

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL – MAY 2018

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Safe and Well

Blackburn Fire Station held a 12-week FALLS programme for people who have had falls to enable them to become stronger and more able to get back on their feet should they have any further falls. The participants came from referrals to the FALLS team during Safe and Well visits. Over the 12 weeks, Helen Wiggan from Eastern Community Safety Team assisted Linda Watson from the FALLS Prevention Team to engaged participants to take part in exercises to do to strengthen their leg and arm muscles, together with stretches to do at the beginning and end of every session.

At the start of the programme, they were all tested to see how they walked and their ability to complete certain tasks and at the end of the programme there was a big improvement in their fitness from when they had started. The participants have all now gained confidence to join local fitness sessions for the over-65's

Eastern Area's Fire Safety Day at Blackburn ASDA

On Saturday, 28 April the Eastern Community Safety Team held a joint fire safety day at Blackburn ASDA in conjunction with the National Fire Chiefs Council leaflets, information and advice on fire safety; mental health and dementia were available for shoppers. 130 members of the public between the ages of 17-64 and 63 members of the public over the age of 65 years were given advice on how often to test their smoke alarms and general fire safety advice.

To continue our ongoing commitment to the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Wellbeing Agenda, members of the Eastern Community Fire Safety Team organised a mental health awareness event for fire personnel at Blackburn Community Fire Station. The message was very much that it was 'Good to Talk' and to reinforce this, the team has forged a partnership with the local volunteers who work for the Blackburn branch of the Samaritans. Samaritans representatives attended the event and gave an insight into the services that they provide which was much appreciated and very well received.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Cadets Attend Fire Service Memorial

On Sunday, 13 May 2018, South Shore Fire Cadets attended the Fire Service Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The day started early with the Fire Cadets arriving at South Shore at 07:30. They then travelled down to the Arboretum in high spirits. Once there, they were given the opportunity to meet other Fire Cadets from across the country. This provided an excellent opportunity for us all to learn how the different units operate across the country.

The Fire Cadets then joined in the mass parade which included a church service at the memorial. After the Parade they spoke to our Area Manager Ben Norman and everyone enjoyed a great day in what turned out to be brilliant sunshine.

There was even a fantastic fly past from a lone Spitfire, although to be fair, this was for a RAF memorial that was taking place at the same time.

The picture shows our Fire Cadets and volunteers from Lancashire Volunteer Partnership.



Dementia Event

On Saturday, 19 May – Bispham Fire Station hosted its annual “Afternoon Tea” as part of our commitment to Dementia Action Week. This year we invited local residents to not only join us for Afternoon Tea but also to join us to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Local businesses supported the event by donating refreshments which we were able to offer free of charge to those attending. We were also supported by the Alzheimer’s Society and any charitable donations on the day were given to the Society. The event was, as always, extremely well attended, and we were joined by the police and local councillors.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 07 March 2018
Time of Call: 12:39

Bispham received an emergency call to an incident at the Blackpool Tower Buildings, The Promenade, Blackpool. Bispham appliance was the first to arrive on the scene, along with Fleetwood and St. Anne's and Wesham retained duty crews. The first appliances attending were from out of the immediate area as crews from Blackpool, including the aerial ladder platform and crews from South Shore were engaged at an exercise.

Upon attendance, 800 people had been evacuated onto the promenade by the Tower staff. 10 people, along with tower staff remained at the top of the Tower for safety and a total of four elderly people and three members of staff had taken refuge in the ballroom. The initial report of fire had been 'persons reported' but upon exploration, the persons remained in an area from where it was unsafe to remove them.

A small fire had broken out on the roof of the building and this spread to the interior. The cause of the fire was attributed to maintenance work to an area of the roof which had sustained storm damage. The incident was significantly taxing for firefighters in terms of the manner in which the smoke travelled through the old Victorian building. Once the building had been ventilated, the operational crews were able to safely evacuate those persons who had remained inside the ballroom and the top of the Tower itself.

Two appliances remained in attendance throughout the night until approximately 09:00 hrs the following morning. This was to ensure that no further fire spread through the voids and ducts, of which there were considerable, due to the unusual nature and design of the building.

