

**LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: JUNE – AUGUST 2016

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| <b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>   | <b>BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN</b> |
| <b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>   |                              |
| <b><u>Loose Clothing / Ramadan</u></b><br>As part of the Eastern Ramadan Safety we delivered 'Loose Clothing' campaign sessions, targeting women's groups. The campaign covered cooking safely, tying loose clothing back and what to do in the event of clothing catching fire.   |                              |
| <b><u>Wasted Lives</u></b><br>Again this year's campaign also highlighted "Wasted Lives" and targeted a number of different mosques in the Blackburn area. There have always been concerns via the Police with more and more road traffic collisions during Eid. Therefore, it is a good time for us to target drivers at this time in Ramadan, as we do get an increase in young drivers/ men going to Prayers more during the Ramadan Period. Operational managers were able to give presentations - including cars which have been involved in road traffic accidents |                              |
| <b><u>Streetwise</u></b><br>A new style Streetwise event was held at Witton school, with the Fire Service playing a prominent part in the delivery of safety, targeting Year 6 children in the borough. Two sets of workshops focusing on road safety and water safety, along with the overarching theme of fire safety, were delivered to 700 children, by both operational and community fire safety staff   |                              |

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| <b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>   |                                    |
| <b>Incident:</b>   | Successful Prosecution (Post-Fire) |
| <b>Date:</b>   | 08 August 2016                     |
| <b>Time of Call:</b>   | N/A                                |
| <p>On 10 January 2016, two appliances from Blackburn Station and one from Darwen Station attended a developing house fire with a person trapped inside on Bolton Road, Blackburn. The two Blackburn appliances took less than three minutes to reach the address. One person found trapped inside the property was rescued by Firefighters using breathing apparatus. They were taken to hospital by NWS and fully recovered after treatment at Royal Blackburn Hospital. The building was a mid-terraced house. The room and floor of the house were severely damage and the remainder of the house moderately damaged. The fire investigation was led by Incident Investigating Officer (IIO) Mick England who quickly identified the seat of fire and that the cause was deliberate. Following a Fire Service and Police investigation, the identified suspect was arrested and charged with 'Arson with Intent to Endanger Life'. Subsequently, the suspect pleaded guilty and on 08 August, he was sentenced at Preston Crown Court to 6 years and 5 months imprisonment.</p> |                                    |

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Blackpool Carers**

As part of International Youth Day, Blackpool Fire Station created the opportunity for Young Blackpool Carers (carers between age of five to eighteen) to “Design a Poster”. The posters were to contain one, or a combination of Fire Safety, Water Safety and Road Safety elements and the entries were split into three categories. The closing date for entries was 12 August and the competition culminated in a visit to Blackpool Fire Station on 22 August for an afternoon of fun filled activities, a presentation and prizes for the winning entries. The afternoon was hosted by Blue Watch and a member of the Community Safety Team. The campaign not only strengthens Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service’s links with Blackpool Carers, but conveys important safety messages and provides a welcome diversion for the many young people who care for family members and loved ones. All of the Young Carers who attended the day were presented with a certificate from the Watch Manager, with some special prizes going to two of the Young Carers who came top in the group activities.

**Fire Cadets – Work Experience**

In July, two of our Fire Cadets from the South Shore unit participated in a brief period of work experience in Western Area. The Fire Cadets completed a tour of the stations; they worked with Community Safety Advisors and developed a greater understanding of the prevention work that takes place within the community. They also met Fire Safety Enforcement Officers and worked on a project whereby they examined five principles of fire safety. This then concluded with a simulated scenario, which put their learning into practice by asking them to identify potential hazards. They also visited North West Fire Control, received a tour of Headquarters, including the Contact Centre and observed Community Fire Safety Teams delivering training to some of our partner agencies.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Fire  
**Date:** 08 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 21:03

Operational crews were called to a fire in a block of flats in Blackpool town centre. The fire had taken hold in a downstairs flat, which resulted in substantial damage to the flat and moderate smoke damage to the upper floors of the property. This particular premises has been difficult to target in terms of fire safety. However, the incident presented the opportunity for collaborative working and an integrated approach between Operational Crews, Fire Safety Enforcement Officers, the Community Safety Team and our Partner Organisations. We were able to share information and put measures in place to help some of the more vulnerable members of this community.

