

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2017

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN
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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

CPR Training

Operational crew members from Blackburn Fire Station and Eastern Community Fire Safety teams helped North West Ambulance Service deliver CPR training to St Bede's school in Blackburn. The crew of Red Watch and two members of the Community Fire Safety team - along with members from St John's Ambulance and first responders - showed over 400 children how to administer CPR to a person who has had a cardiac arrest.

Fire Safety

Community Safety Advisors attended the United Reformed Church, Shear Brow, in Blackburn to give a presentation on fire safety to members of the Dementia Café, which is hosted once a month. The presentation was warmly received and Reverend Lena Talbot thanked the team, proposing that they pay return visits to speak with other groups who meet at the site.

Community Awareness

Community Fire Safety teams gave a presentation at Tauheedul Islam Girls' School in Blackburn to present to the pupils of 'a day in the life of a Firefighter' and taking the opportunity to promote fire safety.

Deeba Ahmed, a representative of the school said of the visit "*The students were really fascinated by the varied roles and duties that Firefighters undertake and they look forward to visiting the fire station in the very near future*".

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire - Deliberate
Date: 28 September 2017
Time of Call: 04:15

Crews from Blackburn were mobilised to the former premises of V10 Polymers, a plastic recycling business. The fire involved Rockcliffe Works, a large mill containing over 500 tonnes of plastic waste. The use of the 'Stinger' based at Blackburn was vital in controlling this intense fire. The site is in a residential area close to the town centre and the impact on local infrastructure resulted in very close multiagency working arrangements. This included the evacuation of residents and the recovery of fish from the canal. The site was well known to Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service as a result of previous fires on the site and robust operational plans supported procedures on the day.

Further incidents have taken place since this fire, which has led to significant debate in the local community and national media. Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service has remained closely involved in dealing with this challenging site through a weekly multiagency meeting at Blackburn Town Hall.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: BLACKPOOL

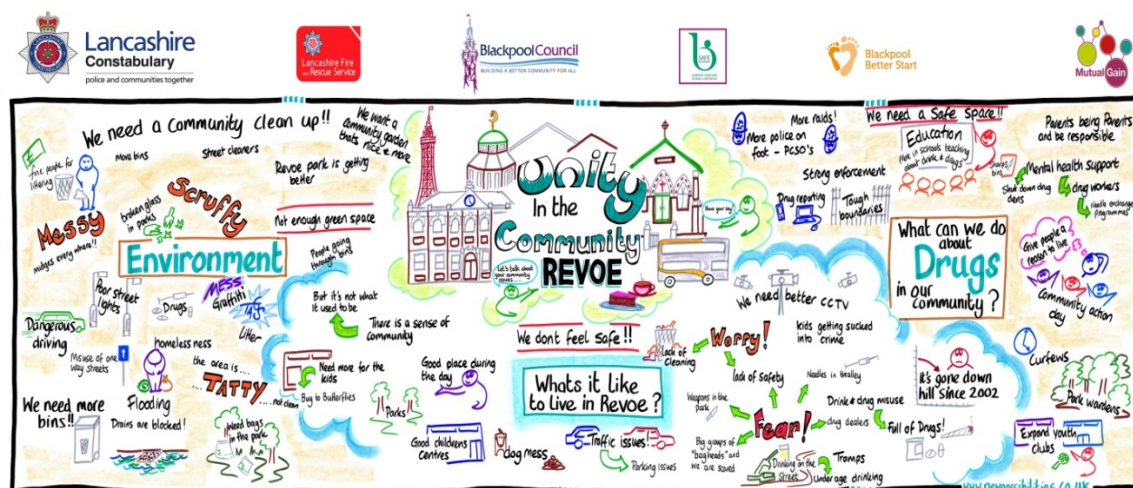
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Mutual Gain – Revoe

On the evening of Thursday, 14 September, nine months of multiagency collaboration and planning culminated in the delivery of a World Café at Revoe School in Blackpool. This is part of a Mutual Gain initiative from the Home Office, which trains staff to engage with communities in a completely different way. The aim of the café is to encourage the community to identify and discuss their problems and complaints within their community as opposed to services raising their own agendas linked to Key Performance Indicators.

Mutual Gain adopts the novel approach of enabling those who participate to feel relaxed and welcome by adopting a café style atmosphere. Participants were given three topics for discussion in small groups and the opportunity to draw and write all of their views on the café tablecloths while being served drinks and refreshments throughout the course of the evening.

