendance and the casualty was immediately handed over to paramedics.

Crews were then deployed to extinguish the fire and contain fire spread to adjacent properties. Careful scene management by the attending crews was vital in preserving evidence which was subsequently used to identify that the fire had been caused deliberately and critical to the success of a joint Police / Fire Service investigation.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

LANCASTER

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Water Safety Campaign

In support of The Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) drowning prevention week, Community Safety Advisors and Operational Staff have been raising awareness centred on the dangers of swimming in open water in the forthcoming summer months.

As part of the week long campaign, Operational Staff visited known potential danger areas. At these key locations, staff engaged with members of the public, promoting water safety by distributing literature and displaying posters in prominent positions.

The Campaign was supported by Carnforth Fire Cadets, who after input from Community Safety Advisors, delivered awareness to be 'water safe' to their fellow pupils, supported by The Cadets creating posters and displaying them around Carnforth High School.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Building Fire
Date: 10 July 2017
Time of Call: 18:10hrs

Two fire appliances from Lancaster were mobilised to the above incident at Ravens Close, Lancaster. Upon arrival, the Officer in Charge was confronted with a well-developed fire involving large sheds approximately 5m x 5m, a section of fencing made from recycled composite plastics, trees and surrounding shrubbery. A large smoke plume was visible from several miles away.

Due to the severity of the fire, two adjacent properties had been affected. A breathing apparatus team with a hose reel made entry into the garden to prevent further spread of fire to the properties. Fire appliances were increased to four to assist with additional water supplies and increase personnel involved in firefighting. Due to the size and materials involved it took approximately one hour to fully extinguish the fire. Recycled composite plastic fencing has caused many issues, not only locally but county-wide. Fire Safety Enforcement Officers are working in conjunction with Local Authorities to restrict the use of this material. After investigation, the cause of the incident was a fire of suspicious origin.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Hoarders Support Group

A collaborative partnership working group with East Lancashire Community Restart Team has been trialled with Community Fire Safety staff in Pendle. The issues around safety in households where hoarding takes place are serious, as high levels of clutter make it much easier for a fire to start and create a greater risk of fire spreading, increasing the risk of injury and death. It can also make it very difficult to escape and can lead to difficulties for Firefighters tackling the blaze. The Hoarders Support Group is attended by six regular participants who have been identified as needing support by various agencies. The aim of the group is to allow them to start to trust and be able to talk openly with other people who have a common denominator of hoarding, as sufferers are often reluctant to seek help for their problems, causing great distress to family members.

Over the coming weeks, the group will receive interaction and advice from specially trained staff that can access other services and receive interventions. This has given Community Fire Safety staff a gateway into offering Safe and Well advice whilst identifying this as the main problem. "Chronic hoarding" is identified when rooms in a home become "unusable for their intended purpose". The use of a "Clutter Image Rating" is used to assess whether your view of your home is realistic, of which this tool is now being used by Lancashire Community Fire Safety staff. Like most human behaviours, saving and collecting possessions can range from being totally normal to excessive or pathological. Most children have collections at some point and approximately 30% of British adults define themselves as collectors. It can take people up to 30 years to build a hoard. Hoarding and Compulsive Hoarding are some of the more commonly used terms to refer to an excessive and problematic form of 'collectionism' where approximately 2-5% of the population – which in the UK alone is potentially over 1.2 million people.

Work is currently being undertaken by a Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service mental health reference group, which has now been set up to better train and guide staff on how best to find support for people living with this and other conditions. Sometimes, when possessions and clutter spill over to communal areas, e.g. front and back gardens, neighbours may be affected too and councils may be forced to intervene, which is often where Community Fire Safety and operational staff become aware of a premises belonging to a person who collects.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 02 July 2017
Time of Call: 15:41

Crews were mobilised to a house fire that was 'persons reported'. The occupant had forgotten to remove food from the oven due to falling asleep. This resulted in being awoken by a working smoke alarm - but unfortunately the occupant had attempted to remove the items from the oven and was overcome by smoke.

Crews wearing breathing apparatus entered the property to locate the individual and to extinguish the fire. Simultaneously a first aid station was set up in readiness for the potential casualty. An assessment of the individual was carried out and subsequently first aid was administered by crew members.

One appliance was in relatively close proximity to the incident due to being mobile in the area. It was despatched very quickly and arrived promptly in attendance. An ambulance was requested and upon arrival, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service crews handed over the information gleaned from the first aid assessment and the resident was given a precautionary check by North West Ambulance Service. A 'hot strike' was carried out the following day, by the local crew, to surrounding properties in order to promote key safety messages and the uptake of Home Fire Safety Checks.