**Incident:** Special Service Call  
**Date:** 06 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 15:15hrs

A call was received from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS), in order to assist with the rescue of a casualty from the roof of 'Ma Kelly's Bar' on Talbot Rd. It is believed that an adult male had injured himself whilst 'free-running' across the roofs. His injuries were soft tissue trauma to his ankle and shoulder. As the access from the roof was via a vertical ladder, it was decided that the safest option would be to utilise the Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP). To maintain fire cover, the other appliances and the Rope Rescue Team were released from the incident prior to the stop message. The casualty was strapped into a basket stretcher before being brought to safety via the ALP cage. The rescue took approximately 30 minutes to complete.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Older People's Activities**

Residents from a sheltered housing scheme in Padiham were invited to Burnley Community Fire Station to see for themselves how the Fire Service operates on a daily basis. Residents were given a tour by the Community Fire Safety team and received information about the key 'age safe' prevention messages and wellbeing advice to live a healthy life. Discussion took place on how the Fire Service can work effectively with older persons by sharing information, signposting and listening to their issues and concerns. By this kind of intervention we have worked closely with some elderly residents who now see themselves as our friends within the community.

**Home Fire Safety Checks**

The Community Fire Safety Pennine team also completed 25 targeted Home Fire Safety Checks at supported living accommodation in Burnley during July and August. In the past, there have been many false alarms and minor incidents at the premises, which are often an indicator of more serious incidents occurring. Emphasis was placed on cooking safely and adhering to the 'Stay Put' policy should the fire alarm sound.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Mill Fire  
**Date:** 19 June 2016  
**Time of Call:** 02:55

In response to the initial call, two appliances from Burnley were mobilised to a mill fire. The Officer in Charge of the first appliance could clearly see the large fire upon leaving the fire station. Upon arrival at the incident, the crews were faced with a large fire in a four-storey building that had fallen into disrepair over recent years. The building was unoccupied, open to access and a large fire was well developed in the centre of the building, involving a large portion of the internal structure and roof timbers. The crew quickly recognised the scale of the incident and requested a further two pumping appliances and an Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP) in order to tackle the blaze, which was located in the centre of the commercial area of the town. The structure of the building was deemed to be too unsafe for crews to enter the building, resulting in the use of the ALP to fight the fire from a safe vantage point, as well as using additional covering jets, supplied from the nearby canal. Safety officers were established and the use of cordons ensured public access was restricted in this town centre area. The early actions of the initial crews resulted in the fire being limited to the derelict mill, whilst minimising the impact on the local infrastructure. Following the suspicious fire, crews worked closely with the Police and Local Authority officers in order to identify evidence at the scene and ensure the unsafe structure was secure against future illegitimate entry.

**Incident:** Hazardous Materials Incident  
**Date:** 14 June 2016  
**Time of Call:** 23:11

One fire appliance was called to an incident - reported as a gas cloud - and crews liaised with the Police upon arrival at the scene. The gas cloud, which was initially unidentified in terms of what it consisted of, was slowly moving down a roadway towards traffic and members of the public. The Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection Officer (HMEPO) liaised with the Police and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service crew to establish a safe cordon and implement traffic control measures, until further information about the gas could be gathered. It was established that the gas was being released from a large cylinder situated at an adjacent engineering factory and it was quickly identified as being Nitrogen. The HMEPO completed a hazardous materials risk assessment, which identified the properties and hazards associated with the gas. The HMEPO also provided advice regarding how best to deal with the incident as safely and promptly as possible, in order to get the road infrastructure back to normal. The cylinder was used for storing liquid nitrogen and as the liquid leaked, it was very quickly taking the form of a gas which was causing the cloud. The onsite engineer had little knowledge of the cylinder system so the HMEPO contacted the supplier directly, and by utilising FaceTime on the iPad, the HMEPO was able to show the specialist exactly where the liquid was leaking from and quickly identify a solution in order to resolve the leak.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Community Service Hub**