This produced many new, thought provoking ideas from both the elderly and young alike, many of whom had not attended a meeting before. The opportunity for community cohesion was created and community spirit was evident within the room. Visual minutes were produced throughout the duration of the event, and these reflected an accurate representation of the comments expressed in the discussions and are the issues that matter to the local residents.



As a direct result of the evening, the next step will be participatory budgeting, which will ultimately result in raising “Social Capital”. Social Capital is the empowerment of individuals and communities to identify and solve their own problems in a positive manner.

At the close of the project, a presentation will be delivered to the senior management teams of all participating agencies and it is hoped that, by then, the self-appointed community volunteers will be in a position to solve their own problems, thus releasing their reliance on formal agencies.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Explosion
Date: 23 September 2017
Time of Call: 17:56

On 29 September 2017, North West Fire Control (NWFC) started to receive a series of emergency calls in relation to a domestic property in Blackpool. The early calls identified a possible explosion with persons believed to be trapped within the debris inside the property.

NWFC continued to accept additional emergency calls and three appliances were sent to the property from Blackpool South Shore stations. Call operators worked hard to determine detailed information from the callers in relation to the potential number of casualties that may have been involved in the incident and vitally, the location of these casualties. The Call Operators were then able to convey this information to the operational crews whilst they were on route to the incident.

Upon arrival, the Firefighters were faced with two terraced properties whose front faces were found to be badly damaged and the rear of one of the properties had totally collapsed. The entire area smelt strongly of natural gas and the roof of the most affected house had partially settled onto the roof of a property across an alleyway. This was left hanging precariously over the collapsed debris.

Using the caller information passed from NWFC, fire crews began the process of locating and rescuing any persons that were trapped inside. A male trapped in the wreckage rang 999 and NWFC passed his position to crews who were able to support the individual, by maintaining contact for quite a prolonged period of time. Operational crews worked hard to remove the structure in order to gain access to the gentleman who they located on the second floor of the property next door to where he lived. The roof of this property had also collapsed and was pinning the gentleman down around his furniture.

Crews also located an elderly female who was buried under approximately four tonnes of brick debris and simultaneously started the arduous task of removing the masonry using a chain gang. All this was completed whilst working in a gas filled environment, under the hanging remains of the roof. The lady was conscious throughout this operation but she was very badly injured, was bleeding heavily with several broken bones which transpired to be of a serious nature. The crews worked hard and managed partial access to the lady, where air ambulance paramedics then fitted a tourniquet around her leg to prevent her from bleeding out and undoubtedly saved her life.

Work was prioritised towards the female casualty, isolating the gas supplies, and also rescuing the male casualty. Police started to interview and then track all of the residents from both buildings, to identify if anyone else remained unaccounted for.

The female casualty was rescued and then flown immediately to the Royal Preston Hospital. Her condition was described as very serious for many weeks, but with dedicated care from NHS staff, her condition has recently started to improve.

The male casualty was later released from the upper room and was lowered to ground level by Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service staff before being taken to hospital. It became obvious that his furniture had taken the impact and weight of the roof timbers that collapsed and pinned him down, most probably saving his life.

The gas supply was eventually isolated externally and the Police managed to contact the owners of both buildings. It was then confirmed that everyone was accounted for and that everyone was safe.

The incident was resolved by drawing on the experience of all three emergency services who worked closely together along with accurate, specific advice from the Blackpool Council Building Inspector. Throughout the night the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Urban Search and Rescue team was deployed and they worked closely with both the Merseyside Hazardous Area Response Team from North West Ambulance Service and the Air Ambulance crew.

An investigation began; led by the Health & Safety Executive and involving Incident Intelligence Officer and Station Manager from Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service. After several weeks the house of origin was slowly demolished and the site cleared away. The cause has now been identified and this will be reported at a later date.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

BURNLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Operation Bright Sparks

Pennine Community Fire Safety staff have been involved in the delivery of the annual bonfire night safety campaign. Children and young people have been visited in schools and Mosques in the Burnley area, where in recent years we have encountered a high percentage of incidents relating to fires and antisocial behaviour. They received important messages on how to remain safe on the lead up to bonfire night and encouraged children and their families to attend organised bonfire and fireworks displays. The campaign is launched annually and is in partnership with organisations such as Lancashire Police, Licensing, Local Authority Housing and Trading Standards. The key message is to reduce injury, disorder, and antisocial behaviour in relation to the misuse of bonfires, not just in Pennine but county-wide. By promoting a simple message "*Keeping people safe but still to enjoy themselves*". For those who do act irresponsibly, we give a strong message, if it goes wrong, the results can be devastating. As part of the Bright Sparx initiative, we also aim to educate the young people about the attacks on operational staff. We express our concerns for Firefighters and any other emergency services that they should never come on duty to be subjected to stones and fireworks being hurled at them, with the intention of causing them harm. They are here to serve the public and keep the people of Lancashire safe.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 20 September 2017
Time of Call: 03:45