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BURNLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

UCLAN Safety Day

During March, Community Safety Advisors hosted a series of interactive sessions with students at the Burnley Campus of UCLAN. The presentations included the roles and responsibilities of various departments within the Fire Service but had a focus on the ongoing firefighter recruitment campaign and in particular our under-represented groups. The different shift patterns were also explained to the students, with emphasis on the retained duty system. Over 250 students were spoken to, with many being surprised by the variety of incident types attended by the Service. During the sessions, students were invited to try on some of the Firefighter's Personal Protective Equipment and search procedures were demonstrated.

Students were left with information on how to apply for jobs within the fire service and were encouraged to visit their local fire station for further information.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fatal Fire
Date: 03 March 2018
Time of Call: 12:47

Three fire engines from Burnley and Nelson were mobilised to reports of a domestic property fire in Burnley. On arrival, smoke was issuing from the front bedroom window and the front door was open. Four breathing apparatus wearers were deployed and very quickly the occupant was located in the front room and rescued by fire service personnel. Once out of the property, CPR was performed by fire service personnel until North West Ambulance Service paramedics arrived and took responsibility for the casualty. One fire fighter assisted NWAS colleagues by travelling with them as the occupant was conveyed to hospital.

The fire was quickly brought under control utilising a hose reel and due to the potential severity of the incident, the Officer in Charge started to consider fire scene preservation. Sadly, information was soon returned to the incident ground that the incident had been a fatal incident.

Two Incident Intelligence Officers attended the incident and a multi-agency meeting took place to plan for the investigation. Over several days a joint investigation was undertaken to identify the most likely cause of the fire.

Post fire, Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service initiated community reassurance activities concentrating on the immediate vicinity. Crews and community safety staff from the Burnley district were supported by police colleagues and representatives from Burnley Borough Council in providing fire safety advice to local resident.

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Wasted Lives / FIRES

Wasted Lives was delivered by the Southern Community Safety Team to students at Albany Academy in Chorley and two sessions to Shaftesbury Pupil Referral Unit during April and May. 100 year 11 students received input at Albany and the whole school over the two sessions at Shaftesbury. During the second delivery at Shaftesbury, one of the young people was seen with a lighter which he was lighting incredibly close to other student's hair and faces. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service personnel attempted to speak with him about his behaviour during the session, however his attitude prevented this from happening. Following the session, the team spoke with staff at the school and requested that a Fire Intervention Response Education Scheme (FIRES) referral be made so the young person could receive some tailored one to one education. This has since been received and will be carried out in school in due course.

Youth Offending Team Day

Following on from successful courses in Burnley, Southern Area was approached by the Youth Offending Team to run a 'Fire Day' at Chorley Fire Station. The aim of the day was to give young offenders the chance to participate in meaningful activities, learn about team work, learn about fire, water and road safety and gain a certificate for completion. 25 young people attended on the day and participated in activities including Water Safety, Wasted Lives and took turns to go through the 'Rat Run' with the quickest participants winning a prize at the end. All the young people in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the day and the staff were very appreciative of the input from the Crews and staff from the Station and Service Training Centre.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 20 April 2018
Time of Call: 18:55

On arrival, the cooker and extractor fan above was alight with fire. Also a small washing basket adjacent the oven was involved in the fire. The kitchen was 80% damaged due to fire and the rest of the property was damaged 40% by smoke. It appears the owner's dog had jumped up at the oven and managed to switch the hob gas ring on, on top of the hob ring was a plastic bag of rubbish which has ignited.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 15 May 2018
Time of Call: 14:17

Crews from Chorley were called to reports of a fire in the back garden of property. On arrival, they found a well-developed fire involving an outside storage container and two fence panels. The radiated heat from the fire had started to spread to a downstairs and upstairs window and the guttering on the roof. The fire was put out using a hose reel. Damage was

severe by heat and fire to the garden storage container and two fence panels and severe by heat to the downstairs patio doors, upstairs window and guttering. The front door of the property was smashed by passers-by who alerted the occupier who was asleep on the third floor. The occupier self-rescued and declined a precautionary check-up. The fire alarm had activated inside the property.

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FYLDE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Marketplace

On 23 May 2018, Fylde Council organised a Multiagency Marketplace at Warton Village Hall. This was arranged in direct response to several issues and concerns that had been raised by local residents in relation to crime and antisocial behaviour in the Warton and Westby Ward area. It was suggested that a Marketplace style event could provide the local community with an insight into what services are available and an opportunity to engage on a face to face level with service providers.

