

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday, 17 June 2019

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

(Appendix 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

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

- Community Safety activity;
- Incidents of Operational interest.

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

Recommendation

The Authority is asked to note and endorse the report.

Information

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

- Community Safety initiatives;
- Incidents of Operational interest.

Business Risk

None

Environmental Impact

Potential impact on local environment

Equality and Diversity implications

None

Financial Implications

None

HR Implications

None

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

Paper	Date	Contact
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 2019 – MAY 2019

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Dementia & Water Safety</u>	
<p>Over the last number of years, the borough has seen an increase in the number of incidents attended by crews where people have needed rescuing from open water or unfortunately have drowned. The launch of Water Safety week during May gave operational crews and the community safety staff the opportunity to engage with targeted groups including runners and dog walkers at Jumbles reservoir and various locations along the Leeds and Liverpool canal. Information and advice has also been placed within key public locations near to entrance sites along the canal.</p> <p>During the recent National Dementia Awareness Week, the Community Safety Team organised and delivered activities, workshops and presentations throughout the borough. These sessions also included the promotion of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service website for Home Fire Safety Check referrals and Guardian Angels bracelets.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	03 April 2019
Time:	16:43
<p>On the afternoon of 3 April, a crew were called to attend Royal Blackburn Hospital to assist an operating theatre team in removing part of a gate lock from a child's hand.</p> <p>The surgical team at the hospital didn't have the appropriate equipment to safely remove the object so Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service staff attended the hospital and assisted in the removal of the object working alongside hospital staff in the operating theatre.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKPOOL
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Fire Cadets Duke of Edinburgh Expedition</u>	
<p>On Saturday 4 May, South Shore Fire Cadets set out from Waddecar in the Forest of Bowland on their practice expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The cadets were self-sufficient for the weekend; they planned their own route cards using six figure grid references and walked carrying their own sixty five litre back packs which contained all their equipment for the weekend, including tents, sleeping equipment and trangers.</p> <p>We returned to Waddecar that evening, 33,000 steps later, and pitched our tents for the night and lit the trangers to cook our dinner. It cannot be confirmed that “a good night’s sleep was had by all” but the cadets practised their camp craft, cooked their own meals and showed a remarkable degree of fortitude.</p> <p>The unit walked again the following day and returned to station on the Sunday evening then we headed home for well-earned hot baths and roast dinners. The cadets made excellent progress throughout the weekend and will hopefully have no problems with their assessed expedition which is scheduled to take place in June.</p>	
<u>Dying Matters</u>	
<p>On Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May, Blackpool Community Fire Safety Advisors and operational fire crews supported a large multiagency event called “Dying Matters” in Blackpool Town Centre opposite the Winter Gardens. The National Council for Palliative Care (NCPC) set up the Dying Matters Coalition in 2009 to promote public awareness of dying, death and bereavement.</p> <p>Members of the coalition include organisations from across the NHS, voluntary and independent health and care sectors (including hospices, care homes and charities) a wide range of faith and community organisation, schools, colleges, academic bodies, trade unions, the legal profession and the funeral sector.</p> <p>The Coalition’s Mission is to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement, and to make plans for the end of life. A lack of openness has affected the quality and range of support and care services available to patients and families. The Dying Matters Coalition is working to address this by encouraging people to talk about their wishes towards the end of their lives, including where they want to die and their funeral plans with friends, family and loved ones.</p>	

The events transport double decker bus was utilised for the event and contained information from funeral directors, solicitors, and organ and tissue donation, advanced care planning, chaplaincy, and support for carers and all emergency services.

The Police, NWS and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service promoted the 999 Reunite wrist bands initiative for people living with dementia.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 30 April 2019
Time: 20:44

Four fire engines from Blackpool, Bispham and South Shore attended a fire involving a first floor flat on Cheltenham Road. Firefighters used six breathing apparatus, two hose reels and a ventilation unit to extinguish the fire. One casualty was treated by paramedics at the scene. The cause is under investigation.

Following the incident, reassurance work was completed in the surrounding area by Operational Crews and Community Safety Advisors and Incident Intelligence Officers continue to liaise with the family.

Date: 17 April 2019
Time:

While heading for some water equipment training a crew from Blackpool noticed someone waving from the top of the cliffs. The crew noticed the Air Ambulance coming in quite low down over their heads which alerted them to the potential of an incident having occurred. The Officer in Charge instructed a Firefighter to gather a first aid kit and they then approached to determine what had happened. A man had fallen and was lying approximately three quarters of the way up the cliffs and was unconscious when the crew approached.

