

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: DECEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018

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

Winter Safety and Minority Group Engagement

Focusing on Winter Safety, the Community Fire Safety team has engaged with those who are over 65, socially isolated or living alone throughout the borough. Third sector and statutory agencies have promoted events and workshops on the run up to the Christmas period and New Year. A snap-shot of events has included a carer's event in Audley Range which highlighted upcoming financial changes, a range of coffee morning offering awareness on dementia and the importance of using assisted technology devices. Thinking "outside of the box" enabled two staff members to support the work of Connect Project, which has been set up to encourage the use of public transport throughout the borough and beyond. A special bus trip was arranged to visit the Christmas Markets in Manchester. Although our role was to provide support and confidence to the target audience of people who are at risk of social isolation, we encourage them to also think about taking up FALLS sessions organised by the local authority Refresh team

The team and Red Watch have also encouraged young people to think about a career with the Fire Service by attending the annual Tauheedul Boys School careers convention. Also during December, the Inter Madrassah Organisation visited Blackburn Community Fire Station and attendees admitted that their perception of the fire service changed completely following the visit.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 13 November 2017
Time of Call: 05:11

Crews from Blackburn formed the initial attendance at the site of former plastic recycling company V10 Polymers. The fire involved an empty warehouse that was full of plastic waste. The fire was the fourth at the premises and a well prepared and practiced operational plan was put in place.

The premises are close to the centre of Blackburn and the large quantity of smoke and asbestos roofing resulted in a large scale multi-agency command structure being utilised and controlled from the civil contingencies department within Blackburn Town Hall. The use of Blackburn's newest appliance "The Stinger" was really beneficial in attacking the fire and protecting buildings close to the fire. The Stinger has the capacity to deliver a huge quantity of water on to a fire, whilst creating a safer environment for firefighters. The incident involved up to 10 appliances

including the Hazard Materials unit which was used to protect the nearby canal.

It is highly likely that the fire was started deliberately and following the fire there was significant interest from national media combined with concerns from nearby residents. The multi-agency team took the decision to hold a public meeting, which was well attended by local residents. The site is still in a position where up to a 1000 tonnes of plastic waste remains, however a purchaser has bought the site and is in the process of planning to remove the waste and develop housing, which will be a good outcome for the residents who have had to face the site that has caused a number of challenges in recent years.

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

Father Christmas

Community Fire Safety staff and Operational Fire-crews from South Shore linked in with Thames Children's Centre and Revoe Children's Centre to create a Christmas surprise for disadvantaged children in the South Shore Area of Blackpool. The children were given presents which had been donated by local residents and were collected by the Children's Centres for distribution at Christmas. Father Christmas this year was played by one of the relatives of a retained crew manager from St Anne's Fire Station.

The children had a fabulous day, meeting and chatting to Father Christmas and receiving their presents. The children and their parents were extremely grateful and in some instances these presents were the only gifts that the children were likely to receive this Christmas.



Charity Bag Pack

On Saturday 10 December, Operational Fire Crews from South Shore Station, Community Fire Safety staff and our Fire Cadets joined forces at Blackpool Asda, Cheery Tree Road to offer their services for a charity bag pack. The cadets offered to pack customers bags in order to raise money for Blackpool Food Bank.

Customers were extremely generous making both cash donations and also by donating items of food and non-perishable goods that they had purchased from the store. As a Fire Service, we were also presented with the opportunity to offer fire safety advice, which is always valuable in the run up to the Christmas period.



Older Persons Event – Health & Wellbeing

On Thursday 18 January, South Shore Fire Station hosted an Open Day aimed at supporting Older People. The event ran from 13:00 until 16:00 and was extremely well attended by residents from the local community. Those members of the community who joined us on station were served tea, coffee and light refreshments and were able to speak to an array of other visitors who were there to offer support and advice where needed. The event was a joint project between Operational Firefighters and the Community Safety Team.

We were joined by the Alzheimer's Society, Blackpool Care and Repair, The Salvation Army, The British Legion, Blackpool Be Safe, the Pharmacist from Tesco, Families Together, Friends Together, the Police, More Positive Together and a number of local Councillors. The day resulted in members of the public being able to relax and enjoy refreshments and they were then presented with the opportunity to chat to the local businesses and stallholders that attended and were able to share any concerns and accept any advice they may be offered. The event was a great success and residents were still arriving at 15:50 hoping to catch the event before we closed.



INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 10 January 2018
Time of Call: 14:53

On 10 January 2018 at 20:14 hrs, the first of several emergency calls was received alerting the Service to a developing fire in the converted roof of a large empty hotel in Blackpool. The Service was able to use our new pre-determined attendance system and four appliances were sent - two from Blackpool, one from Bispham and one from South Shore. Acting on local knowledge and experience, the fire crew from Blackpool, also took the aerial ladder platform (ALP) with them.

The first officer in attendance was informed that people often “sleep rough” within the hotel and he then observed a fire breaking out through the roof space and roof conversion at fifth floor level. He ‘made pumps 8’, sent ‘persons reported’ and later ‘made pumps 10’. The fire was surrounded using a combination of the aerial ladder platform from Blackpool Station W30 externally, and internally by Firefighters entering the building wearing breathing apparatus. Once extinguished, the adjoining hotel was inspected and the owner was pleased with the very limited damage to his hotel given the size and extent of the fire next door and he was in turn very supportive to the crews.

There was an operational plan already in place for the building and Blackpool Council had already spent several thousands of pounds trying to ensure the building remained secure. Post-fire, an investigation was completed which identified the seat of fire and established that the cause of the fire was indeed deliberate.

In 2017, Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service had provided Blackpool Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team with a number of portable Close Circuit Television cameras and these are currently in place around the building, should people attempt to gain entry. We have more recently been informed that the building has now been sold to a developer who plans to convert the hotel into luxury apartments and we hope that this prevents any future incidents to this address.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 11 January 2018
Time of Call: 11:43

The building was empty and undergoing construction. On 11 January, workmen had left a still saw too close to combustible materials on the site. A spark from the saw proceeded to ignite the combustibles and flames spread to the surrounding building materials. This resulted in damage to approximately three square metres of materials.

Once operational crews had extinguished the fire it soon became apparent that the building contained asbestos. Fortunately the contactors who arrived on site were fully trained and qualified in the safe removal of asbestos from buildings. Firefighters allowed the contractors to remove the charred asbestos from the site.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Safety in Winter with Older People

Pennine Community Fire Safety staff and crews collaboratively hosted an open day to encourage people to engage with them, along with a host of other agencies. The primary aim was to deliver key safety messages around the Safe and Well determinants. Other services such as NHS and the Police incur an increase on demand for things such as falls where a person can become trapped inside their home due to a fall. Largely these kinds of incidents are preventable. Advice on keeping homes warm and taking measures to improve the insulation energy efficiency within the home can make a huge difference. A representation from organisations that can assist with grants and FREE energy checks for people were also there on the day. Often a cold home is another factor of slowed mobility which can contribute to a fall. Fire Service staff also cascaded information relating to social isolation, electrical safety, and the work we do around Dementia. All of this could not be possible without the dedication and commitment of staff that help to make these coffee mornings a great success.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Domestic Fire
Date: 07 December 2017
Time of Call: 02:26

Two fire appliances were mobilised from Burnley Fire Station to reports of a fire at a domestic property on Red Spar Road, Burnley. Whilst proceeding to the incident the appliances received additional information from North West Fire Control. Firstly, they were informed that repeat calls had been made to the incident confirming to the crews that the incident was likely to be a serious incident and secondly that four residents from the property had self-rescued and were in the rear garden. On arrival, the Officer in Charge was met with a fire involving a number of vehicles under a car-port on a driveway of the property. Due to the items which were involved, the fire was rapidly developing and had started to spread to the property itself.

The Officer in Charge quickly gathered information from sources available to him and got confirmation that there were no other persons within the property. A tactical plan was then implemented to deal with the rapidly developing fire, prioritising fire spread. A message was sent to North West Fire Control requesting additional resources to scene and the incident was increased to four appliances and an aerial ladder platform to deal with a developing fire within the roof space. The whole of the detached property became involved in fire and in total six breathing apparatus

wearers were committed to the property to fight the fire offensively. Once in attendance, the aerial ladder platform was established and fought the fire within the roof space in a safe and effective manner. Post-fire positive pressure ventilation was used to remove the unwanted products of combustion from the property and mitigate the effects of the fire and smoke.

