

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday, 20 June 2016

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

(Appendix 1 refers)

Contact for further information:

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Executive Summary

Reports in relation to the 2 Unitary and 12 District Authorities are attached containing information relating to:-

- Community Fire Safety initiatives;
- Fires and Incidents of particular interest.

Operational incidents of interest will be presented to Members for information.

Recommendation

The Authority is asked to note/endorse the report.

Information

Included as Appendix 1 are reports for the two unitary and twelve district authorities in relation to:

- Community Fire Safety initiatives;
- Fires and Incidents of particular interest.

Business Risk:

None

Environmental Impact:

Potential impact on local environment

Equality and Diversity implications:

None

Financial Implications:

None

HR Implications:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

Paper Information from LFRS Management Info Systems Information received from area based staff	Date April 2016 – May 2016 April 2016 – May 2016	Contact David Russel David Russel
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL – MAY 2016

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

A new educational package developed to help promote both fire and road safety will be rolled out during Ramadan. The sessions will highlight our Loose Clothing and Wasted Lives campaigns and will be delivered to mosques and community centres throughout June.

During the recent National Dementia awareness week the Community Safety team organised and delivered activities, workshops and presentations throughout the borough. These sessions also included the promotion of the new Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service website for Home Fire Safety Check referrals.

The Health awareness day at Darwen market was a huge success, bringing together like minded partners who ran a Dementia Cafe, Knit and Natters groups and Dementia Friends workshops. Training sessions throughout the day were also delivered to partner agencies who were encouraged to use the new website referral pathway.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Wildfire
Date: 22/04/16
Time of Call: 16:40hrs

The recent dry period has led to LFRS attending several wildfire incidents across the Service. Initially, two appliances from Darwen attended the incident; however, the fire developed rapidly leading to 12 pumping appliances being in attendance. LFRS has worked hard over recent years on enhanced equipment and collaborative training to deal with this kind of incident.

A partnership approach was very apparent at this incident with resources from the Bay Search and Rescue team, Police, United Utilities, LFRS Wildfire units and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMC) all in use. The use of these shared resources allowed crews to travel over the rough terrain with greater efficiency, communicate via radios due to enhanced communication systems and attack the fire with specially designed equipment. The drone from GMC provided valuable aerial coverage and LFRS used the leaf blowers to good effect along the fire front. Rossendale Mountain Rescue Team provided valuable support in plotting the fire ground in their control unit and providing printed maps to the incident commander assisting the management of the fire ground. The incident covered two square kilometres and lasted for over two days before crews extinguished this challenging fire. Police attended the scene as initial eye-witness reports suggested the involvement of youths seen in the area.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: BLACKPOOL

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

On Thursday 12th May, two of our Fire Cadets and a CFS Advisor from the South Shore unit took part in a radio interview for Blue Light Day, covering the 24hr Emergency Services Broadcast. The cadets visited Radio Lancashire in Blackburn where they were interviewed live on air by Gerald Jackson. Both cadets discussed their involvement with the Fire Cadets programme and the nature of the activities covered. The interview proved to be a very positive experience and will contribute significantly towards both raising the profile of the Fire Cadets and highlighting the great work resulting from the initiative.

Bispham Fire Station hosted an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 21st May, to highlight Dementia Awareness Week and to help people confront dementia. We encouraged people from the local community to join us for a cup of tea and provided the opportunity for them to find out more about dementia and the Fire Service. We were joined by three members of the Alzheimer's Society who provided advice, support and information. The ultimate aim of the day was to tackle some of the myths and misconceptions surrounding dementia. Paul Maynard M.P. for Blackpool North and Cleveleys also made an appearance. Local businesses, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Aldi, Taylors and the Co-Op all kindly donated refreshments. The event was well attended with over a hundred and fifty people visiting the station and we received £220 in donations for both the Alzheimer's Society and Empowerment.

