

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: JUNE – AUGUST 2018

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Cooking and Water Safety

Eastern Community Safety Advocates have been involved in the annual Streetwise project attended by Year 6 pupils from schools around the borough. The workshops were run over 2 weeks and our involvement concentrated on water safety and the consequences affecting the public, environment and fire crews. Additionally due to the Winter Hill moorland fire extra time was created to inform the young people on the consequences of the ongoing incident.

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. Alongside this year’s campaign we also again highlighted “Wasted Lives” and targeted mosques in the Blackburn area.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire

Date: Various Dates in July 2018

Time of Call:

Over a two week period at the end of June and the beginning of July crews from Blackburn dealt with many, well publicised incidents as a result of the unusually warm weather conditions.

Crews attended several incidents that were almost unheard of in LFRS during that time. One example of this is attendance at incidents involving exploding aerosol containers inside vehicles leading to fires within vehicles. Crews dealt with this within the existing protocols and corporate communications department used the various media platforms to warn the public about this unusual cause of fire.

On a similar theme crews attended several incidents involving the ignition of flammable liquids in garden sheds which at the time was identified as being caused by the weather conditions.

Crews were even asked to water the flower beds at various locations in the district, which of course we were happy to fulfil!

Crews are trained for a vast range of incidents and that training ensures incident commanders gain a situational awareness of incidents and this helped staff identify the causes of these rarely experienced incidents.

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BLACKPOOL

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Dancing with Dementia

On 6th June, Blackpool Community Safety Advisor 'Andrew Twinkle toes Smith' supported the annual Dancing with Dementia event that is held at the Empress Ballroom Blackpool. The event is becoming more successful every year with five hundred and twenty people attending this year's event. The event is supported by partner agencies, professional and semi-professional dancers and singers and provides a priceless opportunity for those members of the community who are living with dementia to step back in time and enjoy themselves. It is worth remembering that every one of individuals who is living with dementia can still remember all the old dance steps.

Child Sexual Exploitation Event

On Thursday 19 July and Friday 20 July Blackpool Community Safety joined forces with partner agencies at an event that took place at Blackpool Towers Headlands. We collaborated with the Police, Blackpool Coastal Housing, Tesco Community Support and Blackpool Safeguarding Team to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation. The Community Safety Team took the opportunity to promote water safety and to offer crucial advice on the safe use of barbecues.

Children of Chernobyl visit Blackpool

Chernobyl Children's Charity visit Bispham Station W31 on an annual basis. The charity was established and registered in 1992 by Victor Mizzi (O.B.E.) in order to support the children of Belarus and the Ukraine. These children, and their families, will be forever affected by what is undoubtedly the world's worst nuclear disaster. In April 1986, Belarus, where most of the charity's work is focused, received over seventy percent of the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear explosion. As a result, thousands are born every year with, or go on to develop, thyroid cancer, bone cancer and leukaemia.

This year Firefighters and Community Fire Safety staff collaborated to ensure that the children's visit was an occasion to remember. Ten children, along with their teacher, an interpreter, two adult helpers and the helpers own children visited Bispham Fire Station on Monday 6th August.

Following a tour of the station, the children were taught about, and discussed the daily duties of a fire fighter and were shown the personal protective equipment that firefighters use. Firefighters from Blackpool W30 drove the Aerial Ladder Platform over to Bispham and the children took turns to sit in the platform as it was raised. This provided a never ending source of amazement to the children. The children were also surprised to learn that we have female firefighters within our service.

The CFS team and Fire Cadets set up their smoke tent and the children performed a rescue operation, along with the Fire Cadets, and rescued a toy puppy from the smoke filled tent. They were also given the opportunity to use a thermal imager. CM Webb arranged for "STU'S Ices" to attend the station along with his ice cream van and Stu very kindly donated free ice creams for all the children. Our Fire Cadets presented each of the children with a gift, which included a limited edition Fire Cadet badge. The young children from Chernobyl had learnt a small thank you song in English which they sang in appreciation.

Fire Cadets

South Shore fire station hosted our annual Fire Cadets Presentation Evening and Passing Out Parade on Wednesday 19th July. Guests included the High Sherriff of Lancashire, Robert Webb, and the Mayor of Blackpool, Ian Coleman.

Despite heavy rain the Fire Cadets provided an excellent demonstration of hose drills and ladder work in order to showcase their recently acquired skills. After changing into dry clothing they were then awarded their certificates by ACO Dave Russel.

