

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

REPORTING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2018

<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Bright Sparx</u></b>  The Brightsparx campaign fully commenced on Monday 24 September and concluded Tuesday 6 November 2018. Following an evaluation of the 2017 campaign, a decision was made to take the campaign down a different angle, focussing more on the consequences of using fireworks which included real life stories and how daily life, family life and communities are affected.</p> <p>Presentations were given at targeted high schools within the borough including: Pleckgate, BCHS, OLSJ, Taheedul Boys School, St Thomas's and Witton. We also visited the Police Cadets and asked them to support our message in their communities by delivering leaflets to their neighbours, Youth Zone, Asylum Seekers and Blackburn Rovers Community Football Groups. In total the presentation was seen by 4,000 pupils.</p> <p>Further activities were employed to spread the Bright Sparx messages, including mail drops to over 1,000 homes in the identified polygon areas, daily drives around the areas, pictures of any items which could be used to build fires were then emailed to the cleansing team at Blackburn with Darwen Council. All primary and secondary schools within Blackburn with Darwen received 'Advice for Communities Leaflet' which helped us reach another 3,000 households.</p> <p>All Mosques were invited to community meetings with Imam's and Local Councillors.</p>	

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**Fire Cadets Presentation Dinner**

On Wednesday, 7 November South Shore Fire Cadets broke with tradition and held a “Presentation Dinner” as an alternative to the usual passing out parade for their cadets. The dinner was held at Level 6 Restaurant in Blackpool & the Fylde College and was attended by Mr Paul Maynard MP, the Mayor and Mayoress of Blackpool, Councillor and Mrs Jackson and ACFO David Russel, in addition to Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service staff - and of course the cadets themselves.

The evening was a celebration of the cadets’ achievements throughout the past year. Following the dinner, Paul Maynard MP wrote and circulated the following words in his constituency newsletter:

*“I attended a dinner at Level 6 at Blackpool & Fylde College for the local Fire Cadets – both the restaurant and the cadets are hidden gems in the wider community. Fire Cadets work towards the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme as well as playing an invaluable role in the community in so many ways. They learn the qualities of discipline and commitment, and grow in confidence as young people. The fire service chiefs very much hope that the young people are the firefighters of tomorrow – and it was striking to note that girls outnumbered boys amongst the cadets!”*

**Remembrance Parade with Fire Cadets**

On Sunday, 11 November South Shore Fire Cadets attended a special centenary remembrance parade at Blackpool Cenotaph. The ceremony was extremely well attended despite the cold and the rain. Station Manager Colin Hickson, Community Fire Safety Advisor Sharon Aspden and Fire Cadet Watch Manager Leanne Brown laid a wreath on behalf of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. Following the close of the service our cadets joined the Police Cadets for a parade of the neighbouring streets.

**Self-Care Event**

On Tuesday, 13 November Blackpool Community Fire Safety Advisors attended “A Passport to Better Health”. This was a multiagency event aimed at supporting the self care within the community which was held in St. Johns Church Blackpool.

Partner agencies attending were Blackpool Coastal Housing, Sheltered Care, Care & Repair, The Diabetes Association, Groundworks, Blackpool Music Academy, Reflexologists, More Positive Together, the Salvation Army, British Red Cross and occupational therapists. We manned a promotional stall and engaged with members of the community and partner agencies alike. We were able to share valuable information on keeping “Safe & Well” on what became a busy and worthwhile afternoon.