On Wednesday 18th May, a member of our CFS team delivered 'Dementia Friends' training to Central Area Fire Cadets. Eleven fire cadets and one member of school staff from Christ the King School, Frenchwood, Preston attended the session. The cadets enjoyed the interactive session and learned that talking about dementia and confronting the condition provides the best options for providing support. They also learned that it is possible to live well with dementia. It was encouraging to witness younger people engaging and actively participating in the session.

During the recent water safety week, crews from the Blackpool district displayed 'Dying for a Dip' posters at known water risk venues. As part of this campaign, crews worked with beach patrols in relation to the coastal risks. As a result of this relationship, a stand has been provided at the Sandcastle water park in order to promote water safety for the upcoming Bank Holiday.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Accidental Fire
Date: 12/05/2016
Time of Call: 17:27:31

Three appliances attended an accidental fire at flats in Blackpool. A property search resulted in the rescue of a casualty. First aid was administered by the fire crew until the ambulance arrived. A further four individuals were walked out of the premises. One casualty was conveyed to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation and serious burns to his left thigh. An occupier from another flat was also conveyed to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. The property sustained severe damage by fire and heat to a couch and moderate damage by heat to the lounge.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: BURNLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Blue Light Day

As part of the recent Blue Light Day broadcast on 12th May, BBC Radio Lancashire sent a reporter to Burnley. There were several interviews broadcast, including operational staff talking about the High Volume Pump and Incident Report Unit, a Community Fire Safety team member discussing their role, the Prince's Trust team leader talking about the impact the programme has on young people, the Community Protection Manager explaining prevention activities, and a Retained Duty System (RDS) Crew Manager from Earby talking about how he balances his primary employment with his RDS role and family life. The feedback received from the reporter was very positive and the broadcast was a fantastic opportunity to discuss the wider aspects the Fire Service lead on to make Lancashire Safer as well as promoting some of our key fire safety messages during the summer period.

LYOT Community Safety Event – Wednesday 11th May 2016

Following the success of previous events, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) in conjunction with the Lancashire Youth Offending Team-East (LYOT), delivered a whole day's programme open to young people (and their parents/carers) known to LYOT and living in East Lancashire. The programme was conceived and delivered jointly between LYOT and LFRS staff and was delivered at Burnley Community Fire Station. The LYOT targets clients with a history of arson, car crime related offending and those vulnerable to becoming involved in anti-social behaviour. A total of 11 young people agreed to take part in the day, several accompanied by parent/carers.

Blue Watch facilitated the day which started with a Road Safety demonstration; this involved a simulated rescue of a casualty trapped in road vehicle (i.e. cutting someone out of a wrecked vehicle). The demonstration was extremely impressive generating lively and constructive conversation amongst the young people. The group then moved onto a presentation of the Wasted Lives Programme which deals with the issue of the dangers of driving under the influence of substances. It uses the wreck of a car in which a local teenager tragically died, following a collision the morning after a night out drinking when he was unaware of being over the drink drive limit.

After a break for lunch, the Swift Water Response Team based at Nelson Community Fire Station delivered a presentation about their work. The team is made up of fire fighters who have specialised skills and equipment to deal with emergencies involving water whether it is in the sea, canals, rivers or closed water. The team delivered LFRS's 'Dying for a Dip' presentation and followed this up by showcasing their equipment and demonstrating techniques used in water rescue.

The final session of the day was an interactive demonstration of the Firehouse Training Facility. The young people and carers were given the opportunity to experience for themselves the hazards of being in a smoke filled space. The fire house was filled with cosmetic smoke and in pairs, wearing protective equipment, and under the close supervision of fire fighters the young people entered the building and had to navigate around and out of the space. The participants really enjoyed this exercise and also learned a valuable insight into the dangers presented by fires in enclosed spaces.