The event was supported by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and PCSO's, Lancashire Volunteer Partnership, Progress Housing and local Drug and Alcohol support services.

The evening was informal but informative with over 100 local residents calling in for advice. The Police were able to offer support and advice on anti-social behaviour and we were able to offer advice of fire safety advice.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 08 March 2018
Time of Call: 17:28

St. Anne's operational crews were turned out to an incident on Kilnhouse Lane, Lytham St. Anne's. A fire had started to the rear of the property and smoke was starting to spread.

A member of staff had been having a cigarette at the rear door of the store. As he had finished his cigarette he had flicked the cigarette end on the ground. On this particular evening there was a high wind blowing in the direction of the building and CCTV images show a fire started approximately ten minutes after the cigarette was disposed of.

It appears that the cigarette had been blown into the outside store which contained a quantity of hessian bags and unused cardboard which were stored in a cabinet. Damage was sustained to a large quantity of dead files and hessian bags which were severely damaged by flame and fire spread to the roof of the outbuilding which was also severely damaged by flame. An adjacent compressor unit was also severely damaged by heat as were several external fittings. Four of the first floor flats above the store were lightly damaged by smoke. Cause was determined as careless disposal of cigarettes.

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<u>Dementia Awareness Week</u>	
<p>As part of the Eastern Community Fire Safety Teams 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. These sessions also included the promotion of the new Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service website for Home Fire Safety Check referrals.</p>	
<p>The main event was a Dementia Coffee morning held at New Era, Accrington, in which staff took the opportunity to engage with partners, including voluntary organisations, charities, carers, assisted independent living providers and people living with dementia themselves. Products to assist those living with dementia were available to view and increased awareness of solutions which had the potential to reduce the risk to these vulnerable people. Workshops were delivered by Homewise and Memory Matters. Further sessions were also delivered in Great Harwood and at Accrington Market.</p>	

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LANCASTER

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Cadet Leadership Day

A recent review of the Fire Cadet programme made recommendations to further enhance delivery, opportunities and outcomes including the adoption of the National Fire Cadet (NFC) development programme. This change allowed the retention of Cadets into years 2 and 3.

Northern Fire Cadet Leaders identified an opportunity to enhance the leadership, coaching and mentoring skills for their year 2 and 3 cadets by working with the Training and Operational Review Department (TOR) to jointly develop a Leadership programme for their Crew Manager, Watch Manager and volunteers. The aim was to provide the confidence and skills required to take a leading role in the running of the unit and a cornerstone for future sustainability.

The day consisted of a number of practical and theoretical activities and challenges to develop leadership skills and help attendees understand and recognise their individual learning and communication styles. The day was a huge success with many positive outcomes.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Rescue from Water
Date: 03 February 2018
Time of Call: 12:07

Two appliances from Lancaster and a Flexi Duty Officer attended the River Lune at Lancaster after North West Fire Control received a 999 call from two teenagers who had become trapped on an island by rising waters. Although fed by fresh water from the Lune Valley, the river is tidal through most of the city up to the weir at Halton. The teenagers hadn't fully appreciated this and had walked out to an island at low tide and, when trying to make their return, had realised the tide was rising around them and they were trapped.

Firefighters trained in swift water rescue used an inflatable rescue sled to paddle across to the island and retrieve the two teenagers. Although the tide was rising, the speed of water flow was low and the teenagers were quickly and safely rescued. The Coastguard also attended in accordance with protocol for all incidents involving tidal water.

The teenagers were given a precautionary check by North West Ambulance Service and officers from Lancashire Constabulary took them home to ensure parental / guardian awareness of what had happened and that the teenagers fully appreciated the risks associated with their actions.

Subsequent to the incident, contact has been made with the teenager's school and water safety talks are being delivered to the year group using the new 'Dying for a Dip' and 'Mud &

Sand Safety' modules which Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service has developed for delivery to year 8 students as part of its new TeenSafe modules which will be launched in the 2018/19 academic year.