As the fire became under control, the Officer in Charge started to consider the cause of the fire, an Incident Intelligence Officer who is a specialist officer within Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service with advanced fire investigation skills was requested to the incident. It became clear that the fire was potentially caused deliberately and the police attended the incident. A thorough joint investigation took place regarding the most likely cause of the fire and the findings reported back to the police. The police are currently dealing with an ongoing investigation into the fire.

Post-fire, properties within the area were followed up and offered Home Fire Safety Checks and although the property affected is currently uninhabitable, the owners have received a Home Fire Safety Check in their temporary property.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: CHORLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

ASDA Community Champions

On Tuesday 16 January, the Community Life Champions from Clayton Green ASDA presented a cheque for £140.00 to Chorley Fire Station. This followed on from the successful Open Day at Chorley Fire Station on 30 September, where the Community Champions from ASDA ran a tombola and raffle stall and raised £70. ASDA kindly match funded the money out of their Community Funding budget. Clayton Green ASDA has always been very supportive of Chorley Fire Station and have attended Open Days in previous years, as well as donating prizes for raffles and giveaways for our Bright Sparx Campaigns.

St Michael's School

On 28 November, an incident occurred at St Michael's C of E High School in Chorley, whereby alcohol hand sanitiser was set alight in the boy's toilets. Following on from the incident, five assemblies took place, which covered all the years within the school. The Community Fire Safety Team also carried out one to one work with two of the three young people involved, as well as three other young people who had been bringing lighters into school in previous months. The input was greatly received by both students and teachers. The third young person involved in the incident received separate input as part of a FIRES referral from the Police Early Action Team.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service
Date: 31 December 2017 & 02 January 2018
Time of Call: 22:24 & 09:27

A member of the public attended Chorley Fire Station on 31 December with a ring stuck on his left ring finger; he had been referred to the fire station by Chorley Hospital. The ring was stuck due to swollen knuckles; however he still had circulation to his finger. A ring cutter and ice were used, but due to the ring being titanium, the cutter was unable to cut the ring. Ice had reduced the swelling and he was advised to elevate and ice to allow the swelling to reduce and if his circulation reduced to attend A&E for treatment. On 02 January, the gentleman attended the Fire Station again as the swelling had increased. Personnel took the casualty to Chorley A&E, where two metal rings were removed using a Dremel cutter.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 24 January 2018
Time of Call: 10:30

This incident related to a small fire involving children's conspicuity vests stored in a plastic bag which was in a cubby hole under a phone and iPad charging station in a locked porch in nursery. Fire was discovered by a member of staff who saw a flickering through a vision panel and smelled smoke, before a 10 year smoke alarm in the corridor activated. Children were evacuated and the fire service rung. Staff then determined that the fire was small and extinguished it with a foam fire extinguisher. Cause of fire appears to be accidental and the most likely cause is an electrical fault on a battery charging lead which hung down with the termination connections in contact with the vests. Damage severe to bag of vests by fire, light by smoke to corridor and toilets.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

FYLDE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Family Fun Day

On Saturday 11 November 2017, Wesham Fire Station opened its doors to host a Family Fun and Wellbeing Event for all members of the local community. The event was collaboration between the retained operational fire crews at Wesham Station, St. Anne's Station and local Community Safety Advisors. We were joined by partner organisations such as the police and the Alzheimer's Society and were also joined by our Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service (LFRS) Rope Rescue Unit colleagues and a guest appearance was made by the fire dogs.

Members of the local community were able to discuss home fire safety advice with community safety staff, watch demonstrations provided by the fire dogs and team members from the rope rescue team. Operational fire-crews also utilised the hot oil unit and provided demonstrations and offered advice to residents on the dangers of unsafe cooking practice and gave practical tips to ensure that safer practices could be adopted by all.

Dementia Café

Community Safety Advisors and operational fire crews have been working closely with Clifton Hospital. The hospital is a community hospital that provides rehabilitation and sub-acute care for the older person and those living with long term conditions. They have four recently refurbished wards and they are able to care for those living with dementia. The wards accept and care for patients on one of three pathways: Orthopaedic Rehabilitation, Medical Rehabilitation and Intermediate Care. Once well enough to leave Clifton Hospital patients are then aligned to appropriate health or social care community pathways to enable continued rehabilitation and care in the patient's home.