Three appliances from Burnley, Padiham and Hyndburn were mobilised to reports of a confirmed fire in a basement at a domestic property. Upon arrival, the crews were met with smoke issuing from the basement and a rapidly developing fire. The fire was fought in an offensive manner by implementing positive pressure ventilation (PPV), which dramatically improved the conditions within the basement and meant that the crews could enter in a safer controlled manner to extinguish the fire. In total, four breathing apparatus wearers were committed to enter the basement and extinguished the fire using hose reel jets. It was identified that the seat of fire was involving a fridge freezer and that there had been substantial damage to the gas meter and associated pipework. The damaged gas pipework created additional hazards for the crews and Cadent Gas were requested to attend the incident. Working closely with them, the gas supply was isolated and left in a safe condition.

An Incident Intelligence Officer attended the incident to carry out a fire investigation to determine the most likely cause of the fire. It was determined through testing of fuses that the fire had been caused by an electrical fault within the motor of the freezer. As is standard procedure for this type of incident, details of the incident and associated equipment were sent to Trading Standards so further analysis could take place.

The property was occupied at the time of the fire and both residents were very fortunate. The property didn't have any smoke alarms fitted at the time of the fire. The only reason they were made aware of the fire was due to the noise of gurgling water caused because some plastic water pipes had melted in the fire. Post-fire smoke detectors were fitted within the property by the operational crews and subsequently a post-fire Home Fire Safety Visit was carried out by the Pennine Community Fire safety Department.

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CHORLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Older Person's Day

On Friday, 06 October, the Community Fire Safety Team based at Chorley held an Older Person's Fun Day to celebrate Older Person's Day. They did not want the event to be a run of the mill information day, so decided to try making the day fun and enjoyable as well as informative. The event ran from 10:00 until 14:00, and during this time, they played bingo, pass the parcel, had a raffle, took part in fire safety quizzes and enjoyed tea and cakes.

The event was supported by the Lions Club and Lancashire Wellbeing Service, who both did a presentation on their services. They were also privileged enough to have the event opened by Councillor Mark Perks, the Mayor of Chorley and County Councillor Joan Burrows, the Champion for Older People. One of the visitors to the Event, Peter Nelson, emailed following the event to thank everyone for an enjoyable, but also informative day.

Chorley Fire Station Open Day

Chorley Fire Station held their annual open day on Saturday, 30 October. The event gave the hundreds of visitors the opportunity to see all parts of the Fire Station and the specialist equipment housed in the Urban Search And Rescue garages. The open day was supported by a number of different partners including the Police, the Blood Bikes and Chorley Advanced Motorists. Chorley Advanced Motorists were demonstrating one of the Service's Crashed Cars and explaining the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving whilst still over the limit the morning afterwards. Crews from Chorley and St. Anne's demonstrated a rope rescue drill including Sid the Search & Rescue Dog and the Community Fire Safety Team demonstrated the hot oil unit. Approximately £300 was raised for the Firefighters Charity through selling items from a 'shop in a box' and £140 was kindly donated by ASDA.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 27 September 2017
Time of Call: 22:18

Accidental building fire on ground floor of a two-storey property. Five people (two adults and three children) were in the property at the time. The fire was accidental due to an unspecified fault in the consumer unit or electrical card meter. Damage was severe by fire to ground floor hallway and stairs and severe by heat and smoke to ground floor consisting of kitchen and living room. Moderate by smoke to first floor consisting of two bedrooms and a bathroom. The fire was extinguished by two breathing apparatus wearers using hose reel jet from augmented supply from hydrant. All residents had evacuated prior to arrival of the Fire Service.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 05 October 2017
Time of Call: 16:07

Fire involving approximately 10 rolls of toilet paper on the floor of a ground floor WC. Incense sticks on windowsill had been burned by occupiers in preceding days and room then was then not used for two or three days. The most likely cause was an ember from the incense sticks falling into toilet rolls and smouldering for some time before igniting when fresh air supply introduced as windows were opened whilst cleaning the house. Damage severe by fire to toilet rolls, toilet brush holder and wooden pipe boxing containing central heating / water pipes, medium by smoke to ground floor WC and light by smoke to hallway / kitchen.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Older Persons Week

On Thursday, 05 October, St Anne's Fire Station opened its doors to offer a Dementia Café and Wellbeing Event for members of the local community in aid of Older Persons Week. Local residents popped in for afternoon tea, advice on general wellbeing and the opportunity to reminisce. We were joined by our colleagues from the Police, the Ambulance Service, the Alzheimer's Society, the Stroke Association, Just Good Friends and Lancashire Memories.