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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Re-Start A Heart</u></b>  Community Fire Safety staff again embarked on the annual campaign to work with young people to increase their awareness and build their confidence on how to intervene if a person was to suffer a cardiac arrest.</p> <p>The `Restart a Heart` campaign is a designated yearly day of action with the aim to teach vital life-saving Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) skills to as many people as possible. Events in Lancashire are facilitated and supported by St John's Ambulance and North West Ambulance Service (NWAS). This is the second year Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service staff have been invited to support and work alongside a member of the NWAS Volunteers at Unity College in Burnley.</p> <p>A total of ten sessions were held over two days, which combined a mixture of PowerPoint presentations and practical demonstrations followed by hands-on opportunities for students to "have a go" themselves using resuscitation aid practice equipment.</p> <p>A total of 255 Year 7 pupils were trained successfully in CPR. To complete the training sessions, staff then gave a final demonstration of how an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This shock is called defibrillation, and it is an essential life-saving step in the chain of survival. There are many defibrillators available in public places such as train stations, shopping centres, airport and leisure centres. These defibrillators are often known as Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) as anyone can use them in an emergency.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>CHORLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Older Person's Day</u></b>  On Monday, 1 October the Community Fire Safety Team supported the Older Persons' Day in association with Age UK at Chorley Lifestyle Centre on Gillibrand Street.</p> <p>The team organised activities that were both fun and also raised fire safety awareness through a quiz based on home fire safety. They also played bingo, had a raffle and enjoyed tea and cakes with those that attended.</p> <p>The event was part of a week-long celebration and offered information to older people so that they are aware and know exactly what activities and services which are available to them in the area.</p> <p><b><u>Fire Safety Talk to Sheltered Accommodation</u></b>  The Community Safety Team delivered fire safety advice and offered the Home Fire Safety Check Service to residents of Harewood Sheltered Accommodation.</p> <p>The team gave information and utilised resources from the Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service Cooking Campaign and followed the talk with Safe &amp; Well visits to the residents.</p>	

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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Self-Care Week</u></b> On Tuesday, 13 November Community Fire Safety Advisors attended an event for Self-Care Week which had been organised by Ash Tree House Surgery, Kirkham and was held at Kirkham Reformed Church.</p> <p>The event was attended by numerous agencies and offered Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service an opportunity to engage with local partners and members of the community to share valuable information on keeping safe and well.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	23 November 2018
<b>Time:</b>	12:39
<p>When crews arrived they were faced with a fire, which was the result of an explosion. They found a significant fire safety incident in a room that was approximately 20m x 10m.</p> <p>The fire was attended by four pumps and extinguished by two Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus and using hose reel and a fan.</p> <p>Three males were injured, two of which had been in the immediate vicinity of the explosion. One of the males sustained 10% burns and was later airlifted to hospital. The other male was given a precautionary check on site. One further male entered to fight the fire; he was subjected to minor burns and was treated on site by ambulance service personnel.</p>	

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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Fuel Poverty &amp; Hyndburn Open Day</u></b>  Heat &amp; Eat Chill sessions which focused on how to stay warm in the home and cook a meal easily and cheaply have been held at Norfolk Grove and Maudy Relief Centre. These sessions enabled us to display fire safety literature and undertake presentations on fire safety in the home.</p> <p>Hyndburn Community Fire Station held its open day on Sunday, 27 October. The event was very well attended and operational staff, supported by the Community Fire Safety Team, were aided by volunteers, Police, Blood Donation and Red Cross to engage with the public.</p> <p>Activities included the hot oil unit and the Stinger appliance demonstrations plus the smoke tent experience, along with the usual bat a rat and hook a duck stalls. The atmosphere was fun and relaxed and this presented a good opportunity to engage with parents and promote home fire safety and generate referrals.</p>	

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

**Home Safety Week**

National Older Persons Day was Monday, 1 October and to celebrate this, afternoon tea and entertainment for around 50 local people was arranged at Lancaster Fire and Ambulance Station.

The aim of the event was to engage with people living with dementia and memory issues in isolation. This was achieved through the partner members of The Older People's Forum (OPF) who not only identified but supported people with assistance and transport to attend the event.

The event was funded by The OPF and was supported by all Partners of the OPF. This was an ideal opportunity for Community Fire Safety Advisors to launch The Winter Safety Campaign in particular promoting the Keep Safe and Warm Bags and Guardian Angels.

Afternoon tea was served by Carnforth Fire Cadets as part of their community engagement activity. During this the guests were entertained by Lancashire Memories who proved how wonderful the 'Power of Reminiscence' can be.

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

**Date:** 20 October 2018

**Time:** 15:09

Two fire appliances from Lancaster & Carnforth were mobilised to persons trapped in mud/quicksand at Crag Bank.