The High Sherriff of Lancashire sent a letter expressing his appreciation of the Fire Cadets' excellent work.

A member of South Shore Fire Cadets has just received a Lord Lieutenant Commendation. Included in her recommendation was the work that she has completed as a Fire Cadet at South Shore. Please find her own description as to why she was awarded the Commendation.

“I was awarded my Lord-Lieutenant commendation, for my work and dedication to the CCF over the past 3 years. Fire Cadets is mentioned as something I enjoy doing outside of school and it proves my dedication to cadets in general. It was also for my charity work that I have completed over the years with both cadet units and on an individual basis.”

Blackpool Airshow – 2 Day Event, 11-12 August 2018

Western Community Fire Safety Team co-ordinated LFRS's involvement in one of Blackpool's largest tourist events, the Blackpool Air Show. The Team started Planning for the event back in March, an event that attracts some 250,000 visitors from around the country.

Saturday morning began under clear skies and the promise of a hot day.

From taking the cover off the Wasted Lives trailer at 9am to the end of the day the questions and interest never stopped.

On the Saturday, Blackpool fire crews attended with pump and Aerial Ladder Platform; Blackburn with the Mobile Command Unit and support pump and South Shore with pump. The CFS team attended with the Gazebo, numerous items of uniform, Wasted Lives trailer and South Shore Fire Cadets. Also supporting the event were IIO Lee Garnett with the LFRS drone and Angela from the Prince's Trust and Blackpool Police Cadets.

As well as giving Fire Safety advice the Team gave out leaflets on the safe disposal of portable BBQ's; Water Safety; Chimineas; Retained Firefighter recruitment; in addition to talking about Wholetime recruitment; Fire Cadets across the County and Prince's Trust.

Sunday began overcast with the threat of rain, but apart from a short shower it blew over. St Annes Rope Rescue Team joined the Saturday line-up.

The Rope Rescue Team enthralled the crowds by abseiling from the ALP, followed by an ascent by one of the Team back up the rope and into the rescue cage.

This second day followed as busy and eventful as the first. By now the Cadets were experts at dressing-up children and adults in relevant size fire kits and breathing apparatus (when possible). The queue for photos was long and constant. Mascot Fireman Sammy circulated among guests and danced with the younger children on the Comedy Carpet in front of the Tower.

Over the two days many people took the opportunity to personally thank the crews for their and their colleagues' work responding to the Winter Hill moorland fire.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Commercial Fire

Date: 01/07/18

Time of Call: 11:45

Operational crews received a call to an accidental fire which had resulted in flash burns to a male casualty who was taken to Blackpool Victoria Hospital for treatment. Damage sustained to the room was moderate by heat to the door, carpet and the net curtains. The room itself was lightly damaged by smoke. Upon investigation by an Incident Intelligence Officer it was determined that the cause of the explosion was an aerosol deodorant falling onto a plug.

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BURNLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Wildfire Response Intervention and Education (Burnley Prevention Team)

Initially the prevention team in Pennine hosted a series of response education to the young people in the Pennine Fire Cadet unit. They were shown the Grass and Moorland Fires presentation within their school and later planned where they could site important information on posters up at relevant locations based on intelligence where these incidents could occur.

Operational crews offered their knowledge and skills by demonstrating how they utilise the soft-track vehicle up on the moors and a whole range of other fire-fighting equipment bespoke to dealing with wildfires on vast moorland. An extensive explanation of how to analyse a large open area including the role of the investigation intelligence officers and the use of the drone was given. An opportunity to speak with a ranger from a national trust conservation site was also given. They were able to discuss the issues and outcomes regarding these types of fires; such as the damage to the environment, the cost and resource implications to the Fire Service and of the heritage trust.

Along with this the prevention staff then combined their campaign of wildfires awareness with a local Heritage Centre and spoke to groups of ramblers who frequently use the centre after enjoying their walks in the country. This included how to be more aware of possible hazards in the countryside which can contribute to the start of a grass fire and what to do if one occurs.

Secondary to this the community fire safety teams supported the campaign to the World Cup 2018 in the Burnley and Padiham Area. They interacted with shoppers in selected supermarkets in Burnley and gave out our 'safe cooking' flyers in an effort to encourage safe cooking during this period and reduce the effects of accidental cooking fires.