Lancashire community TV 'That's Lancashire' featured the event, viewable on their Youtube channel [HERE](#).

<https://youtu.be/SD-OM1HCS8k>

Family Fun Day

On Saturday, 11 November, Wesham Fire Station, hosted a family fun day for local residents. The event was organised by operational staff based at Wesham and was also supported by Operational Crews and Community Fire Safety Advisors from St Anne's Fire Station. Local agencies, including the Alzheimer's Society and The Stroke Association also supported the event in order to provide advice and to support individuals and families.

Firefighters used the "Hot Oil Unit" to highlight the potential fire risks presented by cooking, particularly in relation to the use of chip pans and hot oil cooking in general. Lancashire Fire & Rescue Community Safety Advisors also used this opportunity to offer advice on winter safety and general home fire safety.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 31 August 2017
Time of Call: 22:25

On 31 August 2017, operational fire crews from St Anne's Fire Station were called to an incident at the Air Balloon on Squires Gate Lane. Staff at the premises had placed a quantity of tea towels and dish cloths into the tumble dryer at approximately 18:30. The dryer had begun to smoke and as a result of this the staff had removed the tea towels from the dryer.

In order to continue to dry the towels they had then been placed onto the top of a flat felt roof. At around 22:00, a member of staff looked out of the window at the towels and noticed flames on the roof. The member of staff did then proceed to find a fire extinguisher and started to extinguish the flames himself, while another member of staff contacted us for operational assistance.

Once the fire had been extinguished, the Crew Manager examined the dryer and could not determine any obvious fault with the dryer itself. On investigating the tea towels it was determined they were from the kitchen and although they had been laundered they contained residues of oil and grease from cooking. The towels had been placed in quite a tight pile and due to the oil content it was concluded that spontaneous combustion had occurred and this had been the cause of ignition.

No damage to the dryer was evident however the duty manager advised the staff to have their dryer checked by electrician before any further use.

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HYNDBURN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Bright Sparx

The bonfire period has historically seen a spike in antisocial behaviour in the Hyndburn area and for several years partners from the local Council, Police, North West Ambulance Service and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service have worked together to deliver a multiagency initiative to cover mainly Blackburn. This year, we expanded the action plan to include Hyndburn. The team this year has delivered educational packages to Hollins School and local groups, supported Trading Standards in identifying and seizing illicit fireworks and has carried out regular visual audits in known hotspots.

Hand in hand with this prevention activity, a robust response strategy was implemented which saw three unmarked Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service vehicles in use in Hyndburn. The cars were crewed by a Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Officer, a Police Officer and Paramedic and were mobilised to incidents that were identified as bonfires.

Despite a surge in antisocial behaviour and bonfire calls within the area, the deployment of the cars resulted in positive engagement with what were often large groups of youths and in most cases a mutually agreed outcome. The cars attended several medical incidents, including burns injuries in areas where ambulance crews had previously been targeted.

The use of additional staff in North West Fire Control and the operation of the Command Support Room at Service Area Headquarters, together with a multiagency (JESIP) Silver operations room allowed officers who were co-ordinating the cars to gather up to date intelligence from their partners. This included CCTV, Police updates and North West Ambulance professional support, as well as local knowledge from Council staff and local Councillors.

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LANCASTER

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

The Rainbow Centre, Morecambe

The Rainbow Centre recently held its 50th anniversary celebration, the event was attended by The Mayor and officially opened by Lord Shuttleworth.

The Centre is a Community Centre for the over 50s, with the emphasis on preventing social isolation. Throughout the week, there are various activities taking place including keep fit, computer classes and a weekly luncheon club. Community Safety Advisors had previously established a partnership with The Centre who refer directly to Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service.