The dementia unit at the hospital has begun hosting "Dementia Hubs and Dementia Cafes" and these offer a valuable support mechanism for those whose lives are touched by dementia and they aim to offer continued support once a diagnosis has been made. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service staff are actively participating in these cafes, along with other partner organisations, and are making significant progress in supporting those members of the local communities who are living with dementia. It is also intended that this summer we will see some of the dementia hubs being hosted on local fire stations.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 06 November 2017
Time of Call: 11:19

On 06 November 2017, crews received a late fire call asking them to attend St. Michael's Primary School, School Lane, Kirkham. On arrival, the crews were presented with fire to wooden decking boards which were situated at the rear of the school. It was determined that the heat source and combustibles had been brought together deliberately, by persons unknown, and it is believed that the fire could have been burning from anything between thirty minutes and two hours prior to the crews arriving at the scene.

Fortunately there was no rapid growth of fire but a significant amount of the decking was severely damaged by fire. Police and Fire Safety Officers continue to investigate the incident and the head teacher has been advised on arson vulnerability and offered advice on precautionary measures to protect the school against future incidents.

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HYNDBURN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Transforming Lives

Following a home visit from a third sector partner agency, which made and delivered a Christmas lunch to the home address of a single adult male who was over 65, a referral was made to the Transforming Lives Hyndburn panel.

The agency discovered that the gentleman was in poor health and that entry into the address was impossible without climbing over two pianos in the hallway. All other rooms and available space in the basement, stairway, ground floor and first floor were also covered in furniture. Directly following the meeting, the agency and the Community Fire Safety team arrange a joint visit and discovered the full extent of his living conditions and fire loading throughout the property. There was also no heating to the home as the boiler had not worked for years. The gentleman asked for help and support to improve both his health and lifestyle.

A safeguarding referral was made by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, indicating that the occupier was at risk of “self-neglect” and within two hours, Social Services attended. The gentleman agreed to be relocated to local accommodation with supported care. Within this two hour window, operational crews from Hyndburn attended and conducted a tactical plan that covered both fire risk and emergency access.

Ongoing work by the Transforming Lives panel is looking to reduce the amount of furniture within the house and to improve heating which the owner occupier is willing to contribute.

After four days, the Community Fire Safety team and agency revisited the gentleman at his new accommodation and noted a vast improvement in his health and wellbeing. Ongoing work through Transforming Lives will enable other third sector and statutory organisations to work with the gentleman to improve other aspects of his lifestyle and support an increase his life expectancy.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	LANCASTER
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Carer Fire Risk Prompt Sheet</u> An established partnership with a Lancaster District Care Agency management team has led to the development of a Carer Fire Risk Prompt Sheet.</p> <p>The information will be displayed inside the front leaf of the service users care plan, the objective is to prompt carers to identify emerging hazards or circumstance changes and report them back to their care manager.</p> <p>A change of circumstances is often the underlying cause behind a dwelling fire and carers are best placed to spot these along with potential hazards on a daily basis. Current partner agency training supports this area prevention work helping raise awareness of fire risk, interventions and support available from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>This work stream is currently being shared and developed with Service Headquarters Prevention Support and Community Safety Training for further development, with an ambition to share as best practice service wide.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Incident:	Multiple Vehicle/Petrol Pump Fire
Date:	15 December 2017
Time of Call:	08:41
<p>Four appliances were mobilised to reports of a car on fire at a petrol station. The first crew in attendance was confronted with a well-developed car fire that was spreading to other cars on the forecourt. The initial crew acted quickly and Firefighters in breathing apparatus were deployed with foam to extinguish the fire.</p> <p>As the incident progressed, it became apparent that there had been an occupant in the car that first ignited. This occupant had been rescued by a member of public who was filling his vehicle up at the petrol station. The quick thinking actions of this individual undoubtedly saved the car occupant from serious injuries.</p> <p>Fire crews quickly extinguished the fire and liaised with ASDA and the Environment Agency to mitigate effects to the environment from the fuel run off and foam usage. A thorough fire investigation was conducted and an accidental cause was identified.</p>	

Incident: Special Service Call
Date: 27 December 2017
Time of Call: 10:45

Acting on information initially received, Fire Control mobilised one fire appliance from Lancaster to what was initially reported as a two-vehicle road traffic collision. On arrival, the Incident Commander was confronted by a high speed head-on collision involving a car, with a single occupant, and a coach carrying 30 passengers. The Incident Commander immediately requested a further two appliances.