Following the event the young people involved were asked to evaluate the various elements and the feedback was extremely positive.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Business Premises Fire

Date: 04/04/16

Time of Call: 01:59hrs

Two appliances from Burnley were mobilised to a derelict public house in Burnley which had been empty for several years. When they arrived they were met with a rapidly developing fire involving the ground floor of the premises. A request was made for further resources with the incident being made up to 3 appliances; this was quickly followed with a request for 5 appliances and 1 aerial ladder platform. Due to the severity of the fire, the incident commander made the decision that the operational crews would adopt a defensive tactical mode in dealing with the incident and not place any firefighters within the risk areas. The incident was sectorised and a tactical plan put in place to protect and prioritise an adjoining barn. The actions of the crews prevented fire spread to the adjoining barn; however the public house was completely destroyed by the fire. Liaison with Burnley Borough Council took place to ensure the building was safe and as a result was demolished several days later. Post incident, an Incident Intelligence Officer attended the scene to ascertain the cause of the fire, this was determined as a deliberate fire. Currently ongoing enquires are taking place with the police.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: CHORLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

As part of Dementia Awareness Week, a Community Safety Advisor from Chorley Fire Station attended Age UK Lancashire's Dementia Friendly event at the Lifestyle Centre in Chorley. The event was split into two different sections, a Dementia Friends Session was running for people who had recently become carers for those living with Dementia and the other part was a market place for organisations to network with other organisations and those who were part of the dementia friends sessions, about the services that are available for those with dementia and the people who care for them. A Home Fire Safety Check (HFSC) referral process was set up with Age UK, whereby they can refer anyone they are supporting to Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service for a HFSC.

LFRS were approached by an Intervention and Prevention Officer from Chorley Council to carry out a road safety initiative in the Croston area due to high levels of speeding. The area in question, Moor Road, goes from 40 miles per hour, to 30 and then to 20 miles per hour and the majority of people exceed the 30 and 20 miles per hour limit. 2 road safety events were held at Bishop Rawstone School in Croston as this is a very busy focal point on that road. All year 10 and 11 students received the Wasted Lives package and the crashed car was placed at a strategic point in front of school for parents picking their children up and for passers-by to see. The Council are monitoring the situation to see if this improves.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 08/05/2016
Time of Call: 05:29hrs

The initial message came through as a building fire, with flames being seen from the kitchen. On approaching this incident, large quantities of smoke were seen coming from the roof of the main building, a message was sent to make pumps 3 and a request for 1 Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP). The building was all secure and flames seen coming out of the side of the building, which turned out to be the kitchen of a public house. Smoke was seen coming out all along the roof eaves. Initial reports suggested that someone was still inside the property and four teams of firefighters wearing breathing apparatus conducted a fingertip search however a message was soon sent that no one was missing. The incident was made 6 pumps for further Breathing Apparatus resources and the attendance of the Incident Intelligence Officer (IIO) was requested. Once the fire was extinguished, and all persons were accounted for, the IIO started the Fire Investigation and requested the Fire Dog to attend due to this incident being of a suspicious nature. All internal doors were wedged in an open position, which led to smoke spreading throughout the entire building. Also the IIO and Fire Dog both confirmed that accelerants were present outside the kitchen window, the room of origin of fire. A full fire investigation is being carried out by the IIO.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: FYLDE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

In support of “Dementia Week”, CFS staff from Western attended a multiagency event at Clifton Hospital. The event raised awareness of dementia and also promoted LFRS. Staff offered advice and information on Home Fire Safety Visits and our new referral process.

The CFS team worked with operational crews to support an elderly lady living with dementia. The lady’s gas fire had been condemned by the Gas Board and she didn’t understand why. It turned out that the adjoining property (which was tenanted) had a Gas Safety Check in their house and the mid feathers were unsafe. The two properties shared the same chimney so the Gas Board disconnected both fires. CFS contacted the Planning Department and received the following advice. *‘It is our understanding that if a defect in one building is affecting another this can be dealt with under “nuisance law” Environmental Protection Act 1990 but this would be better resolved amicably between the two parties involved’*. As a result a new liner was installed in the lady’s chimney; the gas fire was then serviced and is now fully operational again.