As part of the work carried out by Chorley Council's Public Service Reform Board, the Community Fire Safety (CFS) team worked with a large number of different agencies on a three-day Community Service Hub. The pilot area was Chorley Inner East, which was identified by the Council due to Police hotspots, pensioners living alone, vulnerable young people and ethnic minority groups. Each of the three mornings started with a briefing by the Police on any issues they were currently facing and then each agency had the opportunity to discuss any visits they had booked in or any advice they required. The CFS team were accompanied by the Lancashire Wellbeing Service and the Police on some joint visits and home fire safety checks (HFSC) were generated and passed onto the CFS team. The Council took away feedback from the different agencies and there is an expectation that this concept be rolled out to other areas across Chorley District.

**Road Safety**

Crews and the CFS team from Chorley Fire Station attended the Chief Fire Officers Authority (CFOA) Road Safety Day at Charnock Richard Service Station on the M6 on Thursday, 11 August. The aim of the day was to promote the STOP4T message which comprised messages about *tyres, tiredness, two-second rule, towing, top up and take care* (in roadworks). Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service were joined by partners including Greater Manchester Police, Wigan Road Safety and Tyresafe, as well as Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety who took one of the crashed cars to demonstrate the dangers of drink driving and driving the morning after the night before. The event was a great success, with the agencies engaging with hundreds of drivers over the day.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Road Traffic Collision  
**Date:** 18 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 10:34

Crews from Leyland, Skelmersdale, Chorley, Bamber Bridge and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) were called to an incident at Charnock Richard Service Station between Junction 27 and 28 on the Southbound side of the M6. They were confronted with a heavy goods vehicle that had crashed into the rear of the petrol station. The driver was trapped by the steering wheel and was released by the Fire Service. The building had become structurally unsafe - therefore, the public were evacuated from the petrol station and the forecourt was closed. All utilities to the petrol station were isolated by the Charnock Service's engineer and the building was made safe by USAR. The incident was then handed over to Charnock Richard and the transport company for recovery of the heavy goods vehicle.

**Incident:** Secondary Fire  
**Date:** 10 June 2016  
**Time of Call:** 08:30

Chorley Fire Crews were called to an incident on Carr Lane in Chorley, which was initially described as a small fire involving petrol. On arrival, the Crews found that the householder had used a small quantity of petrol to burn away an ant's nest. The fire was out on arrival and required no intervention of the Crews. The nest was on a wall at the front of the garden and not attached to the house, however there was significant risk to the occupier due to the volatile nature of petrol when ignited in this way.

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| <b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>  |              |
| <b><u>Police Project</u></b>  |              |
| <p>The Western Area Community Fire Safety team have been delivering a comprehensive new training package in the Fylde area for Lancashire Police. The package has been produced by Training and Operational Review (TOR) and aims to furnish Lancashire Police - with ranks ranging from Police Community Support Officers to Inspectors - with a greater understanding of those members of our community who are most vulnerable to fire within the home. The package also explains the purpose of Home Fire Safety Checks and clarifies our new referral process. Information is also provided on both the FIRES and Arson Threat referral process.</p> <p>The presentation explains the most frequent cause of fire and identifies those who are most at risk. Underlying factors and “the cause behind the cause” such as ill health and poor mobility are also highlighted as a concerted effort to establish early action referrals and partnership working. The Fire Safety Enforcement aspect also plays a significant role in the presentation by highlighting what the Police can look for in terms of non-compliance from tenants, landlords and housing providers. Important information in terms of any fire safety being compromised following a raid from the Police themselves is also discussed.</p> |              |
| <b><u>Dementia Cafes</u></b>  |              |
| <p>Community Fire Safety teams have been working alongside dementia organisations such as The Alzheimer’s Society, Empowerment and voluntary sector agencies and regularly attending “Dementia Cafes” out in community settings for quite some time. In the Fylde area, operational crews are also visiting the cafes and working alongside the partner agencies and Community Fire Safety teams in the community. This is proving useful in the first instance for those living with dementia themselves should they and their carers have any fire safety related questions. In addition to this, benefits are gained from our perspective in terms of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service being able to identify vulnerable community members and the ability to learn so much more about the “Dementia Journey” from those who have a first-hand experience.</p> <p>This process has now expanded in the Fylde area, as operational crews are also visiting one of the dementia cafes and are working alongside the partner agencies and Community Fire Safety teams in the community. This integrated approach is working well, with experience and information being shared successfully.</p>  |              |



## INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

**Incident:** Fire  
**Date:** 14 June 2016  
**Time of Call:** 23:50

Operational crews attended a fire in a residential home. Crews led three residents to safety and two residents received precautionary check-ups from paramedics. The fire was due to a fault connected to the electrical intake. This was located in a cupboard under the stairs and was fortunately confined to the cupboard, although a small amount of smoke had spread along the hallway. Fire crews waited for the electricity board to arrive in order for the services to be isolated. Crews returned the following day and conducted a leaflet drop to the surrounding area. They also returned to the property and arranged a coffee morning for the occupants in order to provide reassurance and offer general fire safety advice and information.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Loose Clothing / Ramadan**

As part of the Eastern Ramadan Safety we extended out into Hyndburn to deliver our 'Loose Clothing' campaign sessions, targeting women's groups. The campaign covered cooking safely, tying loose clothing back and what to do in the event of clothing catching fire.

**Wasted Lives**

There have always been concerns via the Police with more and more road traffic collisions during Eid. Therefore, it is a good time for us to target drivers at this time in Ramadan, as we do get an increase in young drivers/ men going to Prayers more during the Ramadan Period. Operational managers were able to give presentations - including cars which have been involved in road traffic accidents.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Domestic fire  
**Date:** 08 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 09:45

A call was received at North West Fire Control, where the caller dialled 999 and replaced the receiver before speaking to an operator. The call was traced to a house in Accrington and due to concerns raised by the North West Fire Control operator due to the nature of the call one pump from E70 Hyndburn was mobilised to the address. Soon after the appliance had mobilised, a further call was received stating that the fire involved a detached bungalow. This information was passed to the attending appliance and a further pump was mobilised from P90 Burnley, with support from a Station Manager. The first appliance from Hyndburn arrived on scene in a little over four minutes after the initial call was received and was faced with smoke issuing from all sides of the building, with a substantial fire visible spreading into the lounge and flames venting through a window at the rear of the premises. The Incident Commander committed two Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus to attack the fire using a hose reel and requested the attendance of the Ambulance service to tend to an elderly female occupier who was suffering from the effects of smoke. The second appliance arrived on scene at 10:11 (12 minutes after mobilisation) and two additional Firefighters were committed into the building wearing breathing apparatus and equipped with a hose reel. A ventilation unit was used to assist with smoke clearance. Crews remained at the scene firefighting and undertaking fire investigation activities for approximately three hours. The Incident Commander also requested the attendance of the Fire and Emergency Support Service vehicle, which attended the scene to assist the occupier in managing the aftermath of the fire. The occupier was taken to hospital for a precautionary check.

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| <b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b> | <b>LANCASTER</b> |
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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Water Safety Campaign**

In support of The Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Drowning Prevention Week, Community Safety Advisors (CSA), and Firefighters from Lancaster and Carnforth Fire Cadets carried out various activities during this period. Firefighters and CSA carried out a practical swift water rescue demonstration of rescue skills and equipment. Members of the public were able to access a variety of information promoting water safety. Carnforth Fire Cadet Crew Managers raised awareness during school assemblies to their fellow pupils, urging them to be 'water safe'. During the presentation, it was highlighted that during the school holidays - and in particular in hot weather - increasing numbers of children were drowning. This was reinforced with the emotional story of a 13 year old youth, who lost his life when he and his friends went swimming in a quarry.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Building Fire  
**Date:** 01 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 18:09