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CHORLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Year 10 Enrichment Day at Southlands High School Chorley

The Community Fire Safety Team attended an Enrichment Day at Southlands High School in Chorley on Monday 16 July. All Year 10 pupils received water safety in the form of Dying for a Dip and Wasted Lives. Around three quarters of the students had been open water swimming over the previous spell of hot weather; therefore it was very timely to deliver this presentation. They also received information from The Eric Wright Learning Foundation and ex Great Britain hockey player Charlotte Hartley. The Eric Wright Learning Foundation provide training in construction related trades to 14 – 16 year old students in the South Ribble and Chorley areas as part of their GCSE programme. The foundation offers hands on experience in joinery, brickwork and painting and decorating. Charlotte provided students, particularly girls, with motivational advice on how to cope with school pressures and how to succeed in life.

Summer Safety and Sleepovers

The Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team from Chorley were asked to attend Westwood Primary School, Clayton-Le-Woods prior to them breaking up for the Summer Holidays, to talk about how to keep safe. The assembly was delivered to the full school and covered topics including BBQ safety, water safety and the topical subject of wildfires. All the children were provided with information to take home about the topics including advice to parents about the safe disposal of cigarettes on the moors. The same information was passed to the school to include in their final newsletter of the year.

All students were issued with the new 'sleepover leaflet' which has been produced to give parent and carers advice about fire safety in the event of either their child going on a sleepover or being the sleepover hosts themselves. This came about partly in response to a tragic incident where a youngster lost their life whilst having a sleepover at a friend's house and partly due to research which is investigating how children respond to the sound of smoke alarms.

The information was well received by students, parents and teachers.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire

Date: 17/07/2018

Time of Call: 04:10

2 fire engines from Chorley and 2 from Bamber Bridge were mobilised to a fire within an external open air compressor compound, consisting of 2 Atlas Copco compressors and ancillary equipment for compressed air storage, of an Industrial Unit in Chorley.

Approximately 1 hour prior to the fire, the manufacturing premises had suffered a local power surge which had set off the fire alarm system for the internal manufacturing area of the factory. This had been reset by the team leader to a normal status prior to the arrival of

the fire service. The electrical power surge initiated an electrical overload in the electrical components of one of the compressor motors or motor switch gear which caused an ignition of electrical components. The cause of fire was accidental; the first items ignited were the electrical components of the electric motor/switch gear. The fire spread was due to the electrical components, the fire then spread to the second compressor unit. The main electrical contacts in the substation were isolated by a mechanical fitter on request of the fire service. The fire was discovered when one of the operators went outside and saw the compound on fire. Severe damage by fire to two compressor units and severe by heat to two compressed air storage tanks and ancillary equipment.

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FYLDE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

ESCAYPS Course

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) works in collaboration with the Police work in many innovative ways. For a number of years now, Wesham and Lytham Fire Stations have worked collaboratively with the Police to host and deliver a course for people who are at risk of offending, or have offended. The course is called ESCAYPS which stands for Emergency Services Community and Young Persons Safety. The course runs for a six week period, several times a year, on a Wednesday evening and is hosted by Wesham Fire Station and Lytham Fire Station.

We take six young individuals and talk about the emergency services, drug and alcohol abuse and street aid, which is a basic first aid programme in relation to knife crime and what action should be taken if a person is suspected of taking drugs. The course provides an insight into the support offered by emergency services and it also provides information on a potential career path. The course culminates in a presentation to parents, friends and relatives and if interested, the young individuals are signposted to the Fire services cadets.

Over the years many of the young individuals have turned their lives around and obtained full time employment, including employment as Police Community Support Officers.

Dementia Hubs

Acting on the initiative of a CFS Advisor, local Dementia Hubs are now being held on local fire stations, the most recent of which was held at Wesham Fire Station on Friday 20 July. The Dementia Hubs comprise a market place of stall holders who are able to offer advice and support to those living with dementia, their carers and their families and possibly the most important aspect of these hubs is that we are also offering the opportunity for members of the community to relax, enjoy afternoon tea and socialise while having access to often vital information.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire

Date: 11/07/2018

Time of Call: 11:55

Three fire engines from Wesham, Lytham and St Anne's along with an aerial ladder platform from Blackpool attended a house fire in Kirkham. The fire involved the roof of a semi-detached house and adjoining garage. Firefighters used three jets, two hose reels and a ventilation unit to extinguish the fire and prevent it spreading to the property next door. One casualty was taken to hospital by ambulance suffering from smoke inhalation.