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PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Preston Fire Station Open Day

On Sunday, 18 June, Preston Fire Station opened its doors to the public to demonstrate the vital work of the Fire Service within the community. This was not only an opportunity for us to engage with our diverse communities within Preston, but also an opportunity for ourselves and our partner agencies to deliver key safety messages to some of our hard to reach groups.

A marketplace environment was set up for members of the public to engage with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, North West Ambulance Service and our partners. Several road safety, tower rescue and hot oil scenarios were demonstrated and Mountain Rescue, Bay Search & Rescue were in attendance to display their equipment.

The open day was a huge success. Over 5,000 people attended over the course of the day and a total of £1,756 was raised for the Firefighters Charity.

CFOA Boat Safety Week

At the beginning of June, the Chief Fire Officers Association launched their Boat Safety Campaign and crews from Preston Fire Station were supported by Community Fire Safety staff to promote this at several locations within Preston and the surrounding areas.

A visible presence was ensured at eight predetermined locations between 10:00-16:00hrs over the course of the week. Information leaflets were distributed to the public at marinas, boatyards and the docks. Particular attention was paid to carbon monoxide and how to identify it, escape routes, log burning fires and the storage of combustible items.

Over 70 leaflets were handed out to members of the public. Advice was delivered and discussions were had with a number of boat owners. Posters and leaflets were also left with marina shop owners.

Corpus Christie School Water Safety Presentations

During the month of June, the Royal Life Saving Society launched their Drowning Prevention Week and crews from Fulwood Fire Station were supported by Community Fire Safety staff to promote this at Corpus Christie School, Fulwood.

Water Safety Presentations were delivered over the course of a week. Children aged 12 to 16 were targeted with consideration being given to the diversity of the children within the school. The dangers of open water swimming were explained and information covering what to do if things go wrong was discussed. Personal Protective Equipment used by the Fire Service was displayed and demonstrated by operational personnel.

Water safety messages were delivered to over 100 children and positive feedback was received from the school with a request for the Fire Service to deliver this again next year.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: House Fire – Cooking related
Date: 13 June 2017
Time of Call: 19:56

Two appliances from Preston Station were mobilised to a semi-detached house. The house was heavily smoke logged. One occupant was rescued by Firefighters from the ground floor. She informed the crew that there was a disabled female on the first floor trapped in a bedroom. Two Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus stayed with the female in her bedroom until the crew extinguished the fire in the kitchen and ventilated the property. Both females were taken to hospital for a precautionary check for smoke inhalation. The fire had started when a saucepan and contents had been left unattended, the fire then spread to a grill pan containing oil.

Incident: Special Service Call
Date: 27 July 2017
Time of Call: 16:23

One appliance from Fulwood station was mobilised to a local Primary School where a child had a finger stuck in a knot hole in a wooden fence which was difficult to remove due to swelling. Firefighters reassured the pupil on arrival and after applying washing up liquid to the finger enabled it to be released without any further harm being caused.

Incident: Fire
Date: 27 July 2017
Time of Call: 20:05

Two appliances from Preston Station were mobilised to a residential accommodation. On arrival, there was no response from the occupier and another resident stated that a smoke detector had been sounding for at least 30 minutes and smoke could be seen coming through the letterbox. Entry was gained by crews via a window. The first crew inside found that the occupier had fallen and due to the level of smoke supported the occupier to leave in their wheelchair. The flat was heavily smoke logged due to food left under the grill. Firefighters removed the grill pan from the hob. A ventilation unit was used to remove smoke from the premises prior to assisting the occupier back into the flat after being seen by a paramedic.

Incident: Road Traffic Collision (Special Service)
Date: 13 August 2017
Time of Call: 20:09

Three appliances were mobilised to a road traffic collision on the M55. The incident involved two cars on the Westbound carriageway at Junction 3. An Audi had run into the rear of a Skoda Octavia with the Skoda coming to rest in lane 3. The driver of the Skoda was extricated from the vehicle by Fire Service personnel using Holmatro cutting and spreading equipment. The driver was conveyed to Blackpool Victoria Hospital by land Ambulance. There were no other casualties.

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<p><u>Community Engagement</u></p> <p>Having seen the Grenfell Tower tragedy unfold on TV, seven-year-old George Thornberry asked his Mum Hannah how he could help and started to come up with fundraising ideas. George set to work, raiding the cupboards for biscuits, sweets, chocolate and crisps and set out a tombola stall outside his home's back gate. Local people went out of their way to help and George added his own pocket money to the funds raised. He then said he'd like to contribute to the Firefighter's Charity and a visit to his local fire station in Clitheroe was arranged.</p> <p>Watch Manager Dave McGrath invited George to join the Firefighters on parade - <i>"We were overwhelmed when George attended the station. For such a young boy to share his thoughts and feelings about how it had affected him was quite emotional - and to raise money as he has, shows what a special boy George really is. It was a real pleasure to meet him."</i></p> <p>George himself said, <i>"I saw the tower on fire on the TV and watched the Firefighters rescuing people and thought how brave they were and started thinking what I could do to help them"</i>. George's heart-warming story and his visit to the station rightly made front-page news.</p>	