Upon arrival, the Officer in Charge was confronted with two persons stuck in mud - one child trapped by their arms and one woman sunk up to her waist. Conditions under foot were difficult to get near to the casualties due to the softness of the ground. Swift Water Rescue Team from Lancaster utilised inflatable walkways to get to the child first as he was in the most danger, and managed to free him from the mud and he was taken to safety. Crews then turned their attention to the female, using two inflatable walkways creating a working platform and were able to release her legs from the mud.

Coastguard and RNLI hovercraft were in attendance and were assisting Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service crews. A sand lance was used to liquefy the mud, and

after manipulation the trapped female was lifted clear, placed on a basket stretcher and taken to shore by the hovercraft. In total the rescues took 45 minutes from attendance to release.

Both casualties were given a precautionary check by paramedics as they were showing signs of hyperthermia and were transported to hospital. This incident was a multi-agency rescue involving Coast Guard, RNLI & NWAS due to the seriousness of the incident with tide times.

**Date:** 06 November 2018

**Time:** 23:32

Four fire appliances from Hornby, Lancaster, Bentham (North Yorkshire) and Kirby Lonsdale (Cumbria) were mobilised to a farm. Upon arrival the Officer in Charge was faced with a fully developed fire within a building containing straw and silage (grass fermented for feeding cattle).

The Officer in Charge of Hornby's appliance requested eight pumps for water, and instructed crews to create a fire break to contain the fire and prevent it spreading to a range of buildings containing livestock and fertilisers which also included a farmhouse.

Due to limiting water supplies, it became clear that water would have to be pumped from a considerable distance. The drone was used to good effect to gain a view of the incident and identify hotspots, and a decontamination area was established for crews working within the area.

The main road was required to be closed following liaison with both the Police and Lancashire Highways for an access route for the High Volume Pump to provide water to the incident ground.

A water relay was established from the River Greta to the incident using 70 lengths of hose a distance (1KM) in length.

The incident was closed with attendance of fire appliance from Lancashire, Cumbria, North Yorkshire having attended with varying appliances and equipment. A letter of thanks was received from the farmer expressing his gratitude for saving his buildings and his house.



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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Safe &amp; Well Visit (HFSC)</u></b></p> <p>Following routine attendance at a domestic property by Community Fire Safety staff, concern was raised by the practitioner regarding indicators of a possible carbon monoxide leak in Colne. This resulted in an effective response by engaging operational crews and partner agencies to confirm the safety of a gas appliance in the property and prevent illness or death caused by the silent killer carbon monoxide.</p> <p>The visit had been referred from Lancashire Wellbeing Service and had been processed and prioritised through the Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service Contact Centre.</p> <p>On arrival at the property it was noticed that the walls and ceiling in the lounge appeared to be covered in black residue of an unknown cause. Concerns were heightened due to the occupant coughing repeatedly during conversations. Upon further inspection, the blackened marks were discovered in and around the boiler cupboard located in the kitchen. Community Fire Safety staff suspected carbon monoxide poisoning and requested an operational response to check for carbon monoxide gas.</p> <p>Following an operational response to the incident including a fire appliance and a Flexible Duty Officer, gas detection equipment was utilised to check for safe air quality in the property.</p> <p>Although no gas was detected at the time, as a precaution and to confirm wellbeing of the occupant, an urgent referral was made to ensure the boiler was checked by a competent person and the housing provider was made aware to support the occupier and make safe any defective appliances identified. Feedback from the specialist inspection revealed that the boiler had been defective and was condemned. Ultimately if left undetected this could have potentially resulted in loss of life.</p> <p><b><u>Aging Safely Initiative</u></b></p> <p>Aging safely is a campaign which is run annually on the run up to Christmas. This is where Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service historically attends an increased number of dwelling fires involving heating appliances and the NHS experiences a large and sudden increase in falls incidents and admissions. Included in this is winter-illness, social isolation and loneliness. A partnership approach such as this enables key agencies to work together to achieve joint objectives in making people safer from a number of risks and issues in the home.</p> <p>The day was hosted by a multi-agency collaboration and supported by Pennine Community Fire Safety and Nelson Fire Station Crew. The focus of the campaign</p>	

was how to stay safe and well during the run up to Christmas and the winter season. Advice was provided on how to safely use heating appliances to prevent fires, test smoke alarms and other safety information included in Safe & Well Visits were provided.