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

Cooking

As part of the Eastern Ramadan Safety we delivered 'Loose clothing' campaign sessions, targeting women's groups, the campaign covered cooking safely and tying loose clothing back and what to do in the event of clothing catching fire. Alongside this year's campaign we also again highlighted "Wasted Lives" and targeted mosques in the Hyndburn area.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire

Date: 10/07/18

Time of Call: 12:41

Seven fire engines from Hyndburn, Clitheroe, Padiham, Burnley, Haslingden, Preston and Bury along with the Stinger from Blackburn and aerial ladder platform from Preston attended a fire involving a commercial unit and approx 600 pallets in Great Harwood. Firefighters used four jets alongside the Stinger and aerial ladder platform to extinguish the fire. The fire was started by heat transfer/burning from external 'controlled burning' in a mini skip, the fire then spread to hundreds of timber pallets and consequently destroyed the adjacent single story industrial unit; which has since had to be demolished.

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LANCASTER

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Water Safety and Mud & Sand Safety

In the early months of 2018 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) attended several incidents on the tidal portion of the River Lune where youths had become entrapped in mud or trapped on islands by the incoming tide.

It was identified that these youths were from a particular local secondary school and, in addition to risk reduction talks given to the youths themselves, their school was contacted to ensure broader risk reduction / awareness could be achieved.

Following a planning period the school agreed for LFRS to attend during PSHE day to deliver two modules from the new Year 7 Teensafe package (due to be launched pan Lancashire in the 2018/19 academic year), which covered Water Safety as well as Mud and Sand Safety.

Presentations were delivered to all year 7 pupils (240) in the morning and to year 8 pupils (270) in the afternoon. A Health Fair was also in progress at the School at which, LFRS were able to offer advice on water safety, the dangers of mud/sand and to distribute relevant safety information more broadly.

Feedback from the school was extremely positive stating that the presentations had '*really made them think...*'.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service: Rescue from mud/sand

Date: 24/07/18

Time of Call: 20:31

Shoreline opposite Winter Gardens, Morecambe.

Two appliances from Morecambe were mobilised to reports of one male trapped in mud on the shoreline. Due to the nature of the incident the Incident Commander instructed all crew members to take flood suits. On checking tide tables on route it was apparent that the tide was on its way in with high tide due in one hour.

On arrival, and whilst carrying out an initial scene assessment, it was found that this incident involved two teenagers, 1 male and 1 female. They were both trapped by their feet in the mud approximately 20m from the shore with water up to their waists.

Following a dynamic risk assessment by the Incident Commander which considered the rapidly rising tide and the distressed state of the two casualties, operational discretion was used and two crew from the first appliance were committed to affect a rescue. The remaining crew members donned flood suits and prepared equipment for back up and support. A

specialist water rescue pump was also requested. There was a rapidly growing crowd of public spectators at this point.

On reaching the two casualties, the crew immediately put life jackets on them. They then proceeded to work as a team to clear around the casualties' feet and lower limbs, this allowed them to free the casualties and assist them to shore. The two casualties were showing signs of fatigue and effects of the cold water and were handed into the care of North West Ambulance Service for precautionary checks.

Due to the coastal location HM Coastguard and RNLI also attended and were preparing to deploy.

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PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Inspiring Young People (Pendle Prevention Team)

Prevention teams from Pennine community fire safety were invited to interact with local high schools in Pendle for a series of World @ Work Events. The teams have a great relationship with local schools and agencies across all 3 boroughs and were delighted to have been offered an opportunity such as this which aims to target years 8 and 9. This allowed the community fire safety teams to demonstrate an insight into the wide variation of roles and responsibilities within Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. The main aim was to encourage a greater understanding of what work is involved within each core function around the roles within the service. They looked into the work streams around prevention, protection and response as well as having the chance to have a go at trying on fire kit and demonstrating some items of equipment. This then led onto other job roles within the service such as support teams which operate in the background, of which these roles are key to maintaining the smooth and efficient day to day running of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

Our aim was to encourage pupils to think about future career opportunities by providing them with an insight into the knowledge to develop their skills, to look at ways they can promote a positive outcome for themselves when they leave school, to consider what aspirational goals they want to achieve and look into other opportunities such as further education, apprenticeship schemes, uniformed services as well as other options such as the armed forces. The session contained lots of useful tasters into the functions and included interactive sessions where they had the chance to ask questions to the Prevention teams.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Road Traffic Collision on M65