During the recent water safety week, crews and CFS staff from the Fylde district visited water risk sites in order to display the ‘Dying for a Dip’ poster. This also included high visibility patrols of the sea front, whilst conducting daily routine activities.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 23/04/16
Time of Call: 23:58hrs

Crews attended a building fire in Westby with Plumpton. Six appliances were in attendance, one of which was the ALP. The fire started in a single storey, timber framed dwelling. Smoke detection was in place, however, the occupiers became aware of the fire and evacuated prior to the smoke detectors activating. The damage was severe by fire to the entire building. There were no reported injuries and an investigation is underway.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: HYNDBURN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

As part of the Eastern Community Fire Safety Team’s commitment to Hyndburn Dementia Alliance, all team members have recently taken part in a week of action, supporting National Dementia Week across the borough. The team organised and delivered activities, workshops and presentations throughout the borough. These sessions also included the promotion of the new Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service website for Home Fire Safety Check referrals.

The main event was held at St James Centre in Accrington, in which staff took the opportunity to engage with partners, including voluntary organisations, charities, carers, assisted independent living providers and individuals living with dementia. Products to assist those living with dementia were available to view and increase awareness of solutions which have the potential to reduce the risk to these vulnerable people. Workshops were delivered by Homewise and Memory Matters, as well Dementia training workshops where attendees were registered as “Dementia Friends”.

A new educational package has been developed to help promote both fire and road safety which will be rolled out during Ramadan. For the first time in Hyndburn, the sessions will highlight our Loose Clothing and Wasted Lives campaigns and will be delivered to mosques and community centres throughout June.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 18/05/16
Time of Call: 03:43hrs

Crews were mobilised to a fire at Churchill’s Conservative Club in Accrington. This former iconic building of five floors had been unoccupied for several years and despite its dilapidated state, the building and its fantastic façade are the source of local pride. Upon arrival the crews were faced with a well developed fire inside the building and quickly made pumps 8 and 2 ALP’s. Due to the severity of the fire, crews operated defensively thereby fighting the fire from the outside. The Office In Charge (OIC) was fully aware of the status of the building and endeavoured to protect the front of the building. The incident commanders quickly evacuated the local area and closed roads in close proximity. The crews successfully prevented the fire from spreading into neighbouring properties but due to the severity of the fire were unable to save the building. This incident is likely to involve LFRS for several weeks as demolition companies carefully take down the structure allowing crews to access the property in order to fully investigate the cause. This incident involved the close partnership working of the Police, Highways, Local Authority and utility companies. The local supermarket Tesco very generously donated food and drink to the crews throughout the day. The cause of this incident is likely to be deliberate and investigations are ongoing at this time.

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

Water Safety Week

In support of the CFOA Water Safety Week Campaign, a mud and sand safety awareness event was held on Morecambe promenade in conjunction with Morecambe Carnival. This was a multi-agency event involving Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (Operational and Community Fire Safety Teams), Bay Search and Rescue, and Royal National Lifeboat Institution. As Morecambe Bay has claimed many lives over the years and a combination of emergency services are regularly involved in rescues, this was an ideal opportunity to engage with the public to promote safety advice and display rescue equipment. It is estimated the Service engaged with over 350 members of the public at this event.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Commercial Fire
Date: 24/03/16
Time of Call: 10:18

Two fire appliances were mobilised to a health and fitness centre, Lancaster City Centre. Upon arrival, the Officer in Charge was confronted with a fire on the second floor of a three storey building. The fire quickly developed into the roof space, as a result fire appliances were increased to four and an ariel ladder platform requested. Firefighting operations took place from outside via hand held branches into the second floor and the ariel ladder platform attacking the fire entering the roof space. Firefighting appliances were increased to eight and ariel ladder platforms to two as firefighters entered adjoining properties wearing breathing apparatus to prevent horizontal fire spread. The fire impacted on the building stability and as a result Local Authority Building Inspectors and Structural Engineers attended. There were 8 persons in the gym at the time of the fire and 2 staff, all vacated safely on actuation of the fire alarm