The driver and passengers on the coach were not trapped but required treatment for minor injuries and shock. Given the number of patients, North West Ambulance Service declared a major incident for their organisation, resulting in multiple ambulances attending, and initial triage and casualty care was undertaken.

The incident was managed using Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) and involved Police, North West Ambulance Service and Air Ambulance. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service activity focussed on releasing the driver of the car and protecting the environment as the force of the impact had ruptured the coach fuel tank. Environmental protection equipment was used to prevent diesel fuel entering water courses. The diesel spill made the scene a challenging one to operate safely in and resulted in tarmac damage that closed Caton Rd until the New Year.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Road Safety Week

National Road Safety Week saw the campaign for the 'Speed Down' initiative being rolled out across schools. Throughout the week we saw Community Fire Safety and operational crews were getting involved with local schools to encourage young people to spread the road safety message by holding up the 'Speed Down' hands at busy times such as drop off and pick up under the supervision of staff from school as well Lancashire Fire and Rescue staff. Pendle sees a number of children being seriously injured on their roads each year, so this was a good time to educate parents and carers to be alert to the risks children face on the road. Even from a young age, it's essential to set a good example of how to behave. This will also link in with the roll out of the new Road-Sense Education Package, which will be delivered in schools from early 2018. Road-sense aims to highlight the vulnerability of young road users, demonstrate the risk areas and empower them to speak up among their family and friends.

The main elements are:-

- Always wear a seatbelt
- Be sensible in the car
- Be seen be safe as a cyclist or a pedestrian
- Don't get distracted
- Always wear a cycle helmet

Other good work still continues within our diverse communities where we saw the festival of Diwali. This was celebrated at the far end of October and candle safety messages delivered to communities on a local radio station with key messages being given.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service
Date: 01 January 2018
Time of Call: 09:11

Crews at Nelson were called to assist the Police / North West Ambulance Service in recovery of body from water.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Winter Safety Campaign

Central Community Fire Safety Team has been working in partnership throughout December with the Foxtan Centre, Emmaus, Age Concern and Preston City Council Housing Advice to support the vulnerable elderly and homeless people within the local Preston community. Following consultation with our identified partners, we were able to provide over 80 safe and warm bags which have been recycled from previous winter safety campaigns. Community Fire Safety Advisors were on hand to assist with the distribution of them locally to a diverse range of service users and also offer fire safety information and winter safety advice.

Throughout the consultation process, we identified that the Foxtan Centre and Emmaus, who both offer a safe environment for the homeless and socially excluded members of the community, were desperate for additional sleeping bags due to the rapid decline in recent weather conditions. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service were able to provide funding through the central area budget to purchase 30 new sleeping bags. These sleeping bags were then given to the partners who could then assess service users and provide them with a vital piece of kit to keep them warm over the winter period.

Overall, this initiative has been extremely beneficial to a diverse range of service users throughout the local community. We have been able to access groups and build lasting relationships with local strategic organisations and we will now have regular input in order to offer any necessary assistance and advice. The joint initiative has been greatly received by all the participating organisations and we have received some excellent feedback. We will now look to continue to build on these links and support this vital area of work throughout the oncoming year.

Road Safety Initiative

During the Christmas Drink Drive Awareness Campaign, the Wasted Lives vehicle was used over two days to demonstrate the dangers of drinking and driving, due to the significant increase in drink-drive related incidents over the Christmas period.

The vehicle was positioned at the Deepdale retail park on 20 December. Red Watch demonstrated the vehicle in the afternoon, Green Watch assisted in the evening with a three hour session targeting shoppers including persons from a wide range of the diverse community. This initiative was also supported by Preston Fire Cadets as part of their Community Safety Project. The Fire Cadets were available from 16:00 – 17:30 to assist crews in the distribution of literature and leaflets to educate attending members of the public. On conclusion, we engaged with approximately 250 shoppers and had some extremely positive feedback.

Safe Drive Stay Alive

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a road safety initiative where the audiences hear real life stories from the emergency services and families who have all been affected by road traffic collisions.

The speakers have all come forward to share their emotional experiences in a bid to reduce the number of young people seriously injured or killed on Lancashire's roads. Safe Drive Stay Alive is emotional and encourages reflection.

The sessions aim to encourage students to improve their attitudes towards risk taking behaviour on the roads.