Two fire appliances were mobilised to the Ranch House, Morecambe following reports of smoke issuing from a derelict building, formerly a public house. Upon arrival, the Officer in Charge was confronted with a developed fire inside the building. Fire appliances were immediately increased to four and an Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP) was requested. The spread of fire was affected by strong prevailing winds and as a result, fire appliances were increased to six, and a request was made to United Utilities to increase water pressure in the area. A water relay was established to the fire ground, and as a result fire appliances were again increased to eight. The cause of the fire was deliberate ignition, and as a result of investigations, arrests and subsequent charges have been made by the Police to two individuals.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Water Safety**

In readiness for the school holiday period, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) liaised with local secondary schools and year heads to organise the delivery of the 'Dying for a Dip' presentation to school children during assemblies. Once the arrangements had been secured, the plan was to deliver the presentation and to encourage open discussion on the topic. LFRS staff met with the manager of Pendle Leisure Centre and organised practical pool based open water safety sessions for junior schools to discuss the dangers of open water and demonstrate three shore based rescues that could be attempted, whilst keeping the rescuer safe and on dry land. The children all participated in practicing these rescues.

LFRS staff also arranged for the Police Cadets and Prince's Trust to receive the theory (dying for a dip) presentation on station, followed by the practical pool based sessions at Pendle Leisure Centre.

**Road Safety (Specifically for Eid)**

In response to the potential dangers and concerns raised from local communities, P94 station has developed and implemented an Eid Wasted Lives Campaign to highlight the dangers and propagate LFRS's road safety message to young drivers. This was achieved by presenting a Wasted Lives vehicle at the edge of a supermarket carpark, where most of the Muslim community park for the Eid prayer and through close liaison with the Imam, to enter Jamia Mosque (the largest mosque in Nelson) on Eid morning in order to capture the biggest audience possible. Traditionally it has been extremely difficult to access 18-24 year olds to present the Wasted Lives initiative/message. This method was deemed the most effective way to propagate our LFRS road safety message to the target audience, as no Muslim's miss the Eid prayer in the morning. It is also recognised that this is the day where the risk increases significantly. As a result of this initiative, approximately 2500 people received the safety messages and were able to view the display vehicle.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Primary Fire  
**Date:** 23 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 17:30

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) attended a fire involving a tractor on fields, adjacent to farm buildings. Upon arrival, the whole vehicle was well alight. The tractor had been in use all day towing a trailer loaded with hay bales from adjacent fields. All other vehicles and workers had been withdrawn to a safe distance prior to the arrival of LFRS. After an initial assessment, the tactical plan determined that Firefighting Foam was to be used to extinguish the fire due to remote location and large quantity of fuel being carried by the tractor (300 litres). The fire was quickly extinguished, preventing any fire spread to nearby buildings.

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**SUMMARY REPORT FOR:**

**PRESTON**

**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Fire Cadets Passing Out Parade**

On Wednesday, 07 July 2016, the Fire Cadets from Christ the King school in Preston held their passing out parade. Nine months of hard work by the students was recognised with a practical drill and firefighting demonstration session, followed by an overview of the entire course. Testimonies were read out from members of staff and the Fire Cadets themselves. Finally, certificates were presented to the Cadets by ACFO Russel, who praised the Cadets for the demonstration and commitment they had shown over the duration of the course.

**Preston Fire Station and Ambulance Open day**

On Sunday, 03 July 2016, Preston Fire and Ambulance Station held their annual open day at the station on Blackpool Road and it was another enjoyable day for both staff and visitors. Firefighters and the Fire Safety teams at Preston were supported by so many different people and organisations. A big thank you from us must go to the Fire Cadets from Christ the King, Police Cadets, Lancashire Police, North West Ambulance Service, Fulwood's Firefighters, members of Preston's Prince's Trust team, Vikki Naylor, Paul Thompson and finally BBC Radio Lancashire's John Gilmore who compered the event. The doors to the station opened at 10:00 and there were lots of activities for people of all ages, including donkey rides, handling birds of prey, viewing fire engines past and present, slides and trampolines for children. The event also helped to raise a substantial amount of money for the two chosen charities; The Fire Fighters Charity and Little Ted's Room. So far £1735 has been raised for The Fire Fighters Charity.