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Launch of Safety during Ramadan

The Safety During Ramadan campaign was launched on 18th May in partnership with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS), Pendle Community Radio (PCR) and Lancashire Council of Mosques (LCM) ahead of Ramadan which begins on 6th June this year. Reaching approximately 15,000 listeners across the Pennine and Eastern areas, Pennine Community Protection Manager Neil Taylor and Hamid Qureshi (Chair of LCM) promoted the key fire safety messages including cooking safety, especially during Iftari (sunset) time, loose clothing and electrical safety. Additionally, emphasis was placed on reducing anti-social behaviour following late night prayers. CPM Neil Taylor recorded key fire safety message for PCR listeners which will be played during the holy month of Ramadan. LCM will be sending out letters to all affiliated Mosques across Lancashire about how to stay safe during Ramadan. During this period, the Community Fire Safety (CFS) team and Operational Crews will also be visiting Madrassa's and Mosques, in conjunction with the Police (Early Action Team) to increase awareness.

Additionally, road safety messages will be delivered prior to the Eid period due to an increasing trend of hiring high-performance vehicles by inexperienced younger drivers highlighting the potentially tragic consequences not only for themselves, but also other road users and pedestrians.

Articles promoting Ramadan and Eid Safety will also be published in the Asian Leader and several other publications during this period.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Persons Reported Fire
Date: 20/04/16
Time of Call: 22:22

Three fire engines from Nelson and Colne attended a house fire with reports that someone was still inside the building. The fire in the house was extinguished using two breathing apparatus sets, one hose reel and thermal imaging camera. One person in the house was rescued by firefighters and they were suffering from severe burns. Firefighters gave the casualty oxygen therapy at the scene before they were taken to hospital. The fire is believed to have started after a female attempted to blowout a candle and her loose clothing set on fire.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Cadets Enrichment Day at Training Centre

Fire Cadets from Carnforth, Whitworth and Christ the King attended the training centre on 26 April 2016 for an Enrichment Day which involved three main activities; cutting up cars, extinguishing fires and rescuing casualties. The cadets felt extremely privileged to have taken part in the day's activities and although it was a fun experience they also learnt valuable lessons concerning the dangers and severity of fire. The cadets all gave very positive feedback about the day and were grateful for the opportunity to get involved practically and put the knowledge and skills they had learnt and developed through the cadet project to practical use.

Lego Fire Safety Partnership day at Sir Tom Finney School.

Just before Christmas 'Lego' invited all Fire and Rescue Services in the country to participate with a proposal to hold a community partnership event using Lego to promote Fire safety. Personnel from C50 worked alongside Paul Slee from SHQ to develop a suitable proposal. Through Lego's unique draw the event was designed to engage people through their fine-motor skills, and the team approached the areas local Special Educational Needs (SEN) schools to see if they would be interested. Two SEN schools, Sir Tom Finney High School (STF) and Acorns Primary School were keen to get involved and also a group of residents from a local care home.

As a result of the proposal, Firefighters and Community Fire Safety Staff attended a special event at Sir Tom Finney High School involving around 100 children with a wide range of disabilities. In addition 25 adults, both school staff and residents from Preston Private Care Home attended. The session was kept very practical and interactive with activities including feeling how hot a flame was, what fire smelt like and what a smoke alarm sounded like - ideal for the predominately sensory learners. In addition, groups carried out an Escape Action Plan role play where they had to get as low as they could under a 'smoke layer' and built a 'Lego' house to help them understand escape routes. This was a highly successful, enjoyable day - the youngsters learnt about what fire is, how useful it can be, how dangerous it can be plus what to do in the event of a fire.