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Wild Fires and Water Safety During Summer Term</u></p> <p>Pennine Community Fire Safety staff and Operational crews have planned in advance for the potential for young people in the area to be involved in risk taking situations. Many of these things can often relate to an increase in anti-social behaviour. As we move forward with our collaborative work with our partners in Pennine, it was felt we should take opportunities to integrate and help to educate these younger people where possible, and warn them of the potential dangers they could face. High schools in Rossendale, Burnley and Pendle received information which was sent home to parents before term reminding them to make a conscious effort in knowing the whereabouts of their child and diverting them from the potential of getting in to dangerous situations. This was a joint initiative with Lancashire police.</p> <p>In addition to this initiative was a Fun4Families programme. Through a joint effort by Children's Social Care, the Wellbeing Prevention and Early Help, along with Lancashire Police gave Community Fire Safety staff an opportunity to work in partnership with multi-agencies to consider developing better practice by pooling resources and responses to family needs during non-term time. All agencies had been working separately to respond to identified needs in the area and had highlighted specific needs in key areas.</p> <p>The purpose of the pilot was to trial and test whether added value can be accrued by pooling resources, to meet needs more effectively for families at those times of the year when family circumstances can be particularly stressful and difficult. In Rossendale, there has also been acute issues identified with young people in relation to anti-social behaviour, one such area was Haslingden.</p> <p>Statistics show previous experience of delivering holiday programme provision within Wellbeing Prevention and Early Help had impacted to an extent that Children's Social Care recorded a 60% reduction in safeguarding referrals within the district during 2009-2012 during these specific (summer) periods. Evidence and evaluation has shown that families will engage with Fun4Families style programmes due to its fun, informal and inclusive approach and the model can be effective in promoting health, new skills development and cohesive community experience.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Building Fire
Date: 12 August 2017
Time of Call: 22:55

Appliances from Bacup and Rawtenstall were sent to a building fire in the Edgeside area. On arrival, they were faced with a fully developed fire on the ground and first floor of a large unoccupied semi derelict detached house. Following the initial assessment, more resources were requested which included; a further appliance from Bacup, both appliances from Hyndburn and an Ariel Ladder Platform.

It was noted that the building was showing signs of recent movement, including a large crack separating the gable end of the structure from the returning walls. Fearing the building was in danger of imminent collapse; crews were withdrawn to a safe distance and safety cordons put in place to keep both attending emergency workers and members of the public at a safe distance. The fire was then fought from this position using hand held jets and the ariel ladder platform was set up to tackle the fire from above.

Police were requested to attend to assist in keeping members of the public, who were spectating, away from the scene and also to assist in investigating the fire as it was deemed to be of suspicious origin.

The local authority building inspector was also requested to attend to assess the structural stability of the premises, which is now scheduled for demolition in the near future.

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REPORTING PERIOD: JUNE – AUGUST 2017

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Leyland Fire Station Open Day

On Saturday, 08 July, Leyland Fire Station opened their doors for a station open day. The event was attended by agencies including the Round Table, Lancashire County Council and the Air Cadets who helped out with serving food. There were a number of activities and attractions including fire safety, a raffle and guess the weight of the cake, fairground rides and a bouncy castle. Crews from Leyland and Bamber Bridge did a road traffic collision exercise, rope rescue and the smoke tent, and the Community Fire Safety team demonstrated the dangers of putting water on a chip pan with the hot oil demonstration. The Police attended and assisted Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service with talking to people about the dangers of drink driving using one of the crashed cars as a focal point. A total of £1,264.18 was raised with the Firefighters Charity receiving £563.00, Manchester Children's Hospital receiving £541.00 and Operation Florian (who ran the BBQ) receiving £160.00.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Consequences Talk

The Community Fire Safety team were approached by Hutton Grammar School to provide some input on antisocial behaviour in relation to fire safety and the consequences of fire setting. After some discussion, teachers felt that some pupils would benefit from a better understanding of the seriousness of hoax calls or calling emergency services out unnecessarily. 300 Year 9 students received input on water safety, fire safety and the consequences of fire setting. Feedback from the school was very positive. The school were provided with information on the FIRES programme and how to refer if they feel any of their pupils need any one-to-one intervention.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 14 June 2017
Time of Call: 06:50

An occupier had put the washing machine on at about 06:30-06:40. About 10 mins later there was a smell of burning, and smoke could be seen coming from the washing machine. The occupier unplugged the washing machine and closed the door before calling 999. On arrival, there was a large amount of smoke and small amounts of flame within the utility room. Two breathing apparatus wearers with a hose reel were used to extinguish the fire. Positive pressure ventilation was used for smoke clearance. The occupier noted that the washing machine had displayed the code F-06 a couple of days earlier and after googling the code had turned off the machine at the mains and turned it back on again. It appeared that an accidental electrical fire had started within the wiring of the washing machine.