On 06 December, A Safe Drive Stay Alive session was delivered at Fulwood Barracks, Preston. The session was attended by approximately 200 members of the Armed Forces. Guest speakers on the day included representation from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Lancashire Constabulary, North West Ambulance Service and bereaved family members. The session was extremely well received and the feedback from the attending audience was extremely positive. Further sessions will be delivered throughout 2018 in the Preston District.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service – Rescue From Height
Date: 03 December 2017
Time of Call: 22:48

Two appliances and several support vehicles were turned out to a special service call involving a public house on Mount Street, Preston. Three youths had climbed onto the roof of the building and were unable to climb back down safely. On arrival, crews used a 10.5 meter ladder to assist the youths off the roof of the building. Firefighters brought the youths down the ladder one at a time. The aerial ladder platform and Urban Search and Rescue (rope rescue team) were not required at this incident.

Incident: Accidental Building Fire
Date: 09 January 2018
Time of Call: 03:39

Four fire appliances attended a fire involving a settee and tables on the ground floor in a Shisha/food restaurant on Walker street, Preston. Two Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the restaurant and used a hose reel to extinguish the fire.

After the fire was extinguished several shisha pipes were discovered that had been left burning. Charcoal had been left in buckets on the settee which had caused ignition. The ground floor was severely damaged by fire heat and smoke. Crews were in attendance at the incident for several hours.

Incident: Accidental Dwelling Fire
Date: 20 January 2018
Time of Call: 14:06

Two appliances attended a house fire at New Hall Lane, Preston. On arrival, all of the occupants were outside the property. One female adult was suffering the effects of smoke inhalation. Oxygen was administered by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service personnel until the arrival of an ambulance. The chip pan which had caused the fire had been thrown in the rear yard by the occupier. A Positive Pressure Ventilation unit was used to clear smoke from the property.

Paramedics gave the female a precautionary check and a decision was made not to convey the female to hospital. The fire was caused by an unattended chip pan. Advice was given to all occupants of house and two smoke detectors fitted to the property.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 05 January 2018
Time of Call: 14:46

Three appliances attended a bungalow on Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood with reports of smoke issuing from the roof. On arrival the bungalow was found to be boarded up. Access to the rear of the bungalow was restricted by overgrown brambles. The fire service gained entry through the front door and found no sign of fire. The hallway was completely filled with large amounts of building materials. Access was then made through the rear of the bungalow. Once again, crews were faced with a completely filled dining room with household materials from floor to ceiling. This made extinguishing the fire very difficult as materials had to be removed so that crews could extinguish the fire and gain better access to the property. In total, four breathing apparatus and one hose reel were used to extinguish the fire. The cause was deliberate. The dining room of the bungalow was severely damaged by fire.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 31 December 2017
Time of Call: 18:47

Four fire engines attended a fire involving industrial units at a farm on Barton lane, Barton, in which one of the industrial units used as a car repair business was on fire.

The fire had spread from the car repair unit to an adjoining industrial unit which supplied animal feed. The incident involved four breathing apparatus wearers using hose reels and a jet. The car repair unit had an asbestos roof which involved crews taking additional safety measures and ensuring the fire ground was cordoned off. When crews left the contaminated area they had to be decontaminated along with their equipment.

Several cars were destroyed inside the garage and a large quantity of animal feed in the adjoining unit was also destroyed. The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental. The incident was left open throughout the night with a crew in attendance.

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<u>Winter Safety</u> Ongoing fire reduction work focusing on those over 65 in the borough indicates that they are at a higher risk of serious injury from cooking related incidents. The Community Fire Safety team has targeted remote rural areas of the borough and have held awareness days at Chipping Village Hall as part of the village Christmas fair and a Christmas lunch at Ribchester Village Hall. Other promotional activities have been held in Mellor, West Bradford and Grindleton along with a keynote fire safety address at the Lancashire Association of Village and Community Halls.	