RTC involving 4 vehicles. A vehicle driving erratically had passed several other vehicles prior to colliding with a taxi on the westbound carriageway of the M65 close to Nelson. Occupants of a vehicle behind the collision who stopped to assist and contact the emergency services witnessed a driver exit his vehicle and leave the scene of the incident by climbing the side barrier and walking down the embankment to the roundabout junction below. He was seen to be bleeding from the head and the vehicle was severely damaged with airbags having been deployed. A second RTC involved two cars 100m to the rear of the initial collision when a vehicle approaching the scene of the incident failed to stop in time behind a car that was stationary in Lane 2 of the motorway. At the incident there were two casualties on the hard shoulder having exited vehicles prior to the arrival of the Fire Service and two casualties still in the taxi. The Fire Service assessed the scene and triaged casualties and requested attendance of Police and North West Ambulance Service (NWAS). Highways England Traffic Officers were also in attendance. Multi-agency approach applied utilising Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles. NWAS deployed 4 ambulances and one response vehicle to the incident with 4 casualties eventually conveyed to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. LFRS Air Support Unit (drone) was requested in order to supplement the hasty search conducted by LFRS personnel for the absconding motorist who had

potentially sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision. The drone was flown over the scene and surrounding area conducting a systematic search. It was stood down when information received from the Police confirmed the driver had been found.

Incident: Water Rescue

A young woman had fallen approximately 5 metres backwards from a garden wall into a river below. Swift water Rescue Technicians from Nelson conducted a hasty search of the vicinity in order to locate the casualty. Once located the casualty was assessed and stabilised whilst a plan for extricating the casualty from the location to a waiting ambulance was formed. The Air Support Unit was requested in order to assist both location of the casualty and to conduct a reconnaissance of the area to assist in the extrication plan. The casualty was successfully extricated from the location and conveyed to hospital by NWAS suffering from lower leg injuries.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Youth Education Activities</u>	
<p>06/06/18 – Dying for a Dip to Prince’s Trust, Deepdale - This water safety presentation was carried out to the new Prince’s Trust team the week before they went on their residential. There had been 2 fatalities relatively locally from open water the weekend prior to the talk, so information about these was discussed to bring home the relevance of the subject.</p> <p>18/06/18 – approx. 150 pupils at Our Lady’s, Fulwood High School, Fulwood received two presentations on Dying for a Dip and Arson Prevention. The Dying for a Dip presentation aims to raise awareness of the dangers associated with open water and provides advice for what actions any individuals should take if an incident ever occurs. The Arson Prevention presentation focuses on the dangers of deliberate fire setting, the impact such behaviour and on the community and social responsibility in relation to helping prevent it.</p> <p>During both sessions the information was well received by all participating students and the feedback received was excellent.</p>	
<u>Fall Prevention</u>	
<p>06th July – A talk was given to the falls rehabilitation group, Minerva Health Centre, via Steady On! This is a regular talk which forms part of the programme the falls team deliver to people who have been hospitalised due to falls. They have input from other agencies over the 6/8 week course, all related to keeping safe at home.</p>	
<u>Dementia Awareness Event</u>	
<p>Community Safety staff from Preston supported a dementia awareness event at the Hallmark Hotel in Leyland. This event was for people with dementia to come along with their families and was aimed at demonstrating the range of services available to assist during the various stages of Dementia.</p> <p>This event was an opportunity for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service to showcase the support we can offer, the resources available to help both those with Dementia and their carers/families. It also provided an opportunity to generate high risk home fire safety check referrals and provided several signposting opportunities to partner agencies.</p>	
<u>Other Prevention Activities</u>	
<p>19th June – Whole Fund Presentation – Guild Hall, Preston - LFRS was invited to attend this event along with a number of other partner agencies approx. 400 members of public were expected to attend for pensions advice. An information stall set up in the foyer, so to provide an opportunity for engagement with those attending the event. Fire safety advice was given along with keyrings and pens with the free telephone number to request HFSCs.</p> <p>20th June – Friends of Fishwick Steering group - Community Safety staff attended and provided a summary of what we offer and the referral criteria. A Point of contact was requested regarding using their social media/newsletter to raise fire safety awareness and we offered to provide fire safety talks to any local groups they are involved with.</p>	

09th July – Multi agency networking and icebreaker event, Police HQ, Hutton.

This event was organised by a PCSO from the police early action team as there had been a lot of staff changes in his team and they wanted to meet representatives from other agencies to improve joint working regarding vulnerable people. There were attendees from, Preston City Council, Gateway, Neighbourhood Watch, UCLAN, LFRS and the Children Family Wellbeing service. All agencies gave a short presentation to the group to explain what their agency offers to vulnerable people and how best to refer and arrange joint visits. Information was also given regarding the Integrated Team and how to make a referral.