**'Park It' Event**

Crews at C50 attended the first 'Park It' multi-agency event. These events will be held at various locations in the Preston area throughout the August holidays, the first event started on 12 August 2016. The crews from C50 attended this event between 17:00-20:00 at Ribbleton Park. At the event, the crews offered safety advice and various fire safety leaflets were given out, including *Water Safety*, *Home Fire Safety in the Home*, *0800 Chiminea Safety*, plus *Fire Safety Outdoors* were distributed. Attendees were also invited to look around the fire engine.

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**Incident:** Kitchen Fire  
**Date:** 08 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 21:47

Two appliances from Preston Fire Station attended a fire in the kitchen of a flat at Lucerne Road, Preston. The occupier had fallen asleep and left a pan unattended which had caught fire. Two firefighters wearing breathing apparatus led one male occupier to safety. He was given oxygen for smoke inhalation and was taken to hospital by Ambulance.

**Incident:** Road Traffic Collision  
**Date:** 23 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 10:00

Two appliances from Preston and Fulwood Station attended a road traffic collision involving two vehicles on Tag Lane, Fulwood. On arrival, one elderly gentleman was trapped inside his vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle was not injured. The elderly gentleman was extricated from the car by crews using Holmatro cutting and spreading equipment. The roof of the vehicle was removed and the casualty was removed from the vehicle using a long board. He was taken to hospital by ambulance.

**Incident:** Road Traffic Collision  
**Date:** 03 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 15:25

Two appliances and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) attended a road traffic collision at Sandygate Lane, Fulwood. A vehicle had left the road and crashed into the living room of a house. On arrival, there were no casualties. Urban Search and Rescue attended the incident to ensure the bay window of the house was made secure from collapse.

**Incident:** House Fire  
**Date:** 08 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 13:00

One appliance from Fulwood attended a late fire call at Cleveleys Avenue, Fulwood. The fire had occurred at 00:10 the same morning. Several attempts had been made to ignite the house from the outside. The house was unoccupied at the time of the suspected arson attack. A joint investigation is currently underway between the Police and the Fire Service.

**Incident:** Bathroom Fire  
**Date:** 14 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 02:00

Two Fire appliances from Preston Fire Station attended a bathroom fire at Thorne Street, Preston. The occupiers of the property had been having a party at the premises and it is believed that a cigarette had been accidentally dropped at the side of the upstairs bathroom and had caught fire to several toilet rolls. The owner of the premises was in the kitchen and heard a loud bang. The noise was caused by the bathroom window dropping out due to the fire. Crews from Preston Fire Station attended the fire and extinguished the fire. There were no casualties.

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**Carbon Monoxide**

The County's largest outdoor music festival was held in Sawley and with up to 15,000 young people attending "Beathearders" the event went off without any serious incidents due to the combined efforts of the local authority, Police and organisers. The Community Fire Safety team attended and made positive links with event volunteers who undertook training on the dangers associated with using disposable barbeques in tents. These volunteers then distributed our own Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service leaflets and posters, to advise other party-goers of the dangers.

**Water Safety**

Aiming to raise the profile of the dangers associated with swimming in open water "Dying for a Dip", water safety leaflets were displayed at waterside locations including Edisford, Grindleton and Dunsop Bridge along with reservoirs across the borough.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Special Service Call  
**Date :** 16 August 2016  
**Time of Call:** 14:38

One appliance from Clitheroe and one appliance from Barnoldswick were mobilised to an incident involving a large milk tanker that had left the road and turned on its side after entering an unseen ditch on a single track road in a remote rural location. The crew from Clitheroe quickly assessed the scene upon arrival and ensuring that all occupants were safe moved to an assessment of the vehicle. The vehicle was heavily laden with milk and the recovery vehicle operative had taken the decision to empty the tanker by allowing the milk to run freely from the tanker unit. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service staff attend incidents of this nature on a very infrequent basis, but the regular practical and theoretical training by crews prompted the Officer In Charge (OIC) of L91P1 to rightly identify that large quantities of milk entering surface drains has the potential to cause a significant environmental impact. The OIC liaised with the recovery vehicle driver and as a result a second tanker was ordered to the scene and as a result all the milk was safely transferred to an appropriate container.