Two Firefighters treated the casualty as the air ambulance landed and the paramedics then cared for the casualty. Shortly after the coast guard vehicles started to arrive.

On speaking to the casualty's friends, it became apparent that the man had been drinking heavily and had decided to clamber up the rocks. He then fell an approximate distance of three to four metres, landing heavily and sustaining a nasty cut and swelling to his head.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BURNLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Dying for a Dip – Water Safety</u>	
NFCC Be Water Aware – Drowning Prevention & Water Safety Week 29 April to 5 May 2019	
Prevention teams and operational crews across Pennine area have collectively been involved in delivering key safety messages across the area in relation to the prevention of drowning-which is one of the UK's leading causes of accidental death related incidents.	
The main focus area is on the topics below:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- young people entering water for leisure and unaware of hazards;- runners and walkers;- people on a night out;- people away from home.	
Staff have accessed links within schools/ walking groups and put signage and information in and around open water sites in a bid to deter anybody from entering and getting into difficulty.	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	CHORLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Chorley Dementia Inclusion Event at the Lancastrian Chorley Town Hall</u>	
<p>Chorley Council and the Chorley Dementia Action Group held an event at Chorley Town Hall in support of Dementia Action Week. To engage learn, share and connect with the many services available in Chorley to assist people living with dementia and their carers to live well and feel supported in their community.</p> <p>The event was attended by: Financial and Legal Advice, Respite Care Services, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire Constabulary, Support with other long term illnesses related to dementia, Latest technology advances plus many more.</p>	
<u>Drowning Prevention & Water Safety Week</u>	
<p>Community Safety Advisors and Operational staff supported the Drowning Prevention and Water Safety campaign.</p> <p>Each of the Secondary schools in the area where contacted to advertise the Teensafe Educational Package which includes 'Dying For a Dip'.</p> <p>The team visited areas of open water and hotspots in the Chorley district to raise awareness of the dangers of open water and promote the Drowning Prevention and water Safety campaign.</p> <p>Resources including printed/laminated posters which focus on; runners / walkers, people on a night out, people away from home and a general slips, trips falls were displayed in prominent places near to open water sources. The following areas were targeted; Rivington reservoir (Anglezarke), Yarrow valley, Top lock and Astley Park. Copies of the posters were also left with staff at the following establishments: Yew Tree (Inn) (Rivington), Great House Barn (Rivington), Green Village Tea Rooms (Rivington) and Bay Horse Pub (Rivington), and Top Lock Pub.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	FYLDE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Dementia Week</u>	
<p>On Thursday 23 May, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service participated in a Dementia Café which was held at Clifton Hospital. The event was part of a range of co-ordinated activities in response to Dementia Week.</p> <p>The event was well attended by partner agencies such as Care and Repair, Progress Lifeline, Pet Therapy, Just Good Friends, The Alzheimer’s Society and associations providing therapeutic products. Members of the public and patients at the hospital attended and were supported by Community Fire Safety Advisors and Operational Crews were able to offer fire safety advice and the event created the opportunity for us to share information on the new 999 Reunite initiative between Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, the Police, North West Ambulance Service and the Good Deeds Trust.</p> <p>The event was also attended by the “Bluebirds” who performed and then closed the event. The Bluebirds sang outside in the sunshine, they looked the part and offered fabulous renditions of “Golden Oldies”.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 08 April 2019
Time: 19:31

Operational fire crews from St Anne’s were called to a fire on the sand dunes in Lytham St. Anne’s. Youths had set fire to six old Christmas trees which had been used to build up the sand dunes. The fire had been extinguished upon the arrival of the crews and the police had apprehended two youths whom they suspected having started the fire.