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PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Community Coffee Morning

As part of the Age Safe Strategy, Community Safety Advisors arranged a Community Coffee Morning on 14 March at Earby Fire Station. This was the second year that this event had taken place with the objective of engaging directly with the elderly residents of our more rural communities. The event was supported by partner agencies such as Age UK, Lancashire Wellbeing, Pendle Dementia Alliance, The Steady-on Team and The Stroke Association. A variety of information and guidance was available from market stalls which addressed the needs of this particular vulnerable group. Blood pressure checks were carried out on the day by the Stroke Association and referrals for Safe and Well visits were generated by Community Fire Safety Advisors, as well as fire safety information being discussed with the local residents in this informal environment.

Once again, the Coffee Morning was well attended by local residents and there are plans for this event to take place again next year.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Road Traffic Collision
Date: 11 March 2018
Time of Call: 09:38

Road Traffic Collision involved a milk tanker which had overturned on the A682 heading out to Settle. The driver had been ejected from the cab of the vehicle sustaining head injuries. The milk from the tanker had leaked out onto the carriageway and was entering the nearby water course. Barnoldswick retained and Nelson wholetime crews attended the incident, initially making the scene safe and assisting North West Ambulance Service with extrication of the casualty via helicopter to hospital.

Of primary concern after dealing with casualty, was the approximate 15,000 to 20,000 litres of milk which had escaped the tanker and was entering a nearby stream. An assistance message to 'make up' for our Hazardous Materials Unit was sent soon after arrival on scene to prevent further damage to the environment.

Barnoldswick personnel were ordered to try to stop or slow down the leak from the tanker at source, while Nelson crew were tasked with damming all gutters on the carriage way, using special mats and earth dams to prevent further leaks into the stream. Upon arrival of the Hazardous Material Unit from Burnley all remaining excess milk on the road was hoovered up and contained. Liaison with local water authorities and the environment agency was made to mitigate further damage to the local environment.

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PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dig in Birthday Party – Fire Safety Advice in the Community and Referral Generation

On 28 April, Preston Community Fire Safety attended the Dig In Birthday Party at Ashton Park. It was hosted by Lets Grow, a community environmental charity which helps local communities brighten up their areas and neighbourhoods with a wide range of planting.

The event was to celebrate the fifth birthday for Dig In, a team which is made up of people from the military community - both serving and veteran, and their families. Both charities are based within the walled gardens on Ashton Park. There were approximately 500 people there on Saturday, with lots of stalls and information from other agencies available.

Community Fire Safety provided fire safety information and advice to those in attendance and this included cooking safety, electrical safety and information for the Guardian Angels for people living with dementia.

Every person who we interacted with was provided with an information leaflet and was advised to contact the call centre to arrange for a Safe and Well visit to address any further needs. Fire Safety talks have also been arranged in sheltered housing for all residents.

Because these services are now open to those from the emergency services as well as the military, it was good to meet the people involved, and we will look to pass their details onto Service Headquarters. We are also delivering some fire safety awareness training for their teams to set up a referral system and enable them to refer directly to us for Safe and Well visits.

Drowning Prevention Week – Water Safety Awareness and Dying for a Dip

Preston Community Fire Safety and Operational Crews from both Preston and Fulwood have supported a local initiative for Drowning Prevention Week from 23-29 April.

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service has a bespoke water safety education package (Dying for a Dip) which was delivered to our Preston Fire Cadet students, along with both Preston's Prince's Trust Teams prior to their residential courses.

This education session raises awareness of the dangers associated with open water and provides advice for what actions any individuals should take if an incident ever occurs. This information was greatly received by all participating students and the feedback we received was excellent.

In addition to the education sessions, Group 2 at Fulwood carried out an initiative at Fulwood locks. This area was identified as a possible hotspot location due to a previous drowning involving a young child.

Posters and water safety literature received from Corporate Communications has been placed along the towpath and at other identified open water locations. This information informs members of the public on the associated risks and raises water safety awareness, along with providing critical information on what to do if there is an emergency.

Fire Safety Talks for Sheltered Housing Residents

Through analysing the statistics for Sheltered Housing within Preston, we have identified a high number of incidents for near misses/false alarm activations. Following this, we have arranged for Fire Safety Talks to be delivered to the following schemes.

Many Brook
Orchard court
New Brook
Hanover Court
Ainscough Brook
Forest Brook
Sandy Brook
Howard Brook
Hargreaves Court
Judd House
Sharoe Bay Court
Maudland House

This campaign has enabled us to deliver critical fire safety information to over 170 residents in total, allowing each tenant the opportunity to register for a further Safe and Well check in their individual flats. In addition to this, each scheme has enabled us to access to identify high risk properties with tenants who are on the evacuation assisted list. This has enabled both Community Fire Safety and Operational Crews the opportunity to ensure all high risk vulnerable occupiers have received a home visit and the Community Risk Register has been updated accordingly.