Crews from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service stayed on the scene to ensure the safe lifting of the damaged tanker.

This incident is a very good example of the range of topics that Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service crews regularly practice for eventualities such as this.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Deliberate Fires Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Reduction**

Following a spike in deliberate wheelie bin fires within the Rossendale district, the Local Housing Authority was approached by a member of the Community Fire Safety team to see if they could liaise with regards to identify ways of reducing the number of incidents. Following a series of discussions and meetings between operational staff, Community Fire Safety, Corporate Communications and also working closely in partnership with Greenvale Homes, it was decided to produce an article around fire safety. Greenvale Homes host a publication which goes out quarterly to all their residents with information, advice and local news which may be of interest to them. As a result of this, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service have seen a significant reduction in this type of incident and anti-social behaviour in general. This also proves that working cohesively with our key partner agencies and forging an efficient working relationship can lead to improved performance across the shared objectives.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Deliberate Fire Anti-Social Behaviour (DFASB)  
**Date :** 22 June 2016 & 6 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 19:16 & 07:20

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) attended two incidents, just over two weeks apart, in a disused Church building, directly in front of a local park. The first incident (22 June), involved a small fire on a balcony area within the church. Evidence suggested that youths had been inside using the Church as a playground, causing significant damage to internal fittings and there was graffiti throughout. Through LFRS engagement with Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), there were increased patrols and youths on the park were spoken to about the dangers of playing in such a building. Re-securing of the property was also arranged with the responsible security company.

The second incident (06 July) resulted in much greater loss. A slow burning fire, which had been ignited several hours prior to discovery, affected the balcony that was involved in the previous fire. This structural damage due to the fire caused partial collapse of the balcony whilst crews were attacking the fire, thus increasing the risk of injury to LFRS staff. The fire was extinguished and crews remained at the scene for some time ensuring there was no further hidden fire spread and to undertake a thorough fire investigation.

With close liaison between LFRS, Police, Diocese and the security company the building was more substantially secured. LFRS completed a joint visit, with Police, to the park to talk to youths about the dangers of the structure and fire setting. Due to the contacts made and consistent environmental visual audits of the building, any attempt to break in is quickly reported and remedied.

Up to the end of August 2016, no further incidents have been reported at the site.



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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**HFSC**

A Home Fire Safety Check (HFSC) referral process has been set up between the Community Fire Safety (CFS) team and the 'Churches Together' in Penwortham food banks, based at Kingsfold Community Centre. The majority of people attending the food banks were deemed to be the vulnerable groups Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service are trying to target and through spending time with the volunteers, staff and service users, it became apparent that the majority were high risk and in three weeks, 15 referrals have been generated. During the winter months, it is envisaged that the CFS team will work with the volunteers to deliver food parcels to those who cannot get out due to the cold weather and deliver a HFSC at the same time.

**Summer Safety**

The CFS team attended Penwortham Gala on Saturday, 11 June as part of a District-wide summer safety campaign. They were joined by staff from Lancashire Wellbeing Service, with the aim of providing the general public with summer fire safety advice and increased awareness of the work the Wellbeing Service provide. Advice was provided on the safe use of chimineas, how to BBQ safely and the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from cooking whilst camping and caravanning. The CFS team made use of the hot oil unit in order to show the dangers of hot oil and general cooking fires. Despite the bad weather, the event was very successful as the CFS team were able to engage with the public on a timely campaign.