Christ the King Fire Cadets

Cadets from Christ the King attended Preston Fire Station on 11th May 2016 where they were presented with their certificates for completion of the Induction Module. The fire cadets were also given pin badges and Crew Managers in development received their rank markings. The Cadets have demonstrated fantastic potential so far and have developed exceptionally in key skills such as team building, problem solving, communication and leadership, whilst developing their knowledge and understanding of the Fire and Rescue Service as a whole.

Joint Water Safety Event – Holy Family Primary School, Preston

WM Forth from Preston Station attended the above school in partnership with the Police. WM Forth took with him a swift water rescue suit which is used by the Fire Service personnel when carrying out water rescues. He demonstrated to the Year 5 pupils how water rapidly cools the body, preventing even strong swimmers from drowning. Over June, several other schools will be visited with the water safety advice in preparation of the summer holidays commencing.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Restaurant Fire, Preston
Date: 05/05/2016
Time of Call: 10:45hrs

A passer-by reported the smoke from the roof and informed the staff, who evacuated the premises. Initially, two fire appliances were mobilised from Preston Fire Station. On arrival, the Watch Manager increased resources to four fire engines and an ALP. Police were called to the incident to control the crowds and traffic. The fire spread rapidly through the internal roof space and first floor. The roof was destroyed by fire. The fire was brought under control and crews spent several hours at the scene.

Incident: Persons Reported Flat Fire, Ribbleton Lane, Preston
Date: 23/04/2016
Time of Call: 01:22hrs

On arrival at this this incident, the Fire Service were directed to the rear of the property by members of the public. Smoke could be seen issuing from the property. Passers-by had tried to gain access to the property as it was believed the occupier was inside. A message was sent "persons reported". Six firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were deployed into the property. A well-established fire was located in the front lounge/bedroom on the first floor. The property was searched and no persons found to be inside. The fire was extinguished and smoke cleared from the property. Signs of deliberate ignition were identified. Police attended due to fire of suspicious origin. The occupier of the flat was located by the police and was safe. Damage to the property was severe by fire to the lounge/bedroom and moderate by smoke to the whole of the property.

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

Following information from local residents regarding Anti-Social Behaviour within Longridge Fell Forest the Community Fire Safety teamed visit the site and placed information highlighting the dangers of wild fires in the area. On further investigation we found that young people had also been travelling from Clitheroe to the remote area and had started to both climb and jump in to the Blue Lagoon. We have now covered this area and provided "Dying for a Dip" leaflets and posters. Local schools are also being targeted with the campaign.

A new partnership with the British Red Cross that has been funded by Landrover will aim to support older people living in the area who are caring for a friend or family member. Key areas of support are welfare: a visit during stay in hospital, follow up calls and visits after discharge from hospital plus emotional support and any signposting to relevant agencies.

Training on how to make a Home Fire Safety Check referral using our new website has already taken place along with training on how British Red Cross staff can identify any fire hazards within the homes they visit.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Animal Rescue
Date: 15/04/16
Time of Call:

Crews from Longridge and Penwortham were mobilised to a farm in Ribchester where upon arrival crews were met by a concerned farmer about a very large, elderly cow which had become trapped in a cattle crush. Upon investigation, the crew identified that the cow's rear legs had slipped backwards leaving the animal unable to stand up and after significant time in this position the animal was now exhausted. The crew quickly realised that using the strops and winch they may be able to lift the cow thus allowing it to regain its footing. The sheer size of the cow was beyond the capability of the winch; however, using the farms equipment in conjunction with strops, the cow was successfully lifted and released from the cattle crush. After a few minutes walking gingerly the cow soon settled down its usual routine. For the LFRS crews this incident highlighted the benefit of calling in third party equipment when it can benefit our operations.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

ROSSENDALE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Mental Health Awareness Week