National Roads Partnership – Speed Awareness & Wasted Lives

On 17 April, Preston Fire Station's Green Watch displayed Matthew Alston's vehicle outside Preston station to help raise awareness for the national roads safety partnership - Speed Awareness Week. This enabled all passing motorists and pedestrians to understand the dangers of speeding, along with other important messages associated with driving the morning after consuming alcohol.

Further initiatives to support the national campaign have included Wasted Lives Road Safety Education for Christ The King High School year 10's (Total students 96) along with Corpus Christie High School Year 10's (Total students 164).

Further Road Safety Campaigns are being planned to coincide with the launch of the World Cup and further details of any initiatives will be recorded in the next reports.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Accidental Dwelling Fire (Rear Garden)
Date: 20 May 2018
Time of Call: 13:51

Two appliances were mobilised to a male person suffering from the effects of burns from a chimenea. The male occupier had lit the chimenea earlier in the day, it had gone out and he wanted to re-light it. He applied some petrol from a plastic petrol container. There was residual heat in the cast metal of the chimenea and this heat was enough to ignite the vapours, causing the petrol to flash back and setting fire to the male's T-shirt and skin. He

sustained superficial burning to his neck, chest, face and arms.

Fire service personnel used burn packs from the first aid kit on his burns and provided reassurance until the ambulance arrived.

After the incident, crews completed a hot strike. The Community Safety Team targeted local petrol stations and commercial premises with safety advice. Corporate communications department also placed safety advice on twitter warning persons of the dangers of using petrol on chimeneas and barbeques.

Incident: **Special Service**
Date: **16 May 2018**
Time of Call: **08:06**

One fire engine was called to Newark Place, Fulwood, Preston. The occupier's daughter had called the Fire Service because her father had fallen behind the bathroom door and she could not open the door to assist him. On arrival, crews were able to squeeze through the bathroom door and move the gentleman enabling the door to be opened. Paramedics arrived and the male was left in their care.

Incident: **Special Service Road Traffic Collision**
Date: **24 April 2018**
Time of Call: **12:42**

Two fire appliances were mobilised to a road traffic collision at Queens's retail park, Queen's Street, Preston involving two vehicles. When crews arrived at the scene there was one elderly female confined inside one of the two vehicles. The occupant of the second vehicle was already out of the vehicle and being treated by paramedics in an ambulance.

The female who was confined in the first vehicle had suspected spinal injuries. Crews initially stabilised the vehicle and used cutting equipment to remove the driver's door and the roof. The police closed the road making the area safe for firefighters to work. It also became apparent during the incident that the females dog was also in the rear of the car and covered in paint from the accident. Fortunately the dog was not injured and a member of the public assisted by looking after the dog until the female's husband arrived at the incident.

Fire crews worked closely with the paramedics within the vehicle and assisted the female onto a longboard. Once on the longboard the female was transferred to an ambulance.

Incident: **Accidental Dwelling Fire**
Date: **05 May 2018**
Time of Call: **08:51**

Two appliances from Preston Station attended a house fire at Parkfield Avenue, Preston. On arrival, two crews wearing breathing apparatus entered the premises and located the fire in the kitchen. The occupant had turned on the grill to toast some bread. He had then noticed smoke and flames coming from behind the cooker controls involving the cooker electrics and evacuated the property.

When crews entered the kitchen the cooker was still turned on and on fire. The crew extinguished the fire and isolated the electrics to the premises.

The owner was advised to contact a qualified electrician to check the cooker before further use.

There was no smoke alarm fitted at the property. Crews fitted a smoke detector and carried out a Safe and Well visit.

Incident: Accidental Building Fire
Date: 24 April 2018
Time of Call: 16:44

Six appliances were mobilised to a farm fire at Syke House Lane, Preston. The fire involved an agricultural workshop building. On arrival, the workshop was well alight and the Officer in Charge realised that he would require a large amount of water in order to extinguish the fire.