In addition to Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, a multi-agency approach was delivered by engaging with representatives from other partner agencies including Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Carers Link, Lancashire Wellbeing Service, Mosscafe St Vincent's Care and Repair, NHS Steady On Falls Team and Pendleside Hospice.

This also proved an ideal opportunity for all the agencies to network and interchange ideas and working practices week in and week out through out each year. The knowledge and information exchange will help to identify vulnerable people that we can target in a collaborative manner to improve the health, well-being and home safety.

64 people over the age of 60 interacted with the event and all were able to see the services which are available to them.

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

**Date:** 04 November 2018

**Time:** 21:53

Repeat calls were received by North West Fire Control to a persons reported car fire involving two cars on Heights Lane, Fence. Appliances were mobilised from Nelson and Burnley and arrived at the scene of the incident to find two vehicles well alight after being involved in a road traffic collision.

Bystanders were unable to confirm that all persons were accounted for and this was only confirmed after firefighting operations extinguished the fire allowing a search of both vehicles.

Subsequent investigation found that the occupants of one vehicle had absconded from the scene immediately after the road traffic collision, leaving the occupants of the other vehicle requiring hospital treatment for fractures. The fire appears to have been caused by a rupture to a fuel line as a consequence of the collision, allowing fuel to leak onto the hot engine and ignite.

A combined emergency services response with joint situational awareness brought the incident to a safe conclusion.

**Date:** 04 November 2018

**Time:** 14:06

An appliance from Nelson was mobilised to a domestic property following the activation of Lancashire Telecare monitored fire and carbon monoxide alarms. Upon arriving at the address, the crew discovered that the alarms had activated due to a

fire involving a microwave and its contents in an elderly person's home.

The fire was only smouldering and had not spread but the house had filled with smoke. The fire was extinguished and the house fully ventilated. Whilst the fire was not significant and damage was confined to the microwave and contents, the incident showed the value of monitored alarms in the homes of vulnerable people. The attending crew were subsequently complimented for the professionalism and compassion they demonstrated during the incident. This was done by the family of the occupier via the Service website.

A post-fire follow up hot strike and home fire safety checks for the resident and residents of adjoining properties was carried out.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>PRESTON</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Student Fire Safety Week</u></b> Community Fire Safety Advisors and operational crews from Preston and Penwortham carried out kitchen talks to approximately 190 students at student accommodation in the city centre. This building was chosen due the number of automatic fire alarms the previous academic year, compared to those of other buildings.</p> <p>We will be meeting with the University to set up a training programme, which will enable selected students to do these talks for us, enabling the message to be delivered to a much wider audience next year.</p> <p><b><u>Bright Sparx</u></b> Community Fire Safety Advisors and Prince's Trust worked together for the two week period before and during bonfire night. Firework safety sessions were delivered to approximately 734 pupils and members of the public.</p> <p>Advisors also worked closely with Preston North End Football Club's Community Engagement Team, who delivered Bright Sparx sessions to a further 304 students in the Preston area.</p> <p>Community Fire Safety staff attended a local housing provider's "Green Day" events, which focussed on reducing a build-up of waste prior to the bonfire period. Over the two days, we removed 10 full skips of rubbish, 42 bags of litter, 8 flat-bed truck loads and four van loads of old furniture from the estates.</p> <p>Overall there was a 40% drop in antisocial behaviour fire activity in the targeted areas for 18/19 in comparison to 17/18.</p> <p><b><u>Older Persons Day</u></b> Community Fire Safety Advisors delivered fire safety talks to 55 residents at three sheltered housing schemes. One of these was a joint talk with Fire Safety as a result of an incident where residents hadn't followed the evacuation order.</p> <p>A fire safety talk was also given to the Preston Carer's Forum, where most members present requested a safe and well visit. This has also enabled us to make some new partnerships and referral pathways.</p> <p><b><u>General CFS Activity</u></b> Community Fire Safety Advisors have now given fire safety talks/training sessions to nine teams within the NHS, who deal with discharging patients or visiting them in the community. All of these can now refer in to us using a preferred partner code. There</p>	

are more talks booked, this will be ongoing to ensure we are visiting the most vulnerable in our community.