We experience periodic speights of nuisance fires on the sand dunes and these can be problematic from time to time, particularly at this time of year. In view of the proximity of the sand dunes to Blackpool Airport we work closely with the police on this issue and the police take any deliberate fire setting seriously.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	HYNDBURN
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Deaf Awareness & Dementia</u>	
<p>As part of Deaf Awareness Week which aims to promote the positive aspects of deafness, promote social inclusion and raise awareness, Community Safety Advisor Helen Wiggan, who is currently working towards an award in British Sign Language, hosted a coffee morning at Hyndburn Community Fire station on Friday 10 May.</p> <p>Here is a story from CFS Helen Wiggan, which shows how important knowing a few basic sign words could be to someone who is deaf in our community.</p> <p><i>"I visited a young deaf lady who had moved to Accrington from Wales due to personal reasons. This lady was completely deaf and only used sign language to communicate. She had no friends or family in Lancashire. The girl was very upset that she didn't know anyone and found it frightening and frustrating going out of the house.</i></p> <p><i>On my visit I fitted a hard of hearing smoke alarm and gave the young lady information on local deaf clubs for her to meet people that she could communicate with.</i></p> <p><i>This lady has now joined the deaf coffee club that I visit and has met new friends that she can now communicate with. This is a good happy ending story that because of the fire service visit, this lady has now new friends that she can go out with & enjoy life a little bit more".</i></p> <p>As part of the Eastern Community Safety Team's commitment to the Hyndburn Dementia Alliance, the team attended the main event which was a Floral Tea Dance held in Clayton Baptist church. Staff took the opportunity to engage and sing with Partners, including Voluntary Organisations, Charities, Carers, Assisted Independent Living Providers and Dementia sufferers themselves. Products to assist those suffering from Dementia were available to view and increased awareness of solutions which had the potential to reduce the risk to these vulnerable people.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:**LANCASTER****LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)****Be Water Aware – Water Safety Week**

Contributing to the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) #BeWaterAware campaign several activities were carried out after identifying both the target audience and risk areas.

Local Schools were contacted where it had been established their students had previously been involved in water incidents, this resulted in the Teensafe Water Safety package being delivered to two local schools.

Incident appropriate posters were displayed in risk areas including local open water swimming sites, along dog walking / running routes and near rivers and canals. Public Houses situated in these areas also promoted the campaign by displaying posters. Increased visual presence was made at known risk areas where swimming takes place, both at weekends and School holidays.

The campaign culminated in a mud rescue demonstration carried out in a popular tourist area of Morecambe. This demonstration involved Wholtime personnel, On Call Staff, Community Fire Safety, partners Bay Search and Rescue (BSAR), Coastguard and RNLI.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**Date:** 29 April 2019**Time:** 08:08

Two appliances from Lancaster, two appliances from Morecambe and an appliance from Bolton-le-Sands were initially mobilised to a bridge over a river following reports of a person in need of rescue from height above water.

Appliances from the Urban Search And Rescue Team were also mobilised for rope rescue capability and the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service drone to assist the Officer in Charge in providing situational awareness. On arrival, Lancaster's water rescue pump was met by Police who briefed the Officer in Charge that a male had climbed over railings and underneath the bridge, losing confidence and becoming stuck approximately 20m above the river.

Two Firefighters in swift water rescue equipment immediately entered the water on a rescue sled to ensure that, should someone fall, instantaneous rescue would be on hand, at the same time the crew from Morecambe utilised the rope rescue pack to secure the individual by means of lowering a Firefighter down to him and placing him in a harness.

By this time a multi-agency approach had started, the Coastguard had crews arriving, who in turn coordinated the RNLI Hovercraft from Morecambe. The Rope Rescue team committed a Rope Rescue operative on a separate rope system and the male was lowered onto the hovercraft and taken to shore safely (lowering generally being preferential to raising as a rope rescue technique). Network rail were also kept briefed throughout as the bridge also carries the West Coast main line.

The incident was safely concluded within two hours and involved good communications using the Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Programme (JESIP) working through the Joint Decision Model to achieve a positive outcome.

Date: 13 April 2019
Time: 15:40

Two fire appliances from Lancaster and Morecambe were mobilised to a road traffic collision. At the same time, one ambulance and one rapid response car from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) were also mobilised from Lancaster Community Fire and Ambulance Station.

Upon arrival, the Officer in Charge was confronted with a car which had collided with a caravan. Due to the potential severity of the injuries an air ambulance was requested by the senior paramedic on scene.

The impact with the caravan had caused significant debris and propane gas cylinders to be on the highway and the police closed the road whilst undertaking the casualty extrication. This also allowed the fire service crews to access and make safe the gas cylinders and electrics on all the vehicles and implement environmental protection measures for the drainage system on the highways.

Once the casualty had been conveyed to hospital the accident scene was handed over to the police for further investigation.

Date: 10 May 2019
Time: 23:19

Reports of a cow stuck on a play park fence were reported to North West Fire Control. Two appliances were mobilised from Lancaster to investigate. On arrival, it was apparent that the cow had been placed in the play park for its own safety by the general public but had then tried to jump the fence where it had then become stuck.

Police were in attendance and had secured a farmer to assist in transporting the cow to safety until the owner could be found the following morning. The Large Animal

Rescue Team then released the cow from the fence using specialist equipment once a transport trailer was in place to put the cow into for transportation.