As there were no hydrants in the immediate vicinity of the farm, the Officer in Charge made up pumps for a water relay from the nearest hydrant. Water was also taken from a local pond. Two jets were used to fight the fire. The incident was made more complicated due to the presence of asbestos. This involved safety zones being set up so that crews working in the suspected contaminated areas could be decontaminated along with their equipment prior to leaving the incident.

After the fire was extinguished, an investigation was carried out to establish the cause. The farmer informed the officer that he had been using the welding and grinding equipment prior to the fire. It is believed that the cause of the fire was accidental.

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Dementia Awareness Week

A number of Dementia Coffee workshops were held at Longridge Library as part of Dementia Awareness week in which staff took the opportunity to engage with partners, including voluntary organisations, charities, carers, assisted independent living providers and people living with dementia themselves. Products to assist those living with dementia were available to view and increased awareness of solutions which had the potential to reduce the risk to these vulnerable people.

Roadsense

Over the last two months all children in year 6 throughout the district have taken part in the new Roadsense education programme which has been delivered by the Community Fire Safety Team.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Road Traffic Collision
Date: 07 March 2018
Time of Call: 10:30

On arrival, there were two vehicles approximately 150m apart which had collided head-on on the A59. One van had a male in the passenger side complaining of neck pain. The driver was out of the van, with pain in his wrist. The second vehicle was a road tanker lying on its side having overturned and skidded along the carriageway, with no persons trapped, but carrying 14,000 litres of Kerosene. The front compartment of four fuel compartments had ruptured and was leaking fuel onto the carriageway.

The Fire Service made attempts to stop the leak using the Environmental Grab Pack. There was approximately 1000 litres of Kerosene that was lost from the ruptured compartment; most of the Kerosene was prevented from entering the surface water drain by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service personnel, but an unknown amount entered the drains, which then entered Mearley Brook.

The Environment Agency attended and worked with the Hazardous Material Officer; a blanket of foam was applied to the affected area using approximately 10 litres of foam. Operational Merlin was declared due to the volume of Kerosene and foam involved and it entering the surface water drains and nearby stream.

The A59 was closed in both directions for the duration of the incident and remained closed for a further three days to facilitate emergency resurfacing of the carriageway due to the damage kerosene causes to tarmac. The majority of the traffic flow had to be diverted through Clitheroe Town centre.

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Cooking Safety Campaign

During February, Community Safety Advisors in Rossendale focused their attention on Cooking Safety. The campaign was led by intelligence gathered over a three year period which suggested that cooking related fires tend to result in the most non-fatal casualties. Data also suggested that most of our cooking related incidents occurred in sheltered accommodation. With this in mind, our latest Cooking Safely literature was distributed to all Sheltered Schemes across Rossendale. Cooking Safely talks were also carried out at the Time to Talk Day at Riverside, Whitworth and the All Age Integrated Workshop in Bacup where Community Safety Advisors engaged directly with over 50 people.

Leaflets and information was also distributed amongst GP Surgeries and Health Centres across Rossendale.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire in a Commercial Premises
Date: 26 January 2018
Time of Call: 01:00

The incident occurred at a popular fast food restaurant within the Haslingden area. Four fire appliances were mobilised due to the fire being in a commercial building and crews from Rawtenstall, Haslingden and Accrington attended.

The fire involved one of the hot oil fryers in the kitchen area of the restaurant. Prior to the arrival of the Fire Service, staff had placed a fire blanket over the fire and evacuated the building. Fire Service personnel used a dry powder extinguisher in the first instance, and then operated the fixed fire suppression system which was installed at the premises. A member of the retained crew attending is a suppression system engineer in his full time employment and was very experienced in this area and was able to fully explain how the system operated. A post-fire follow up visit was carried out by the Pennine Fire Safety Enforcement team which identified a fault in the fryer allowing the unit to overheat. The fire caused damage to the contents of the fryer and moderate smoke damage to the kitchen area.

Following the incident, a comprehensive debrief was completed and forwarded through to the Operational Assurance Team. As most fast food outlets in the same chain have these systems installed, it was recognised that there was a benefit to sharing the information. A short PowerPoint presentation was compiled by the initial Officer in Charge and this was shared across the Service via the Quarterly Operational Assurance performance summary, which also captures learning from incidents and simulations both in service and from across the country via National Operational Learning. The above learning has also been shared via National Operational Learning for awareness across the Country.