As this event was being attended by several agencies, Community Safety Advisors took this opportunity to promote our Service, engage with other agencies and reinforced the partnership already in place with The Rainbow Centre.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Building Fire
Date: 11 September 2017
Time of Call: 21:20

Two appliances were mobilised to an address in Morecambe, the nature of the incident being a strong smell of smoke at the property. On arrival, the Incident Commander was confronted with a strong smell of smoke in the property. Upon investigation, it was identified that the smell of smoke was emitting from the electric consumer unit, which was located in a cupboard off the kitchen under the stairs.

Isolation of the electric supply enabled further investigation to be carried out within the consumer unit. It was established that the cause of the smell was a slug that had crawled inside the consumer unit and had caused a short circuit across the breakers within the unit.

The electricity supply was isolated, and the occupier informed to have the installation checked by an approved electrician.

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PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Winter Safety

Pendle Community Safety Teams have been focusing some of their activities around winter safety. Events have been held in various locations around the Pendle borough. A summary of just some of them staff have attended were:-

- Nelson bus station
- Colne market
- North Valley Community Centre

Accompanying us at these events was a host of other agencies such as NHS Falls Teams, Age UK, Trading Standards and Stroke Association. Community Fire Safety Prevention teams worked together to celebrate National Older Person's Day on 08 October. We engaged with over 150 people and information was given to them with a strong emphasis on taking safety precautions during the winter months. This included the safe use of electrical appliances and heating equipment, cooking whilst taking medication, fire escape plans as well as making referrals for Safe and Well visits. This collaboration of multiagency working plays a key role which underpins a lot of the core work that front line staff carry out, both in the Fire Service and the work of other agencies. By increasing the awareness of how to take care of yourself during the winter period, by preventing accidents in the home and looking after yourself, and having a plan of action should an emergency occur, will always be a huge benefit in a person's wellbeing and safety - as well as alleviate pressures that other services often get a lot of demand for and end up in crisis.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 08 October 2017
Time of Call: 21:07

The owner of a car had filled car with fuel at a petrol station and gone into the kiosk to pay, on return they saw smoke from under the bonnet. The Fire Service was called to a vehicle fire on the Petrol Station Forecourt.

Upon arrival, the Incident Commander checked with the forecourt manager that the fuel supply had been isolated at the main switch, which was confirmed. Precautionary measures, utilising on site emergency kits were put in place to reduce the risk of fire spreading to the fuel vapours present at the premises. All members of the public were evacuated to a place of safety to reduce any life risk.

The car fire was tackled using dry powder extinguisher and a high pressure hose reel was used to cool the remainder of the engine compartment to prevent re-ignition.

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PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Restart a Heart Day

On 16 October, crews from Fulwood and Community Fire Safety Teams attended Broughton High School, Fulwood for Restart a Heart Day. The Crews and Community Fire Safety teams worked alongside St. Johns Ambulance Service and North West Ambulance Service in lecturing on resuscitation techniques, followed by a practical demonstration in which children could have a go at resuscitating a casualty. Crews delivered five hour-long sessions to over 150 pupils.

Crews and Community Fire Safety Teams from Preston Station also attended Sir Tom Finney School, Preston and delivered the same training to one class.

Corpus Christie School Deliberate Fire Setting Talk

On Monday, 06 November, Community Fire Safety Teams attended Corpus Christie School in Fulwood for fire safety and deliberate fire setting talks. They delivered to over 400 children aged from 11-12 years as part of the CFOA Fire Safety Week. There were two fire safety talks and two deliberate fire-setting talks presented to 50 students per session.

The students learnt of the effects a deliberate fire can have on appliance availability and how fire can spread and become much more serious.

Positive feedback was received from the school with a request for Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service to deliver this campaign again next year.

Have a Go Day

On Sunday 01 October, Preston Fire Station hosted the have a go day between 10:00 – 12:30. The day is open to anyone aged 16 or over who is interested in joining the Fire Service, to give individuals a taster as to what is involved in the role. Personnel from Red Watch/Community Fire Safety/Princes Trust and Service Training Centre assisted on the day. 32 members of the public attended the event which involved crawling through tunnels, dragging casualties, bleep test and going up ladders. The day was a success and will hopefully lead to persons applying to the Fire Service.

Student Safe Visits

Between 26-29 September, Community Fire Safety Teams / Preston Crews attended student halls of residence to deliver fire safety advice and deliver safety talks to students in the kitchens of IQ Kopa, Leighton Halls, and Moor lane Halls of residence.