This was a multi-agency approach with the Police and local farmer to remove and take the cow to a place of safety away from a public area. The cow was released without injury and was reunited with its owner the following day.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	PENDLE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Child Safe / Road Sense SEN (Special Educational Needs Children)</u>	
<p>Pennine Community Fire Safety Staff delivered a SEN (special educational needs children Autism / complex needs) within Pendle Vale Community High School where eight students and two staff attended the session. This was based around fire safety in the home and included visual aids such as hazard within the home. Visual aids from previous fires were utilised to increase awareness of the dangers of fires in the home.</p> <p>The talk included the dangers of loose clothing accidentally catching fire whilst cooking or near open fires. Safety advice such as Stop Drop Roll was delivered. The session was aimed for students to feel comfortable and enable them to engage with the delivery team.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Water Safety Campaign

NFCC Be Water Aware – Drowning Prevention & Water Safety Week 29 April to 5 May 2019

Drowning is one of the UK's leading causes of accidental death. Each year more than 300 people drown after tripping, falling or just by underestimating the risks associated with being near water. Many more people are left with life changing injuries in water related incidents. The latest statistics relate to 2016 and show there were 648 water related fatalities, 315 of which were accidental drownings. In 2017, 75 UK nationals drowned abroad – mostly in Spain and mainly young males at the coast. Children aged 14 and under mainly die at swimming pools.

NFCC's Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Week ran from 29th April – 5th May 2019. The aim of the project was to build on the work successfully undertaken as part of the Be Water Aware campaigns over the last two years. This included spreading awareness to target audiences about the issue of drowning, ensuring advice on how to stay safer by preventing and responding to an incident.

This year the target audience was:

- young people entering water for leisure and unaware of hazards (Lancashire Objective)
- runners and walkers (NFCC Objective)
- people on a night out (NFCC Objective)
- people away from home (NFCC Objective)
- (including UK nationals drowning abroad – drinking, leaving children unsupervised, not understanding local conditions/risks)

Preston Community Fire Safety staff arranged for the delivery of a Keystage 2 Waterwise education session to be delivered at St Stephens Primary School in Preston following reports from one of the teachers informing that a student had had a near miss when playing with friends by the river. This session was delivered to approximately 158 students and further follow up sessions will be arranged.

Preston Community Fire Safety staff arranged to deliver Water Safety Education to the Preston Fire Cadets and both Prince's Trust teams. This was supported by Becky Ramsey who has offered to support us with further initiatives within Central Area.

Highlighted hotspot locations throughout Preston have also been targeted utilising resources from the virtual library to educate the public and warn of the dangers associated with open water.

Onward Homes Community Event - Community reassurance, safety information and advice and Home Fire Safety Check referral generation.

Staff from Preston Community Fire Safety attended a multi-agency community event organised by Onward Housing. The event enabled resident's access to a number of services who were present to answer any local concerns and tackle any identified issues. Preston CFS attended the event to promote our Home Fire Safety Check (HFSC) service and generate referrals, whilst also being on hand to discuss any other identified issues or safety concerns with attending residents.

This event was extremely successful in generating a number of high risk HFSC referrals whilst also offering attending staff the opportunity to network with other attending agencies. This has led to further discussion and joint pieces of work with Victim Support, by arranging for them to talk to our team about their service and provide basic training on domestic abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime. In addition, further working opportunities will be explored with Preston Police/Fire Cadets and Disability Equality NW who informed staff of the service they provide that we can utilise when carrying out HFSCs.

Dementia Cafe for Central Area

Preston Community Fire Safety staff have supported the delivery of Fire Safety awareness for service users living with dementia at the Dementia Café (Alzheimer's Society) at Whittingham & Goosnagh sports and social club, whilst also offering essential safety advice for their carers. Staff helped carers to understand what measures can be put in place to reduce risk in the home, whilst extending the offer of a Home Fire Safety Check.

This initiative has enabled us to generate referrals from members of specific groups, especially targeting those who are vulnerable and high risk. It has also allowed us to build partner relationships and enable us to contact a single point of contact within each of the attending groups.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 12 April 2019

Time: 19:03

Reports of a fire in a domestic property led to two fire engines being mobilised to an address on Masonwood, Preston.

On arrival at the address, fire crews found a fire in the kitchen of the property. It was identified that the fire had originated from an electric hob. Due to this, the electric was isolated and the fire was dealt with via the use of a hose reel. To ensure there

was no possibility of fire spread within the kitchen cabinets, work was undertaken to strip out the units affected by fire. The building was cleared of smoke through the use of a positive pressure ventilation unit.