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SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Safety Day at Bannister Brook House

The Community Fire Safety Team in South Ribble attended Bannister Brook House, a Sheltered Housing Scheme owned by Your Housing Group to deliver a fire safety talk and offer fire safety advice to residents. 15 residents of the scheme attended the talk and received advice on general fire safety, as well as being given the opportunity to ask any specific questions. The Warden, who is no longer a permanent resident on site, was also in attendance and answered questions in relation to their biggest concern which was about the stay put policy. This issue was also passed to Fire Safety Enforcement for follow up.

Leyland Spring Social Event for Older People

The Community Fire Safety Team was invited by South Ribble Council to attend a Spring Social Afternoon for Older People at South Ribble Council Offices on Tuesday 08 May. The aim of the event was to give residents of South Ribble awareness of the different agencies that can support Older People to remain independent at home. Agencies in attendance included, Age UK, The Falls Team, Galloways, n-compass, the Stroke Association and New Progress Housing Lifeline. Entertainment was provided by the Leyland U3A UkeLeylanders, there was a craft market, bingo and the chance to discuss and reminisce through old photographs.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 12 May 2018
Time of Call: 20:29

Upon arrival, large amounts of smoke were emitting from the front of the property. It should be noted the roller shutter was up and the front door to the property was open. Several workers (the building is under renovation) were present however only one spoke English. It later became apparent that contacting the Fire Service had been an issue as they were unfamiliar with how to call the Fire Service and a passer-by had to assist, thus allowing time for the fire to develop.

Crews questioned the owner of the property, the English speaking worker and neighbours who had witnessed the incident. The English speaking worker had at the time been working in the shop and had gone upstairs to the flat above the shop to use the toilet. He was at this point called back downstairs by his colleagues who had discovered the fire in the basement, he confirmed to Crews that although he had been laying electrical wires in the shop he had not connected anything and that nothing was live to suggest electrical origin. Upon investigating the basement, Crews noted only an electrical light fitting had been live, Possible cause 1- the wiring was extremely old, this was confirmed by the owner. Possible cause 2 -The worker also admitted he was a smoker but said he only smoked on the ground floor of the shop but it should be noted that the floor of the shop had a number of holes

which led directly to the basement below and the potential for a discarded cigarette to fall into the basement should not be discounted. Possible cause 3- Further to this, neighbours witnessed workers using a grinder that day which was emitting sparks which could also potentially have fallen into the basement causing the fire. Damage was extensive to the basement 100% severe by fire and 50% severe by smoke to ground floor. Due to the extensive damage and the varying accuracy of information given FS unable to determine the exact cause.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 19 April 2018
Time of Call: 12:39

Crews from Leyland were sent to reports of a hedge on fire. On arrival, they found the occupier, who was the owner of the property, on the floor and had several injuries but was conscious and breathing. He had been using a blow torch to burn weeds but had accidentally set fire to a large evergreen hedge. In an attempt to put the fire out with a hosepipe, he had fallen causing injuries to his head and the whole right side of his body including his knee and ankle. Crews treated the casualty at the scene for his injuries and treated him for shock with oxygen therapy.

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

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WEST LANCASHIRE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Ormskirk Hot Oil Unit Demonstration

The Crew and the Community Safety Team from Ormskirk attended Ormskirk Market for the demonstration of the Hot Oil Unit with the primary message for the day around the dangers of cooking, leaving pans and grill pans unattended and the consequences associated with this. The goal was to reduce the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires occurring and to educate the community. Having a visual resource for this proved effective and generated good audiences throughout the day. Leaflets were also given to the community regarding 'white goods' and details for them to 'register their appliance' for recall purposes. Alongside this, the Crew ran a retained duty system recruitment drive as the retained unit at Ormskirk has reduced in numbers over the last 12 months.

RTC Demo/Wasted Lives – West Lancashire College

On 20 March, the crew from Skelmersdale Fire Station and Clare Burscough - Prevention Support Officer, Road Safety spent the afternoon at West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale for a road safety day. A road traffic collision demonstration was arranged and attended by students from the Public Services, motor vehicle maintenance and other courses within the college.