Community Fire Safety (CFS) staff from Rossendale were invited by Dementia Friendly Rossendale to attend an event on 16th May at ASDA in Rawtenstall as part of Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental Health Awareness Week is a national campaign which runs 15-21st May and is supported by CFOA with the objective of offering support to anybody affected by Mental Health, in particular Dementia. The event was attended by representatives from LFRS, Rossendale Hospice, Together Housing, Alzheimer's Society, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and the East Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group. A table was laid out with information leaflets from the various agencies and pull-up banners were assembled to draw attention to the public of the various services available. Community Fire Safety staff engaged with approx. 25 members of the public who appeared to fall within our high and very high risk groups. Advice was given with regard to cooking, smoking and electrical safety as well as other relevant key safety messages, including loose clothing and summer safety. Information was also given about the importance of having smoke alarms and the free home fire safety check service. The event was promoted on Twitter using the hashtag #MHAW16.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Rescue
Date: 05/05/2016
Time of Call: 18:21hrs

A 13 year old male youth was playing with friends on the site of a disused reservoir. Boggy ground/marsh meant that when he had tried to cross the main body of the dry bed whilst playing 'manhunt' he became stuck in mud and could not escape unaided. His friends attempted to help him out but could not free him. After approx. 45 mins LFRS were called by him. On arrival of the Fire Service, he was extremely distressed and trapped to mid-thigh with his right knee locked out and his body weight over the top of the leg causing extreme discomfort. The Fire Service made their way to him on hands and knees and dug the area around him to aid his escape, he was unable to walk and extremely cold so was carried to safety. First aid gear and a blanket were used to treat him whilst awaiting NWS attendance, the Fire Service then assisted in carrying him on a scoop stretcher approx. 1000m to the waiting ambulance.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) form part of a multi-agency working group called Better Together in the Home which aims to assist people in staying in their own homes for as long as possible. This is done through each agency offering solutions including home adaptations, telecare equipment and home fire safety checks. On 29th April, the Community Fire Safety Advisors based at Leyland and Bamber Bridge Fire Stations, attended a dementia workshop, run by the Alzheimer's Society, where each agency attending could pledge to help support South Ribble in becoming a dementia friendly district. Each agency explained what they do as an organisation in order to support those living with dementia, which provided excellent signposting opportunities for LFRS.
- LFRS was approached by an organisation called 1st Kick Football as they were experiencing problems with young people breaking the break glass call points in the venues they were running football courses. Crews and Community Fire Safety from Leyland Fire Station attended two sessions, one in Leyland at Worden Academy and one in Lostock Hall at Lostock Hall Academy. There were 60 young people at each of the sessions and they all participated in a talk about the consequences of their actions. After the session, the young people took part in positive engagement by meeting Fire Fighters from their local station and learning more about their roles.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Commercial Building Fire

Date: 11/05/2016

Time of Call: 02:47hrs

At 02:47hrs 11th May 2016, LFRS received a report of a fire involving a workshop at an industrial unit on Seedlee Road, Walton Summit. This call resulted in two fire engines being mobilised. On arrival of the 1st fire engine, it was discovered that 21 members of staff had been safely evacuated but there was light grey smoke within the building.

Crews were directed to the left front of the building having been informed that the fire was in the workshop to the left rear of the building. Two firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were sent into the building equipped with a thermal camera and a hose reel. The conditions within the building changed as the fire developed and for safety the breathing apparatus team were withdrawn and all fire-fighting operations were undertaken from outside the building. As the fire spread rapidly through the entire building the incident manager requested operational support from a further eight fire engines and two aerial ladder platforms (ALPs). By 08:00hrs 11th May 2016, the fire was under control and the numbers of fire engines could be reduced. By 12:00hrs 11th May 2016, only two fire engines remained on site to deal with any remaining pockets of fire. The incident was not fully resolved until 10:00hrs on 17th May 2016 at which time responsibility for the building was handed over to the business operators.