Meetings have been held with Preston North End's Community Team to discuss future partnership working. They are willing to deliver our safety messages to the local schools as part of their weekly lessons. In addition to fire safety, they could be around water safety, antisocial behaviour, road safety or anything we feel is appropriate locally.

Wasted Lives and fire safety presentations have been delivered to both Prince's Trust teams, this is something we will be ensuring is done for each future team.

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

**Date:** 11 November 2018

**Time:** 22:04

Fire crews from Preston and Fulwood attended a multi vehicle road traffic collision involving four vehicles which occurred on the northbound carriageway of the M6 between junctions 31 and 31a. Firefighters rescued someone trapped in one of the vehicles and the casualty was taken to hospital by ambulance. Crews were in attendance for two hours.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>RIBBLE VALLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Chimney Safety</u></b>	
Throughout October and November, prominent garage forecourts and solid fuel suppliers throughout the district displayed posters and leaflets which identified the hazards around storing fuel next to wood burners, and the consequences of not having chimneys swept.	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	08 November 2018
<b>Time:</b>	05:48
<p>Fire engines from Clitheroe, Padiham, Great Harwood and Hyndburn attended a commercial building fire on Waterloo Road, Clitheroe. The fire involved a single storey building 30m x 30m used for wood manufacturing. Fire crews used two breathing apparatus, one jet and ventilation to extinguish the fire. Fire crews were detained for several hours.</p> <p>An Incident Intelligence Officer was utilised to support the investigation into the cause of the fire and Fire Safety Enforcement staff were called upon to support the company to improve their Fire Risk Assessment and procedures, to reduce the likelihood of another fire occurring.</p> <p>The damage caused was severe by fire to approximately 8m x 5m of the workshop; moderate by heat to approximately 5% of the roof; moderate by smoke to 100% of the building; and light by firefighting water to one office.</p> <p>Plastic salvage sheets were used to cover up unaffected machinery to mitigate water damage to valuable equipment; the owners later expressed their gratitude for our efforts to limit the impact on the business and improve the prospect of them returning to full production as quickly as possible.</p>	

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**SUMMARY REPORT FOR:**

**ROSSENDALE**

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

**Bright Sparx Bonfire Night Personal Safety**

Staff and 22 Year 7 pupils from a local Rossendale high school were given the opportunity to engage with staff at their local fire station. Three groups rotated between three workshops where Community Fire Safety, Station Manager and Operational Crews gave a background briefing and informal introductions as to “What We Do” within our roles. These workshops included: –

- Bright Sparx, Anti-social behaviour, related consequences, the age of criminal responsibility, plus how to deal with burns injuries.
- Road safety and car/casualty demonstration operational crews - this incorporated how a road traffic collision can impact on not just the casualty but the wider group of people (family/witnesses/emergency crews)
- Raised awareness of the impact of recent wildfires that significantly affected the Lancashire landscape both environmentally and economically and how Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service worked together with partner agencies to respond and recover. The wider impact on rural and urban areas, property, infrastructure and life risk was highlighted. The impact on urban areas with smoke plumes, displaced fire and rescue resources from urban to rural areas reducing available fire engines to respond to incidents whilst engaged on wildfires.

The presentation was completed with a tour of the operational equipment and uniform which is used by Firefighters to protect them during incidents drills and scenarios. The event was well received by staff and students on the day for showcasing such a diverse range of work which Lancashire Fire & Rescue do whilst more importantly delivering key safety messages to make students and staff more aware of fire and associated risks.

A Corporate video was played on a projector to the class of students where they could get an in-depth insight as to the roles and responsibilities of each department and how they closely work together to achieve positive outcomes. An overview of how the Pennine Cadets Unit is now delivering cadet training to 11 cadets within the district based at Bacup and how they will work towards achieving with a Skills For Justice recognised certificate and how rewarding the opportunity can be for a young person’s future. Instructions were then given on how to put forward expressions of interest for pupils interested in joining the Pennine Cadet Team.