Not only did this give the crew an opportunity to train at an off-site venue, it also gave the students an insight into the roles of the various emergency services at the scene of a road traffic collision. Feedback from the college included 'It is important for Public Service students to gain an awareness and understanding of the roles and responsibilities undertaken by emergency services when responding to emergency incidents. Our students are given the opportunity to develop knowledge of how the public services respond to incidents, and why they must pay attention to health and safety; they develop scene preservation information and how specialist units such as the Fire and Rescue Services rescue members of the public in road traffic incidents and investigate the scene of an incident'.

The other main focus of the afternoon was road safety, as many of the students are of the age where they are starting to drive or will be in the near future. Using one of the 'Wasted Lives' vehicles as a focal point, a talk was given to the gathered crowd about the dangers of driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs, speeding and mobile phone use behind the wheel. The students were engaged, and asked relevant questions regarding the afternoon's topic. The event was successful and attended by over 100 students from the college, and reinforced the strong links the college and Lancashire Fire & Rescue service have built up.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 30 April 2018
Time of Call: 03:41

Small accidental fire involving a bag on top of an electric oven hob. On arrival, the occupiers had evacuated out of the house to a next door neighbours. The incident was out on arrival however crews used positive pressure ventilation to clear a small amount of smoke from the property. The only damage was to the bag and the occupier thought the fire had started by her cats jumping up onto hob and knocking the knob into the on position.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 30 March 2018
Time of Call: 15:48

The Fire Service was called to a house fire after a member of the public dialled 999. Crews could see a large plume of smoke from quite a distance and were met with a well-developed fire in a terraced house. The first crew forced entry and a breathing apparatus team was deployed to tackle the fire and search for occupants. There were no people found inside, but there was a large fire on the ground floor and heavy smoke-logging throughout. Neighbours either side were forced to evacuate, as the smoke had spread into their homes via the common roof void and through windows. Ventilation fans were used to assist the firefighting effort and to clear smoke from all three properties. The crew extinguished the fire after about half an hour and preserved the scene to enable a thorough investigation by Fire Service specialists, Police and Crime Scene Investigators. 20 firefighters and 8 Police Officers were involved in dealing with this incident and an emergency service presence was maintained for nearly 24 hours until the physical investigation and security measures were dealt with.

On this occasion, there were no casualties, but the fire caused severe damage to one house and moderate damage to two others. It is believed that the fire had been burning for over 20 minutes before being discovered by a neighbour. There were no smoke alarms in the house to give early warning to occupants and neighbours.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia Hub

Fleetwood Fire Station recently hosted the Fylde Coast Dementia Hub. The Hub is a unique service which affords open access for members of the community who are living with dementia, as well as their families, friends and carers.

The Hub facilitates a ‘one stop shop’ approach to allow attendees to meet with advisors and access and discuss the support available on a range of subjects which are tailored to the audience including dementia research, financial matters, and legal implications.

The event was supported by numerous agencies including North West Ambulance Service, Care and Repair as well as Lancashire Memories who brought a range of memorabilia from years gone by. The Hub was well attended and culminated with a presentation on fire safety in the home and the benefits of the Guardian Angel device.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Large Animal Rescue
Date: 14 May 2018
Time of Call: 17:32

On 14 May, fire engines from Preesall and Fleetwood were sent to a report that a horse was confined in a ditch at the edge of a field. Preesall were first to arrive and sought details from the owner of the horse and prepared the area for the arrival of specialist crews. Upon the arrival of Fleetwood, who are trained to deal with large animal rescues, a plan was developed. Information from the owner stated that the 28 year old horse had been confined to the ditch, on its side, for approximately 60 minutes. An equine vet had been requested.

Due to the position of the horse, the Rope Rescue Team from St Anne’s were also requested. Specialist personnel wearing dry suits, entered the ditch to help guide the slings around the underside of the horse. Care had to be exercised at every occasion not to enter “the kick zone”.

The attending vet administered a sedative so that the horse would remain in a calm state as the rescue commenced. The initial plan had to be refined as the horse moved, falling deeper into the ditch due to fatigue and positioned itself so that the kick zone presented an even greater danger to the crews. A decision was made to utilise a telehandler tractor so that the horse could be lifted vertically. Once the crews had been briefed, the second lift was commenced and this proved to be successful.

The horse was moved to a safe area away from the ditch and supported in a recovery position using bales of straw. The combined effort from Preesall, Fleetwood, St Anne’s and the vet led to a successful outcome. Within 30 minutes the horse had regained its strength and was back on its feet.