The fire destroyed a significant proportion of the building and the process machinery. However, fire crews were able to save items essential to the operation of the company's second manufacturing unit located at a separate location. The cause of the fire is still being investigated by LFRS's incident intelligence team. At this stage it is not possible to disclose the cause of the fire, but it is not being treated as deliberate.

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

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WEST LANCASHIRE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

- Ormskirk's Fire Cadet Unit, along with Cadet Units from Preston and Blackpool, attended an Enrichment Day at Service Training Centre on 24th May. The Cadets participated in 3 activities, the gallery crawl, fire extinguisher activity and a road traffic collision demonstration, as well as seeing a demonstration on fire behaviour. At the end of the day, the Cadets were given the opportunity to have a tour of the Urban Search and Rescue building and see the specialist equipment the Crews use. The highlight of the day for some of the Cadets was seeing how the Service's Search and Rescue dog, Sid found a hidden person in a pile of rubble. The Trainers involved in the day were all very complimentary of the Cadets.
- As part of CFOA Water Safety Week, Community Fire Safety from Skelmersdale Fire Station delivered the Service's Dying for a Dip package to the Prince's Trust Team at West Lancashire College, to both the Skelmersdale team and also the Kirkby team. Dying for a Dip will become part of their curriculum and will be delivered prior to each residential taking place.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Commercial Building Fire

Date: 14/05/2016

Time of Call: 14:50hrs

Two appliances, one from Ormskirk and one from Skelmersdale attended a fire involving the out wall of a factory building at a commercial premises on Greenhey Place. Firefighters used one hose reel to extinguish the fire and breathing apparatus. They then went inside the building wearing B.A. to assess the interior wall and ventilate the property. The fire appeared to have spread from a refuse fire outside the property. It also involved some bushes. Equipment in use included a thermal imaging camera, dewalt saw, small tools, an aqua pack and a triple extension ladder.

Incident: Fire

Date: 25/05/2016

Time of Call: 02:42hrs

Flats in Skelmersdale

Two fire engines and crews from Skelmersdale responded to a report of a fire in a three-storey block of flats. Firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus used a hosereel jet to extinguish the fire in a ground floor flat and a portable fan unit to extract smoke and heat. There were no casualties.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: WYRE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia Awareness Week

As part of the above campaign, Community Fire Safety Staff attended various events throughout the district. Events took place at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Fleetwood Wellbeing Centre and Mount Road Church, Fleetwood. These events provided opportunities for networking with agencies, distribution of fire safety leaflets, and a Fire Safety talk to Alzheimer's Society Memory Café in conjunction with Fleetwood Rotary. Use of Twitter to send tweets with details of events taking place in the District, plus re-tweets for other activities for the campaign week. It was noted this resulted in an increase in followers and engagement during this period.

FIRES AND INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Commercial Fire, Jameson Road, Fleetwood

Date: 16/04/2016

Time of Call: 18:39hrs

Two appliances from Fleetwood were mobilised to the above incident. On arrival, the Officer in Charge (OIC) was confronted with a steel framed structure containing approx. 3000 tonnes of plastic waste material in the form of $\frac{3}{4}$ tonne bales. The OIC immediately sent an assistance message requesting a further three fire appliances for the implementation of a water relay, a further assistance message soon followed requesting a total of eight fire appliances, an ariel ladder platform and a high volume pump.

As a result of a multi-agency meeting it was decided to let the fire burn in a controlled manner, The Environment Agency had stipulated that the burning waste material be confined within the structure to prevent pollution to a nearby Nature Reserve and the River Wyre.

Over the next week, ground monitors and jets were used for cooling and controlling the smoke produced. A digger was used to turn over sections of the waste material to allow a cleaner burn, this process lasted for three days. The incident site was monitored by the Fire Service for a further two weeks. The building had been deemed structurally unsafe, following a multi-agency meeting a decision was made to demolish the structure to enable the waste material to be removed. The waste material is still on site. The Environmental Agency and Wyre Borough Council are liaising with the site occupier to arrange its removal.