**Businesses - Arson Prevention**

During late June and early July, fire crews from Leyland Fire Station attended a number of deliberately ignited commercial wheelie bin fires within Leyland Town Centre. Whilst there was limited property damage as a result of this fire setting activity, crews recognised that action needed to be taken to prevent further incidents and reduce the risk to life and property. All the affected wheelie bins were of a commercial type and therefore local crews working in conjunction with the Fire Safety Enforcement (FSE) team from Bamber Bridge resulted in over 60 business properties being visited and provided with advice relating to arson prevention.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Primary Fire  
**Date :** 02/07/2016  
**Time of Call:** 21:23:20

Crews from Leyland and Bamber Bridge Fire Stations attended an accidental dwelling fire caused by a fault in a microwave in the kitchen of a ground floor terraced property in Leyland. Fire Crews dealt with the incident which destroyed the microwave and caused slight damage to the kitchen work surfaces. Following the incident, a referral was made to Trading Standards, which identified similar fires across the Country. This has led to Trading Standards making contact with the manufacturer for further investigation.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Fire Cadets**

Crews and Community Safety Advisors from Ormskirk Fire Station assisted in the Passing Out Parade for Ormskirk Fire Cadets at Ormskirk School on 20 July 2016. The event was attended by the parents of the Cadets as well as Governors, teachers and support staff from Ormskirk School. The Passing Out Parade opened with a drill the Cadets had perfected during their course, where they responded to a fictitious incident which saw them rescue a number of casualties from a smoke filled property. From there, they moved to the school hall, where a presentation took place, displaying some of the activities they had taken part in over the year. These included water safety, first aid and an enrichment day at Service Training Centre. Each Cadet received a certificate recognising their success during the year and one Cadet received an award for Cadet of the Year.

**Road Safety/Wasted Lives**

A road safety day was held at West Lancashire College on 08 June 2016. The purpose of the event was to raise the awareness of drink driving amongst young drivers and the date was specifically chosen to coincide with the beginning of the European Football Championship. On the day, Crews from Skelmersdale Fire Station took one of the two crashed cars the Service use to highlight the dangers of drink driving and also used a scrap car to enable them to carry out a live road traffic collision demonstration and casualty extrication. This was carried out during the College's lunch break to enable the attendance of all college students. Throughout the day, they engaged with approximately 350-400 students. On the back of this event, Wasted Lives education sessions have been carried out and also booked for future dates and they have been approached with requests for future events at the college.

## INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

**Incident:** Primary Fire  
**Date:** 24/06/2016  
**Time of Call:** 21:18:51

Two fire engines from Skelmersdale Fire Station attended a house fire on the first floor of a property. Firefighters used four breathing apparatus, two hose reels and two thermal imaging cameras to extinguish the fire. They were at the scene for nearly three hours. No injuries were reported and an investigation is underway.

**Incident:** Flooding – Special Service Call  
**Date:** 16/06/2016  
**Time of Call:** 15:14:25

Prolonged heavy rain and flash flooding occurred in a number of locations in Lancashire but Skelmersdale was particularly badly affected with 74 calls to around 30 incidents. Not all required the intervention of Firefighters, but 10 appliances from across Lancashire were busy in the Skelmersdale area over a two-hour period providing fire cover and pumping out flood water that had entered or was about to enter properties in Skelmersdale and Dalton, including premises at Birch Green, School Lane, Thornton, Willow Hey and Yewdale.

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**LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)**

**Joint Exercise: Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service & HM Coastguard**

A joint exercise between retained duty personnel from Preesall and HM Coastguard from both Knott End and Morecambe took place at Knott End. The scenario included a container of an unknown substance that had been washed up onto the shore line and had been reported to the Coastguard by a member of the public. Firefighters from Preesall were mobilised to deal with the potential chemical incident. Due to the excellent co-operation between all agencies, the exercise was very successful, highlighting ways in which all Services could assist each other at future incidents. Further joint exercises have been arranged to enhance our working relationships with our partner agencies to make our communities safer.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**

**Incident:** Fire  
**Date:** 10 July 2016  
**Time of Call:** 08:54

Two fire appliances were mobilised to the incident involving a flammable residue in an empty storage tank. Due to large volumes of smoke, fire appliances were increased to four and a request made for the Police to evacuate local residents living in closest proximity to the site.

Cooling water jets were applied to the tank and foam applied from a specialist foam tender to suppress the fire proved effective, eliminating the necessity to evacuate local residents. There were no casualties.