11th July – Armed Forces Covenant Meeting, Wings Centre, Preston - Representatives from various organisations including Lancashire County Council, Step Together, Dig In, Preston City Council, Combat Stress, Activate, DWP, Age UK, Blind Veterans and Bellissima's Retreat attended. Referral pathways to all organisations present were discussed and a fire safety talk to the blind veterans group was arranged for next month. All agencies have been sent the partner agency code for veterans, and have our details of they want to arrange joint visits.

Station Open Day

Sunday 1st July - An extremely busy open day, (made even more so by limited operational support due to the moorland fires), was attended by approx. 3000 members of public. Social media advertising prior to the event guaranteed a good turnout.

The cadets raised nearly £350 by organising and running a tombola.

CFS set up a stall with a selection of burnt items, leaflets and examples of equipment we can issue. Advice was given on fire safety and people were directed to the website and contact centre for Home Fire Safety Checks.

4 hot oil unit demonstrations were performed over the course of the day.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Accidental Dwelling Fire (rear garden)

Date: 13/06/18

Time of Call: 18:59

Two appliances were mobilised to reports that the back of a house was on fire in Preston.

On arrival the fire crews found that a fire involving a quantity of waste material located in at the rear of the property had spread along a wooden garden fence and to an outbuilding, all of which were significantly damaged by fire. In addition, the heat radiating from the fire affected the PVC window frames, glazing units and guttering of both the affected property and the house next door.

Fire Service personnel used a hose reel to extinguish the fire and further utilised a Thermal Imaging Camera along with a Triple Extension Ladder to assess the neighbouring property for potential fire spread.

After a fire scene examination and investigation into the cause of the fire it was concluded that a discarded cigarette came into contact with combustible items located within the rear garden and as a result the fire was able to develop and spread.

Fire Service Personnel completed a hot strike and the Community Safety Team made arrangements to attend the address to conduct a Safe & Well visit.

Incident: Accidental Dwelling Fire (accidental building fire)

Date: 10/07/18

Time of Call: 22:04

Two appliances were mobilised to reports of a shed on fire to the rear of a domestic property in Preston.

On arrival the fire crews found that a large wooden garden shed was fully involved in fire, that the fire had unfortunately spread to involve a domestic conservatory and that smoke from the fire was affecting the West Coast Main Railway Line.

Fire Service personnel used two hose reels to extinguish the fire and prevent further fire spread and as a precaution requested Fire Control make Network Rail aware of the incident so train drivers could be warned so to ensure safe rail travel past the scene.

After a fire scene examination and investigation into the cause of the fire it was concluded that rodent damage to electrical equipment in the shed led to an electrical fault and subsequent fire.

Fire Service personnel completed a hot strike and the Community Safety Team made arrangements to attend the address to conduct a Safe & Well visit.

Incident: Special Service (Lift Rescue)

Date: 07/07/18

Time of Call: 15:56

Two fire appliances were mobilised to reports of persons stuck in a lift at an address in Preston. When crews arrived at the scene they found 5 persons were trapped in the lift car which due to mechanical failure had stopped between 2 upper floors of the building.

As isolation the electrical support to the lift, Fire Service personal used specialist 'Lift Keys' to gain access to the lift car and carry out a welfare assessment of those trapped. The lift car was then lowered in a controlled manner so the trapped occupants could be led to safety. None of those trapped needed any medical assistance as a result of their ordeal.

As a precaution to prevent a re-occurrence, LFRS left the lift isolated and advised the Property Manager to have the lift checked by a competent lift engineer before being put back into general service.

Incident: Accidental Building Fire

Date: 11/07/18

Time of Call: 11:57

Two fire appliances were mobilised to reports of smoke coming from the kitchen window at an domestic property in Preston.

On arrival Fire Service Personal found the property to be un-occupied and therefore forced entry to investigate the origin of the smoke. Once inside the property it was quickly identified that a pan had been left unattended on the hob, this had boiled dry, the food burnt and as a

result light smoke filled the property. To clear the smoke, Fire Service personal opened several windows within the property to allow the building to air.

Whilst LFRS were at the scene, the occupier returned home and explained they had just nipped out to the local shop and hadn't considered the need to remove the pan from the hob.

Fire Service Personnel completed a hot strike and the Community Safety Team made arrangements to attend the address to conduct a Safe & Well visit.