Over the years, fire safety advice has been delivered to students at the beginning of the new term. This has led to a reduction in accidental fires and unnecessary Fire Service call outs to the halls of residence. The team delivered advice to over 300 students.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: High Rise Flat Fire
Date: 03 October 2017
Time of Call: 13:31

Four appliances from Preston, Fulwood and Penwortham, including the Ariel Ladder Platform were mobilised to a flat fire at Cubic Apartments, Preston. The incident was made up to eight fire appliances, to ensure there were enough resources available to tackle the incident safely. On arrival at the incident, crews had initial difficulty in identifying the exact location of the fire. Crews wearing breathing apparatus made entry into a flat on the seventh floor from which they could hear an alarm activating. This flat was smoke logged and crews attempted to locate the fire. However, the actual fire was coming from the flat below on the sixth floor. Crews made entry into the sixth floor flat and tackled a developed fire.

Incident: Special Service Call – Cat Stuck in Warehouse
Date: 03 November 2017
Time of Call: 17:16

An appliance from Preston attended Eldon Street, Preston at the request of the RSPCA to an incident which involved a cat stuck in an unoccupied warehouse. Access to the warehouse was gained via a broken first floor window. The cat was seen in the building, but was unable to be caught. A small hole was made in the property (without compromising the buildings security) for the cat to escape and food was left. The cat returned home a few hours later.

Incident: Fire - Accidental
Date: 23 September 2017
Time of Call: 17:12

On 23 September, two appliances from Preston were mobilised to Howard Brook House, Preston. On arrival, the kitchen was smoke logged. Crews wearing breathing apparatus entered the property and found that a pan with oil had caught fire in the kitchen. Crews treated a female occupier of the premises for smoke inhalation. Crews then used positive pressure ventilation fans to extract the smoke from the property. The occupier was given a precautionary check up by paramedics for smoke inhalation.

Incident: Firework Pushed Through Letterbox
Date: 28 October 2017
Time of Call: 17:09

One appliance from Fulwood attended a late fire call at Threefields, Preston. The occupier stated that the incident had occurred the previous night and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service were called on advice of the Police. The incident involved a firework being placed in the letterbox of the property. Damage was confined to the letterbox and was moderate by heat and blast. Crews fitted a letterbox locking flap following advice from the Incident Intelligence Officer.

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<u>Chimney Safety Week</u> Solid fuel merchants, DIY stores and garages within the Ribble Valley were visited to distribute chimney fire safety leaflets and posters. All companies were happy to give the leaflets out at the point of sale and also display our posters.	

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Fire Safety Talk to the Rotary Club

A Rotary club is a large complex, multi-faceted organisation. The work that the Rotarians carry out benefits their local community and beyond. They do this by fund raising and focusing on achieving common objectives. Community Fire Safety Teams had kindly been invited by the Rotarians to give a presentation and fire safety talk at Sykeside Hotel, Rossendale. This was a great networking opportunity to promote all the good work that is going on locally in and around the county. The talk included current prevention work and what projects staff are currently working on, such as the thematic groups Age safe, Live Safe, Start Safe and Road Safe, and how collaboratively they work together with other organisations. They also spoke of the other key components that prevention staff carries out on a day to day basis, which aims to seek out the highest risk people and to reduce their risk from fire, along with the other determinants which sit within Safe and Well, and how we can have a positive impact on a person's life. The talk raised awareness about how innovative ideas such as Guardian angel devices for people who live with Dementia and how we rely on funding for them as a Service as we move forward with new ideas,. The profile of the prevention and protection work, as well as responding to incidents of an operational nature really did again make a positive impact on the Rotarians, which proved again as a Service we reach out to all our communities in Lancashire.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service Call
Date : 10 October 2017
Time of Call: 12:25

A gentleman was walking his two dogs in Lee Mill Quarry. One of the dogs, named Nemo, slipped the lead and was chasing a sheep down into the quarry face becoming trapped on a ledge approximately 10ft below the top and 30ft from the bottom of a large contained shaft. Crews from Bacup and specialist rope rescue crews were mobilised and after a search of the surrounding area, the incident was located. Rossendale Mountain Rescue crews were also mobilised by the Police, who received the original call.

Due to the limited amount of anchor points at scene to enable safe rescue, and Nemo being in a relatively safe place, the joint decision was made to allow a safe rope system to be created with the rope team and Rossendale Mountain Rescue Team using their own equipment but working together. Following excellent partner agency work, a complex rope system was set up to enable lowering and raising of a rescuer to recover Nemo. Nemo was reunited with his grateful owner after both owner and dog undergoing quite an ordeal.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Bright Sparx / Road Safety

In the run-up to bonfire night, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service borrowed a driving simulator from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service as a way of providing diversionary activities and road safety intervention. It was taken to the car park of Tesco in Leyland between 16:00 and 20:00 as the Police had identified these as hot spots for young drivers.