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

Electrical Fire Safety Week

Prevention staff raised the profile of how the emergency services see a spike in incidents at this particular time of year, therefore, the push is to keep people safe during this period and minimise the possibility of becoming an unavoidable casualty. Schools were visited in the district and information was cascaded in a proactive bid to capture the attention of young people and prevent injuries. December saw the approach to Christmas, where Community Fire Safety staff in Rossendale promoted Electrical Fire Safety Week. Trading Standards and Incident Intelligence Officers and Community Fire Safety staff worked together on distributing the latest product recalls for the safety of the consumer. Christmas sees a rise in electrical goods being purchased, including decorative lights and the latest technology craze. Several talks to carers groups at Haslingden gave advice and referrals were received. One of the group talks was to carers for young people who live with severe mobility issues. Community Fire Safety staff in particular aim to give advice on fire safety which is bespoke to families in this kind of situation. We encourage pre-planning their means of escape in an emergency, considering fully their individual circumstances. Ensuring consideration has been given for a disabled family in an emergency evacuation is therefore essential, this then helps to identify the needs of disabled people and where necessary, to make proper arrangements for their assistance in the event of a fire without safety being compromised.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: House Fire – Persons Reported
Date : 23 December 2017
Time of Call: 16:41

Initially, the incident came through as a domestic smoke alarm sounding in the property from a Telecare Monitoring Centre. On arrival, smoke was found to be issuing from the rear kitchen door. This incident involved a fire in a chip pan on an electrical hob. The elderly occupant went down into her basement and fell. She could not get up due to mobility issues. The pan overheated and set fire due to the prolonged amount of time it had been on the hob. Crews in breathing apparatus rescued the lady from the basement, who went to hospital for a precautionary check-up for potential head injuries from the fall and smoke inhalation. Operational crews followed up the incident and offered a Free Home Fire Safety Check to residents in the immediate surrounding area of the incident.

The fire involved the oil in the pan on the hob. The oil ignited and destroyed the pan and contents 100% severe by fire. The fire did not cause further direct flame damage to any other item due to the lid being on the pan at the time of fire. The smoke spread from the pan causing severe by smoke to the ground floor and moderate by smoke to the remainder of the property.

A subsequent press statement was issued reminding the public of the dangers of leaving hot oil pans unattended. The hot oil demonstration unit has also been booked to take into the local community to give a visual demonstration of the dangers and further increase public awareness.

Incident: Large Scale Multi-Agency High Rise Exercise in GMC
Date : 05 January 2018
Time of Call: 10:00

Crews from Rawtenstall and Blackburn and the Service Delivery Manager for Rossendale attended exercise "Pheonix" held at the new Training Facility in Bury, Manchester.

The exercise was a cross border multi appliance exercise (approx. 16 fire service appliances attended), involving other blue light responders and other agencies. The simulation was a high rise building fire with multiple persons reported missing. Over 50 volunteers assisted in carrying out the role of casualties and North West Ambulance Service attended with several resources including the Hazardous Area Response Teams.

The exercise was planned to test cross border working, multi-agency response, communication and standard operating procedures of the three responding Fire Services (Cheshire also attended). The exercise lasted approximately five hours and learning points have been shared and will be discussed further at a Command and Control Debrief, to be held in the near future.

Following the exercise Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service offered a familiarisation session for other fire services and partner agencies on the "Stinger" for awareness of its capabilities and for potential use at future cross border incidents.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: DECEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia Awareness Week

As part of their work to make Leyland a dementia friendly community, Leyland Neighbourhood Forum hosted a week of activity to raise awareness of services that support people living with dementia. There were a number of agencies involved in the events including the Alzheimer's Society, Progress Housing, Trading Standards Safe Trader Scheme, Lancashire County Council's Older People's Service, Age Concern Central Lancashire and Preston Care and Repair. Ten Dementia Friends sessions were held throughout the week, where the general public and staff from various agencies could become Dementia Friends.

The Community Fire Safety Team took an information stand to the event and explained the different equipment available to people living with Dementia such as Guardian Angles and dementia stickers that show reminders to put water in ashtrays and not to leave cooking unattended.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Building Fire
Date: 07 December 2017
Time of Call: 06:20

Four fire engines were mobilised to Crossways Day Centre, West Paddock, Leyland with reports of smoke coming from the building. On arrival two Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were committed with a hose reel jet and extinguished a fire within a small office area. The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental and started due to an electrical fault when a lithium battery within a mobile phone which was on charge exploded.