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<p><u>Water Safety and Cooking</u></p> <p>Prior to the school holiday “Dying for a Dip” water safety leaflets were displayed at waterside locations across the borough including reservoirs and Edisord, Grindleton and Dunsop Bridge.</p> <p>Up to 15000 people attended “Beat-Header” the largest outdoor music festival in the County and Community Safety staff used the event to promote the National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Campaign regarding safety whilst camping.</p> <p>During August, Operational crews and Community Fire Safety staff attended the Royal Lancashire Show. Opportunity was taken to talk about fire safety matters around cooking and white goods.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)
<p>Incident: Domestic Fire Date : 4 June 2018 Time of Call: 22:57:00</p> <p>Three fire engines from Clitheroe and Great Harwood attended a house fire involving a tumble dryer on Derby Street in Clitheroe. Firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus used one hose reel to extinguish the fire and rescued two people from the roof of the property. There were no casualties.</p>

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

ROSSENDALE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia Community Coffee Morning (Rossendale Prevention Team)

A collaborative step was again made when the prevention staff in Pennine hosted what was another successful event. The coffee morning was held at Haslingden fire station in aid of bringing people and communities together in Rossendale. Rossendale district itself has a higher than average issue of social isolation and loneliness – so teams focus on how best they can reach more people and understand their individual circumstances. Not only does this mean we engage but we offer Safe and Well visits where we can signpost to other support services.

The teams had support from a large selection of organisations on the day such as Falls teams, healthy living from the local district authority and many more. Alongside supporting people on the determinant of social isolation Lancashire Fire and Rescue understands it plays a huge role in its pledge on Dementia. As part of the Prime Minister's dementia challenge, all fire and rescue services across England were invited to sign up to a pledge to improve the safety of those living with dementia. We want those people with dementia to live a safe and happy life by remaining in their own homes as long as possible. Not only does this improve quality of life but it also reduces the financial impact on families and organisations who provide support. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is one of the many services working towards a dementia friendly workforce.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service (Pennine)

Date : 14/07/18

Time of Call: 20:52

Rawtenstall and Nelson attended an incident where due to the warm weather a sheep had been able to walk down into the low river.

A triple extension ladder was used to access the river and crew placed the sheep in an animal net which was then hauled aloft. The RSPCA had been called and attended but were unable to immediately find the owner. The sheep was walked round to Rawtenstall station due to its close location, where it was securely locked in a fenced area and provided food and water until the following day when the farmer was contacted to collect the sheep.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

MS Society Day at the Leyland Hotel

On Saturday 7 July, the Community Fire Safety (CFS) team attended an MS Society Action Day at the Leyland Hotel. The event was attended by Preston Care and Repair, Lancashire Wellbeing Service, Progress Lifeline, Disability Action Group and the MS Society Team. The aim of the event was to provide information from different partners to support those living with MS in the Community. The CFS Team had an information stall and gave a 30 minute presentation to the group about the services Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service offer, stressing the Community Risk Register where a person's details can be entered onto a system then if there is an incident their personal circumstances will be available for crews. This is particularly important for those with physical disabilities who are unable to evacuate. Around 50 people attended the event with 10 people being referred for home fire safety checks.

Leyland Festival

On Saturday 16 June, Crews and the Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team from Leyland Fire Station attended Leyland Festival. Even though the weather was inclement for the majority of the day, the event was attended by approximately 1000 people. The CFS Team had a fire safety information stand where members of the general public could receive advice on their particular circumstances and even though the weather wasn't sunny, information on wildfires, BBQ and summer safety was issued. Referrals for home fire safety checks were generated and these have now been passed onto the Contact Centre for bookings.

The Crews attended on the fire engine which was very well received by the visitors and they also took part in the annual Parade which was made up of local community groups and businesses.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire

Date: 02/07/2018

Time of Call: 20:27

Attendance by Penwortham crews. On arrival, an allotment shed was well alight and completely destroyed by fire. The probable cause was dried out compost being heated by the extremely hot weather conditions. The owner had left the allotment 30 minutes earlier and stated that there was no heating elements, oils or electric in the shed. There were people in the vicinity tending neighbouring allotments, who stated that no one had been seen near the affected allotment in the time since the allotment owner had left.