There was a lot of interest from young people in Leyland and the Crews from Leyland attended to show them some of the road traffic collision equipment that is used. The night was really busy with a steady flow of young drivers taking turns in the simulator. It can be programmed to simulate the effects of taking alcohol or drugs and show how they impair the ability to drive.

Excellent feedback was received from the young drivers and many were shocked with how long it took for alcohol to be processed by the body. The constant rain didn't put them off with many of them ringing their friends to come and see what was happening.

Alive to Drive

On 02 and 03 September, the 10th anniversary 'Alive to Drive' event was held at Tesco in Leyland. The event focused on road safety; not just for cars and drivers but also cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians alike. The ethos is around our roads being a 'shared space,' so consideration should be given to all road users. Another key message was 'The Morning After,' which aimed to help drivers understand how long it took for alcohol to be processed by our bodies and subsequently they may still be over the limit and not safe to drive the day after a drinking session.

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service organised a fleet of vehicles to attend, ranging from the Urban Search and Rescue Team with their large cutting equipment, fire engines, 4 x 4s and a vintage fire engine, for the community to see how equipment has advanced. We also arranged and undertook a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) demonstration where a live casualty was cut out of a car on both days. The 'Wasted Lives' crashed car, which a young driver lost his life driving under the influence, was also utilised. North West Ambulance Service also assisted with the RTC demo and got involved in delivering safety messages utilising their engagement vehicle. The Police provided some of their motorbikes and this year they demonstrated a 'safe pass' cycling initiative promoting a passing distance of 1.5 metres. Highways England brought vehicles along to engage with the community around safe use of the motorways that run through our county. North West Blood Bikes also joined LFRS to promote their services, promote safer motorcycling and fund raise, making £269 throughout the weekend.

At this year's South Ribble Annual Community Award's Ceremony, Alive to Drive was awarded the Partnership award as it reflected the very ethos of the South Ribble Partnership where Partners are working better together to make South Ribble and its community a great places to live, work, visit & play.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Vehicle Fire
Date: 07 November 2017
Time of Call: 20:01

Two heavy goods vehicles and one transit van set on fire. First seat of fire was in passenger/driver compartment by the use of a naked flame. The fire started in and around the upholstery area of the seating. The flames then took hold and then spread to the fixtures and fittings within the cab area. The flames and heat then spread to the engine compartment totally destroying this area. Almost simultaneously, the flames spread to the box section at the rear of the vehicle causing severe heat and flame damage. The second seat was in the second HGV, where heat radiated from the first HGV. This set fire to the side of the vehicle causing 40% damage by fire, the heat then conducted to the inside of the vehicle causing 10% fire, heat and smoke damage. The third seat was a fire set in passenger/driver compartment of a transit van by the use of a naked flame. The fire started in and around the upholstery area of the seating. The flames then took hold and then spread to the fixtures and fitting within the cab area. The flames and heat then spread to the engine compartment totally destroying this area by flame. Almost simultaneously the flames spread to the rear compartment and caused severe flame and heat damage to the whole of the vehicle.

Incident: Primary Fire – Persons Reported
Date: 10 September 2017
Time of Call: 13:55

The 999 call reported someone might be trapped by fire in a flat above a shop. Three fire engines and crews, two from Bamber Bridge and one from Penwortham, responded to search and rescue and deal with the fire. On arrival, smoke was seen to be issuing from a back upstairs kitchen window. The glass was already missing, but not due to the fire. No-one was in fact trapped and there were no casualties and Firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus used a hose reel jet to extinguish the fire and a portable fan unit to ventilate and extract the smoke. The cause of the fire is to be established.

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Student Safe

During September, the Community Safety Team from Southern, worked with partner agencies to deliver the annual Fresher's Week campaign at Edge Hill University. Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service have been delivering student safe talks to first year students for over ten years and each year, as the University Campus expands, so does the audience. This year, the number of first year students living on campus rose to 2,200 with approximately 9,500 full time undergraduate students in total.

Each talk to first year students is conducted by the University's Campus Life Managers and covers such topics as safety when drinking, debt management and counselling services available. The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service video covers general fire safety, fire drills, tampering with detectors and extinguishers and what to do in the event of a fire.