Incident: Accidental Dwelling Fire
Date: 09 December 2017
Time of Call: 03:49

Fire service mobilised to a property on Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods in response to initial reports of a fire involving a bedroom. On attendance, information was gathered from the occupants who confirmed everyone was out of the property. A breathing apparatus team was deployed with a hose reel and a thermal imaging camera into the property and quickly extinguished the fire. An investigation was initiated by fire service personnel who, after further questioning, the occupants confirmed that the cause was a tea candle which had been left in close proximity to the curtains. As a precaution, an ambulance was requested for one male casualty

however, after an examination, it was confirmed he did not need to be transported to hospital. The damage was confined to the room of origin, 30% severe by fire to room and contents. A thermal imaging camera was utilised to ensure no hotspots remained prior to leaving the scene, fire service personnel were in attendance at this incident for approximately an hour and a half.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

WEST LANCASHIRE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Enrichment Day

On 14 December, Firefighters from Skelmersdale arranged to bring a group of adult learners from West Lancashire College to take part in a Firefighter experience/enrichment day along the lines of the one the Fire Cadets do in the spring/summer which included three activities - the gallery crawl, fire extinguisher activity and a road traffic collision demonstration, as well as seeing a demonstration on fire behaviour.

The event was attended by nine learners, five West Lancashire College staff and four Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service staff. The young people have a variety of Special Educational Needs, however they were all high functioning and physically able.

The event gave LFRS yet another outlet for our safety messages to some of the most vulnerable members of our community. In turn, we are able to support them in their efforts to achieve independent/supported living. We are also aware that some of the students are, in turn, carers for their own elderly and infirm parents, so the collateral benefits are huge.

Register My Appliance

Following the recent and tragic fire at Grenfell Tower and a number of incidents involving older appliances and faults in white goods, crews at Ormskirk were tasked with planning a campaign to support the campaign 'Register my Appliance'. This initiative aimed to encourage more people to register their appliances, to improve ownership data in case a safety repair is needed, and to take greater ownership of their appliances. The campaign's main focus day was 16 January – however, to provide better impact, the leaflets were used more consistently throughout January. It was considered best practise to utilise the leaflets on Home Fire Safety Check visits and target second hand stores to see what if anything they provide customers with.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 14 January 2018
Time of Call: 09:04

The owner of the premises had set up a log burning stove in a small out building in

order to dry logs in a room he was using for storage. He secured the building at approximately 19:00 the previous night and he confirmed there was no sign of fire. When the family awoke the next morning they could smell smoke and they then saw large amounts of smoke issuing from the building. When it became apparent that he could not extinguish the fire, the fire service was called. There were no signs of forced entry to the building. It is believed that some of the logs in the room had fallen directly onto the stove, or less likely, were stored too close to the stove and these had eventually ignited and the fire then spread to other logs within the room. Severe by fire to room and contents of outbuilding, moderate by heat and severe by smoke to remainder of building.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 20 January 2018
Time of Call: 06:00

Fire involving pan and contents in the kitchen of a bungalow. There was a smell of smoke on arrival; the occupant was seen lying on the bed and crews were unable to get response by banging on doors and windows therefore forced entry was made to the door. The occupant was assisted to safety by Fire service personnel and treated with oxygen. Damage to pan and contents moderate by heat and light by smoke to whole bungalow (kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, living room, hallway). Fire service crew carried out Hot Strike and Home Fire Safety Crew/Safe and Well visits following the incident.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WYRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Community Reassurance</u></p> <p>Following the recent floods in Wyre a campaign of community reassurance was undertaken jointly by Operational Crews and Community Safety Advisors. Details of properties affected by the flooding were collated by Knowledge Management which involved 98 addresses. All properties had not necessarily been attended by the Fire Service as they had been affected by the floods to various extents.</p> <p>Any known vulnerable persons on the list were prioritised for a reassurance visit, if necessary a full Home Fire Safety Check was carried out. In all cases where contact was made, emphasis was placed on the potential risk in the change of circumstances. With the inevitable loss of power the safe use of candles was addressed, the importance of having escape routes clear, in all cases post flood recovery advice leaflets were left, and the opportunity was taken to deliver keep safe and warm bags to the vulnerable.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service Call
Date: 13 November 2017
Time of Call: 17:23

One appliance from Fleetwood was mobilised to an unusual rescue involving a dog trapped in a car. Typically these types of incident involve an animal locked in a car and the occupier not present.

On this occasion however, the occupier was with the vehicle and on arrival crews discovered that the dog had one of its front paws firmly stuck down a metal hole underneath the front passenger seat. The vehicle was a modern, expensive, high end four by four model.

Crews undertook a series of actions to release the dog uninjured whilst minimising damage to the vehicle. After an hour of painstaking operations, the animal was freed.