Incident: Primary Fire**Date: 26/06/2018****Time of Call: 13:06**

Attendance by Bamber Bridge crews. A quantity of old garden cuttings, paper and cardboard stacked against the rear of the property was ignited by sunlight reflecting onto a glass bottle. The fire spread to the roof felt on a single storey extension. Moderate by flame to roof felt and moderate by fire and heat to rear window frame. Severe by heat to garden cuttings; paper and cardboard destroyed by fire.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Ormskirk Fire Cadets Passing Out Parade

Crews and the Community Safety (CFS) Team from Ormskirk Fire Station assisted in the Passing Out Parade for Ormskirk Fire Cadets at Ormskirk School on Monday 2 July. 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, road safety, enrichment activities and life skills such as a drug and alcohol awareness workshop. The Cadets also assisted crews with a car wash at the Fire Station which went towards their Community Project module. Each Cadet received a certificate recognising their success during the year and three Cadets received awards for Cadet of the Year based around attendance, punctuality and enthusiasm.

Dying for a Dip/Water Safety

Due to the recent good weather the number of young people taking chances in open water swimming had been on the increase, therefore the Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team in West Lancashire had spent time delivering the water safety package 'Dying for a Dip' to young people. All students at Lathom High School and Burscough Priory Science College have received the package, as well as students at West Lancashire College and the Prince's Trust Teams.

Following the tragic death of 13 year old Miracle Godson at Dawber Delph, Appley Bridge in April 2015, a presence during the hot weather has always been maintained in order to speak to young people about the dangers of open water swimming. During the 3 weeks of hot weather approximately 50 young people were spoken to. With this being a civil matter, there are no powers to remove people so 'Dying for a Dip' sessions have been delivered to small groups, deterring them from entry. There was only one group of 6 that did not heed the warnings and continued on into the quarry.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: 2 x Primary Fire
Date: 13/06/18 & 27/06/2018
Time of Call: 16:45 & 15:49

Attendance by Skelmersdale crews. A car was parked at Appleby Bridge Railway station on the designated parking area. A passer-by witnessed a flare being fired and hitting the car. Smoke was then seen by other passers-by which resulted in the fire to the vehicle. Fire damage was to the engine compartment and spread to the drivers compartment. Cars parked adjacent to the vehicle did not appear damaged but details were taken as a precaution.

In a second and similar incident, an incendiary device (flare) was ignited in a nearby quarry and travelled over a housing estate before landing on the roof. Slight scorch marks to roof slates and severe by heat to section of guttering where flare came to rest. Area of damage thoroughly checked by the Fire Service (including loft space) to ensure no embers remained.

Incident: Primary Fire

Date: 10/06/2018

Time of Call: 01:31

Two fire engines from Ormskirk and one from Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service attended a fire involving a shed, garage and car in Halsall. Firefighters used three hose reels, one jet and a thermal imaging camera to extinguish the fire.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Dementia Action Week</u></p> <p>As part of the Dementia Action plan Preesall Fire Cadets hosted a Dementia Café at Preesall Fire Station.</p> <p>This event was planned and organised by the Fire Cadets, their Crew Managers and Volunteers as part of their Dementia project and social action module.</p> <p>After promoting via social media, the local community responded with freshly-baked cakes, biscuits, table cloths and cake stands.</p> <p>The event was supported by Lancashire Memories, The Alzheimer's Society, The Women's Institute, North West Ambulance Service, Lancashire Constabulary, and The Good Deeds Trust who promoted The Guardian Angel devices.</p> <p>A steady number of visitors throughout the day meant the Fire Cadets worked tirelessly serving refreshments. As well as being an opportunity for families living with Dementia to socialise and share their thoughts / experiences, this was also an opportunity for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and other agencies to engage with vulnerable members of the community, and help identify what assistance could be provided and measures put in place to improve safety and quality of life.</p>	
INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
<p>Incident: House Fire Date: 17/06/18 Time of Call: 23:54</p> <p>Two fire appliances from Fleetwood and Bispham were mobilised. Upon arrival the Officer in Charge (OIC) was met by a neighbour, who had raised the alarm after hearing a smoke detector from outside the property. The OIC was informed that it was possible the occupiers could still be in the property. A breathing apparatus team with a hose reel were quickly committed to the property to search for casualties, locate and extinguish the fire.</p> <p>An individual who had not responded to the smoke alarm was located in the front room of the property. After being rescued the casualty was administered oxygen by LFRS staff prior to arrival of North West Ambulance Service, the casualty was then transported to hospital. The fire investigation concluded that the cause of the fire was cooking which had been left unattended.</p> <p>Following the incident a 'Hot Strike' was carried out in the surrounding area to provide reassurance to the local community.</p>	