As part of the campaign, the different partners including West Lancashire Borough Council, the Police and Young Addaction, attended the annual Fresher's Faye event on the University Campus. In order to highlight the dangers of drink and drug driving, LFRS Community Safety Advisors, took Dan Birch's car to emphasise what could happen if one of them was to drive after drinking. Dan was three times over the legal drink drive limit when he lost control and collided with a gate post near to his home in Coppull, Chorley in 2012.

GO4IT

The annual GO4IT event was held at Skelmersdale Fire Station on 03 and 04 November from 17:00 to 20:00. The event, which is in its ninth year, is designed to encourage young people to engage in meaningful activities thus reducing the number of antisocial behaviour fires as well as general criminality in the Skelmersdale area. Over the two nights, approximately 250 young people attended, these were aged between six and 18. This year activities were provided by an events company and included pulsar laser quest, bouncy basketball, wipeout simulator, a bouncy castle and fun fair stalls. The event was funded by the Community Safety Partnership and was supported by the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service. Donations of prizes for the young people were given by Great Bear and Walkers and free food was provided for all those in attendance by staff from the Evermoor Hub. The event was a tremendous success as during the two evenings, there were no incidents attended by Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service and the social media coverage reached over 2000 people.

Bright Sparx

During the Bright Sparx period, the Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team and operational crews delivered the Bright Sparx education package, jointly with Lancashire Police, to all the high schools in the Skelmersdale Area. Every student received information about the consequences associated with anti-social behaviour, deliberate fire setting and misuse of fireworks.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 27 September 2017
Time of Call: 07:44

Fire started in domestic garage attached to a bungalow and spread via the eaves/roof into the main property. Part of the building is single storey with a roof void above; the remainder is a standard bungalow layout with dormer bedroom and storage loft above. The two parts were separated by an internal dividing wall. There were various degrees of damage throughout the property, including collapse of garage and lower roof. The origin of the fire was identified as in the area of domestic tumble drier and chest freezer. Tumble drier found to be empty, but clothing/textiles remnants found in immediate vicinity. The most likely cause determined as clothing/textiles fallen or accumulated around refrigeration mechanism at base of freezer, causing heat build-up due to insulation of hot components. Clothing/textiles ignited and fire spread to other stored items. The timber frame of the garage quickly became involved and fire spread up external wall to involve eaves and wooden roof components in lower roof of bungalow. No evidence found of deliberate ignition or circumstances that would give rise to suspicion. Rapid fire development after ignition attributed to large quantities of combustibles in garage / vicinity of point of origin; and likely presence of fuel vapours in garage.

Incident: Special Service
Date: 24 September 2017
Time of Call: 17:17

Two appliances from Ormskirk and two from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service were called to a microlight that crash-landed after colliding with a live electricity cable. When Firefighters arrived at the scene, the pilot wasn't injured and they made the scene safe. Engineers were called to fix the electricity cable.

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Bright Sparx – Fleetwood Firework Extravaganza

This year's Fleetwood Firework Extravaganza was again held at The Mount and Marine Hall Gardens, not being put off by a cold evening the event was well attended with a crowd of 10,000 plus. The public were entertained by the sounds of local bands, characters from this year's Panto, The Beauty and The Beast, a vast array of food options and a grand finale of a professional firework display.

This is a partnership event involving Fleetwood Rotary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Police, Regenda Housing, Wyre Borough Council and Fleetwood Town Council. The Fire Cadet Unit from Preesall teamed up with Lancashire Police Cadets to assist The Stewards with marshalling the crowd. Once again the event has contributed maintaining a safe bonfire night in the Fleetwood area; incidents were well below average for the weekend activity with zero incidents relating to bonfire and antisocial behaviour involving fireworks during this period.

The President of Fleetwood Rotary commented '*We had a magnificent event where the Councils, Services and Organisations of our town united together as a volunteer force to put on this extravaganza for all to enjoy. What a superb way of showing what the true community spirit of The Town can achieve when we all work together*'.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service Call – Person Stuck in Mud
Date: 23 October 2017
Time of Call: 11:44

Two appliances from Fleetwood and Bispham were mobilised to an address in Blackpool to a report of a person stuck in mud. Upon arrival, the Incident Commander was met by a member of the public who directed them to an area of green land.

An access point and route to the scene were established and firefighters made their way on foot, a female who had been walking her dog at the time had become entrapped in an area of mud which was surrounded by thick foliage.

Having made contact with the casualty, Firefighters created a safe working route and platform. Once this had been established the casualty was assisted from the mud using techniques more typically applied in a coastal setting.

The casualty was assisted back to the rendezvous point where she was given a precautionary check by Paramedics.