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)****Date:** 22 October 2018**Time:**

Crews from Rawtenstall and an appliance from Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service were mobilised to a domestic property fire. On arrival at this incident, crews were met with a fully developed fire in the ground floor front lounge, with the remainder of the property heavily smoke logged. The two occupants had evacuated from the property but stated that there were still two cats inside.

The fire was extinguished utilising four Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus and positive pressure ventilation. The occupier had gone to bed leaving the fire burning in the wood burning stove, ensuring that the front doors were closed and secure. Around five hours later they were woken by a clicking sound and on investigation discovered a fire in the front lounge to which the door had been closed. They immediately evacuated and called the fire service. On investigation, post-fire, it was discovered that the cause of fire was logs that had been stacked directly next to the log burner and had caught fire. These had then fallen onto the carpet and spread to a wooden table and the remainder of the room. Thick smoke had percolated throughout the property. The two cats were discovered upstairs under the bed in the front bedroom. Unfortunately, both had died from smoke inhalation, pet oxygen masks were used by crews but attempts to revive the cats were unsuccessful. The property had no smoke alarms fitted and fire safety advice was given with a follow up Home Fire Safety Check carried out. There was substantial fire and heat damage on the first floor and smoke damage throughout the property.

The adjoining property had smoke percolate through the chimney and dividing wall into their bathroom and first floor of the property. Bathroom tiles had been removed to check that floor joist had not been involved in fire and to check smoke travel from adjoining property. Fire safety advice given, smoke alarms already fitted. Damage moderate by smoke to bathroom, moderate by smoke to landing and stair well.

The fire, which was severe enough to totally destroy the living room, was dealt with rapidly by fire crews, it took a significant amount of time (approximately three hours) and good investigation by the crews to identify further existing hot-spots of fire behind the chimney breast stonework. Additional resources including an aerial appliance from Hyndburn were requested to assist in extinguishing fire spread in concealed voids.

**Date:** 25 September 2018**Time:**

Fire involved smoke from wood fired pizza oven which was in a ground floor takeaway, which affected first floor domestic properties above. The pizza oven had been left on to burn out when the proprietors had closed for the night (usual daily



routine). The flue from the oven breached the fire separation by running from the ground floor through the communal area on the first floor to the roof. As the flue had become detached at the junction with the oven hood, this had allowed smoke from the oven to pass freely into the first floor area, which operated a smoke detector. Occupiers on the first floor called the Fire Service. On arrival, there was only very light smoke on the first floor which vented itself shortly after arrival. Due to identified fire safety breaches and time of night, 'significant incident fire safety' was declared to ensure Incident Intelligence Officer and Fire Protection Officers' attendance. After consultation between occupiers, landlord and pizza proprietor and suitable fire detection measures put in place, the occupiers were allowed to stay overnight prior to re-visit by Fire Safety Enforcement and the Incident Intelligence Officer the following morning. No damage or casualties.

Although this wasn't a significant fire, attendance by fire crews identified a major risk to the occupiers of the flats above the take-away from both fire and carbon monoxide from the broken pizza oven flue running through the living accommodation, as well as other breaches of fire safety regulations. Early identification of this by the crews allowed preventative measures to be put in place for the occupiers to safely stay in the flats overnight and enforcement action to the takeaway proprietor, prior to a combined visit the next day by Fire Protection, Incident Intelligence Officer and local council housing staff to ensure that the property complied with all the relevant regulations.