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REPORTING PERIOD: JUNE – AUGUST 2017

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WEST LANCASHIRE
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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Cadet Passing Out Parade

Crews and Community Safety Advisors from Ormskirk Fire Station assisted in the Passing Out Parade for Ormskirk Fire Cadets at Ormskirk School on Tuesday, 12 July. The event was attended by the parents of the Cadets as well as teachers and support staff from Ormskirk School. The Passing Out Parade opened with a drill the Cadets had perfected during their course, where they responded to a fictitious incident which saw them rescue a number of casualties from a smoke filled property. From there, they moved to the school hall, where a presentation took place displaying some of the activities they had taken part in over the year. These included water safety, first aid and an enrichment day at Service Training Centre. Each Cadet then received a certificate, presented by the Chairman of the Combined Fire Authority, County Councillor Frank De Molfetta, recognising their success during the year and two Cadets received an award for Cadets of the Year.

Information Day

Community Safety Advisors, along with 27 other organisations including Young Addaction, the Quit Squad and West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Services, attended an information day at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale. The aim of the event was for residents of West Lancashire to speak to the different organisations about the services that are available to them in their area and help them to feel safer and happier.

The organisations that attended were specially chosen in order to meet the different purposes of the event, including improving health and wellbeing, developing partnerships and providing advice and support.

Over 70 people were provided with the Home Fire Safety Check referral process and the referrals are beginning to be made. Links were also made with a number of partners unknown to Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and training and information on how to refer into the Service has been offered. The day was really well attended and deemed a success from the amount of people spoken to and the outcomes for each agency.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 17 July 2017
Time of Call: 09:22

The call came from North West Ambulance Service, reporting that a battery (an 'AA' sized rechargeable type) had exploded in a man's pocket. Fortunately, he sustained only minor injuries that were treated at the scene by Ambulance Paramedics. Skelmersdale Firefighters were on hand to offer assistance and they contacted one of our fire investigation specialists, who discovered that the battery terminals had been short-circuited by a set of keys the man had been carrying in the same trouser pocket. The battery had rapidly discharged and exploded.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 12 July 2017
Time of Call: 02:17

Two appliances from Skelmersdale, one from Ormskirk and one from Wigan were called to a commercial premise on Helmsdale, Skelmersdale. The building, a detached building of two stories, housed a boxing club. Firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus used two hose reel jets to extinguish the fire, the cause of which is under investigation. There were no casualties.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

WYRE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Preesall Cadets - Dementia Friends

As part of their Community Project, Preesall Fire Cadets held a series of 'mobile' Dementia Cafés in the Preesall area. Part of the project was to serve cakes and refreshments at the Cafés. The Cadets put together a plan and each Cadet was tasked with an action of either baking cakes or asking local businesses, family or friends to donate some.

During the course of the day, the Cadets visited Conifers Nursing Home in Hambleton, Pilling Nursing Home and St Albans Nursing Home in Knott End, where the residents were served tea and cakes.

Throughout the day, the Cadets displayed patience and professionalism, utilising their Dementia Friends training. They enjoyed talking to the residents and hearing their accounts particularly their involvement in the war. The Cadets also had the opportunity to share their experience of the Fire Cadet programme with both residents and visitors.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Building fire
Date: 18 July 2017
Time of Call: 17:41

Two fire appliances were initially mobilised to an incident at Stone Wharf, Moss Lane in Garstang. However, due to information received from an off duty Firefighter stating these premises were known to be used by squatters, the incident was upgraded to persons reported and fire appliances increased to three.

Upon arrival, the Officer in Charge was confronted with a disused detached property where both ground and first floors were heavily involved in fire. Appliances were increased to four for personnel and breathing apparatus. A breathing apparatus team entered the building to search for casualties however were rapidly withdrawn due to concerns for the stability of the building.

Fire appliances were increased to eight and the Air Support Unit requested. Light portable pumps were deployed to pump water from the canal.

The last appliance left the incident at midnight, the incident being left open for inspection the following day. A Building Control Officer and Structural Engineer met with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service personnel, after confirmation of safe areas, a search of the premises was made. Due to the unsafe condition of the first floor, the Air Support Unit was deployed using the high definition camera. No casualties in these areas were located. The cause of the fire is of suspicious origin, and is being investigated by both Police and Incident Intelligence Officer.