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service investigate every fire attended and where required refer the findings to another appropriate organisation; for example if the cause is considered to be deliberate the matter is reported to Lancashire Constabulary. In this instance, as the fire originated from a consumer product (cooking appliance) the fire investigation considered the possibility of a manufacturing fault that Lancashire Trading Standards needed to be aware of.

The fire investigation found that cardboard products had been placed on the hob and that the hob had been switched on by accident. Whilst this information does not need to be passed to Trading Standards, it will be used internally to inform future activities to reduce the cooking related accidental dwelling fires.

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

Date: 29 April 2019
Time: 09:39

Smoke issuing from a domestic property in the Cadley area of Fulwood led to a passer-by making a 999 call and requesting the attendance of Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service. This emergency call prompted the mobilisation of two fire engines to investigate and deal with any fire identified.

On arrival, fire crews found the property to be heavily smoke logged and gained forced entry to the house by using specialist methods of entry equipment and techniques. Two firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the house with a hose reel to check there were no persons inside and to identify the cause of the smoke.

The origin of the smoke and fire was identified as being in the lounge of the property and although the fire had not spread beyond the room of origin it had affected furniture and a number of electrical appliances.

As there were a number of possible causes of fire, the Incident Manager requested the attendance of an Incident Intelligence Officer (IIO) whose specialist knowledge and equipment would assist in identifying the exact point of origin.

After a full scene examination, the exact point of origin was identified as being the electrical transformer for a cordless telephone. It is unusual for these items to cause a fire unless there is a manufacturing fault. However, transformers like this do produce heat and if that heat is not able to dissipate it can lead to equipment failure and ultimately a fire as was this case here.

The accidental nature of the fire negated the need to inform Trading Standards of the incident, but the findings will be used to inform the prevention activities carried out by

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service during Safe & Well visits and Electrical Safety Week.

Further to the above, Fire Service personnel completed a hot strike and the Community Safety Team have attended the address to conduct a Safe & Well visit.

Date: 09 April 2019
Time: 23:50

A fire engine from Preston Fire Station was mobilised to an address on Edmond Street, Preston after reports were received indicating the property's electrics were being affected by flooding.

On arrival at the incident the fire crews found a water leak from domestic pipework in the kitchen had caused the property's electric to trip out.

Fire crews isolated the water supply, isolated the effected electrical circuit, undertook a small amount of salvage work to clear up the residual water and advised the occupier to obtain specialist advice from a qualified electrician prior to check the electrical system for lasting faults.

As the incident was late at night, fire crews attempted to make arrangement to re-visit the address to undertake a Safe & Well however on this occasion that offer was declined with the occupier.

Date: 22 April 2019
Time: 18:47

One fire engine was mobilised to reports of a fire in the back garden of a property on New Hall Lane, Preston

On arrival, the fire crews were met by a neighbour who assisted the crews by providing access via the rear ally. The fire itself; which involved a large quantity of mix wooden products; including pallets, fence panels and window frames; was developing but had not to the point whereby additional Fire Service resources were required and despite an outbuilding becoming slightly affected by fire. The incident was successfully dealt with through the use of a high pressure hose reel.

As the affected property was unoccupied, the Incident Manager first considered the likelihood of the cause of fire being of a deliberate nature and therefore requested the attendance of Lancashire Constabulary to support a joint investigation.

However, on speaking with the neighbour, it became apparent that the owners of the address attended very regularly and smoked very heavily in the back garden. This information prompted the Incident Manager to examine the point of origin more closely and conclude that a carelessly discarded cigarette was most likely the cause of fire.

As the property was not occupied, a Safe & Well visit has not been carried out, however the findings of the fire investigation will be used to inform future fire prevention activities within Preston District.