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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Alive to Drive</u></b> The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Alive to Drive event was held on 1 &amp; 2 September at Tesco in Leyland. The event was a huge success with partner agencies coming together; Fire Service, Police and Ambulance service, Lancashire Partnerships for Road Safety and Highways Agency.</p> <p>Advice was given regarding remaining safe when driving and also given to cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians and how to be safe on the roads. It also gave those that attended an insight in the consequences of Drink driving, specifically the dangers associated with the ‘morning after’.</p> <p>The team displayed Dan Birch’s car as part of the Wasted Lives ‘Almost Home’ campaign and gave valuable safety advice to drivers specifically younger drivers.</p> <p><b><u>Bright Sparx</u></b> In partnership with South Ribble Council and The Round Table the Annual Bright Sparx competition was held in the South Ribble area with local primary school pupils invited to be creative and design a poster warning of the dangerous of fireworks and how to stay safe.</p> <p>The competition was facilitated by the Community Safety Team and Operational Crew who received over 500 entries. Judging took place with the assistance of the Leyland Station Manager and representatives from the local Neighbourhood Policing team and the Council. The entrants were categorised into year groups with prizes given for the best in each category and an overall winner who also received a prize.</p> <p>The campaign highlights the dangers of fireworks and the consequences associated with them whilst engaging the young people into creative activities.</p> <p>A prize/certificate giving presentation will be held at Leyland Fire Station in the coming weeks to celebrate the young people’s success. The event will involve a short presentation with all winners receiving a certificate, a buffet and the young people and their families will be able to look around the Fire station and ask the Community Safety and Operational staff any questions.</p>	

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<p><b><u>Student Safe</u></b> The Southern Community Fire Safety Team working in conjunction with partner agencies supported the delivery of the annual Fresher's Week campaign at Edge Hill University.</p> <p>Each talk to first year students is conducted by the University's Campus Life Managers and covers such topics as safety when drinking, debt management and counselling services available. The Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service video covers general fire safety, fire drills, tampering with detectors and extinguishers and what to do in the event of a fire.</p> <p>As part of the campaign, the different partners including West Lancashire Borough Council, the Police and Young Addaction, attended the annual Fresher's Faye event on the University Campus. In order to highlight the dangers of drink and drug driving, the Community Safety Advisors, took Dan Birch's car to emphasise what could happen if one of them was to drive after drinking. Dan was three times over the legal drink drive limit when he lost control and collided with a gate post near to his home in Coppull, Chorley in 2012.</p> <p>The team also facilitated a Fire Safety Information stall where students could receive information regarding fire safety and could ask the team questions if they were unsure of what to do in the event of a fire.</p> <p><b><u>GO4IT</u></b> Skelmersdale Fire Station held the annual GO4IT event on 3 &amp; 4 November which was attended by approximately 600 people. The event provided diversionary activities to the young people within the local community, thus deterring them from being associated with anti-social behaviour over the bonfire weekend and general criminality in the Skelmersdale area.</p> <p>The Community Safety Partnership funded the event and where supported by Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service and the Evermoor Hub. An events company provided the activities including pulsar laser quest, bouncy castles, wipeout simulator and fun fair stalls. Free food was also provided to all that attended and was prepared and served by the Evermoor Hub.</p> <p>The Bright Sparx educational package was delivered within the high schools throughout Skelmersdale by the Community Fire Safety Team and Operational Crews. Each of the students received an input regarding the consequences associated with anti-social behaviour, deliberate fire setting and the misuse of fireworks.</p>	

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

REPORTING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2018

<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WYRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<p><b><u>Bright Sparx – Fleetwood Firework Extravaganza</u></b></p> <p>Once again Fleetwood was treated to a fantastic firework extravaganza, the whole town was united in a great community spirit, resulting in an extremely enjoyable evening for all families and friends who attended. The event, again held at Marine Hall Gardens attracted an estimated crowd of 10,000 plus.</p> <p>This is a multi-agency event involving Fleetwood Rotary, Police, Regenda, Wyre Borough Council, and Fleetwood Town Council. In addition Preesall Fire Cadets teamed up with Lancashire Police Cadets, assisting the Stewards with marshalling.</p> <p>The public were entertained by the sounds of local bands, a vast array of food options and a grand finale of a professional firework display.</p> <p>The Chair of The Fireworks Committee commented ‘Another brilliant night for the town, not only a fantastic firework display but once again it has had significant impact on the problems normally associated with bonfire night’.</p> <p>Since the start of this event a reduction of firework/bonfire related incidents has been evident year upon year, and following the trend of the previous three years there were minimal reported incidents for the week prior to and bonfire night itself.</p> <p>Planning has already started for next year’s event, which will be celebrating its tenth anniversary.</p>	