In addition, a District based review relating to the process for undertaking Environmental Visual Audits and Arson Vulnerability Audits and how the findings are reported to Preston City Council or owner/occupiers is ongoing.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	RIBBLE VALLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Dementia</u></p> <p>During the recent National Dementia awareness week the Community Safety team organised and delivered activities, workshops and presentation at Longridge Market and Library. These sessions also included the promotion of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service website for Home Fire Safety Check referrals and Guardian Angels bracelets.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	20 April 2019
Time:	18:35
<p>On the evening of 20 April, two appliances were called to attend an incident involving a deer stuck in mud. When the first crew arrived they found a large Red Deer in a water filled ditch with the owner trapped underneath it.</p> <p>The Officer in Charge deemed it necessary to declare operational discretion and try to move the deer prior to the arrival of a large animal rescue crew due to the danger the owner was in. They managed to successfully move the deer and rescue the owner.</p> <p>The owner suffered no injuries and the deer was successfully removed from the ditch and moved into a stall until a vet could examine it.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	ROSSENDALE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Keep it Clean – Keep it Clear – Cooking Safety Initiative</u>	
<p>Pennine Community Fire Safety staff delivered a fire safety in the home talk to The Rotary Club in Rossendale focusing on Keep it Clean – Keep it Clear. On completion of the talk the Rotary Club subsequently donated funds to go towards a prevention initiative to support elderly people in Rossendale.</p> <p>Following analysis of incidents involving people over 65 living in Rossendale it was decided by the Pennine Management Team to use the donation to purchase a number of deep fat fryers. This product was chosen as a safer alternative to chip pans to improve safety of the elderly recipients.</p> <p>A further engagement day was arranged to coincide with McMillan Cancer Care Cake Sale where an attendance of a number of elderly persons was expected. Operational and Community Fire Safety staff engaged with elderly people in Rossendale who wished to exchange their chip-pan for a deep fat fryer. The session was kindly supported by Ted Robbins. Mr Robbins was invited and attended to judge the cake competition, Mr Robbins recently had an accidental dwelling fire at his Rossendale home and was keen to help raise awareness of accidental dwelling fires as well as engaging with older people the event also raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	05 April 2019
Time:	15:50
<p>Approximately nine hectares of open moorland was on fire above Cowm reservoir in Whitworth resulting in North West Fire Control receiving multiple calls. This incident was the first mobilisation of the newly introduced Wildfire Burn Team and first application of a tactical operational burn to control the wildfire.</p> <p>This different approach to the fire enabled a successful, quick relatively low resourced attack of the fire and the incident being quickly brought under control with resources quickly released from the incident to provide fire cover in their station areas.</p>	

The Wildfire Burn Team was supported by GM Walton as Wildfire Tactical Advisor who subsequently appraised the situation to support the burn operation. Tactical burns were utilised to stop the spread of the fire in all directions. The operation was assisted by the air support unit that used thermal imagery to locate hotspots which were then damped down by the wildfire unit. This tactic of using good fire to fight fire facilitated the wildfire to be quickly suppressed with minimal resources utilised.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	SOUTH RIBBLE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Dementia Awareness Coffee Morning at Leyland Fire Station</u>	
<p>As part of the Dementia Awareness campaign, the Community Fire Safety team and Operational crew held a Coffee Morning at Leyland Fire Station on 15 May 2019. Various partners were invited and attended the day: Progress Lifeline, Lancashire Wellbeing Service, Police, Age Concern, Dementia Alliance from South Ribble and representative from Rosemary & Time.</p> <p>The aim of the event was to generate referrals and offer a warm welcome to friends, family and carers, whilst offering advice and support. Members of the public were also able to join in the activity of potting plants courtesy of Rosemary & Time.</p>	
<u>Health, Advice, Recovery, Resilience and Information – HARRI Bus</u>	
<p>Community Safety Advisors attended the Health, Advice, Recovery, Resilience and Information (HARRI) Bus on Tuesday 14 May at Leyland Market between 10:00 and 15:00. The day was a multi-agency approach in which allowed engagement with the members of the public.</p> <p>During this period the Community Safety Advisors spoke to over 20 members of the public, which were all given a Home Fire Safety Check postcard with key contact information so that they could make a self-referral for the HFSC service. Community Safety Advisors also took the opportunity to discuss the Drowning Prevention and water safety and also the forthcoming Dementia Awareness week.</p> <p>Advertisement posters were also displayed around the bus to advertise the Dementia coffee event on the following day at Leyland Fire Station. Links were made with the local Dementia Alliance that were also at the event and provided them with poster and leaflets for the dementia event.</p> <p>A Home Fire Safety Check was arranged on the day for a lady who was wheelchair bound and smoked. Brief advice was given on the day and a visit was made at the home address at a later date.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WEST LANCASHIRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Lancashire Under 18 IFE Lecturette Final</u>	
<p>The Fire Cadets attended the rather impressive Foster Buildings at UCLAN in Preston to support one of the Fire Cadets from the unit in his presentation at the Institute of Fire Engineers Cadet Lecturette Competition. The Cadet had been assisted by the Fire Cadet Instructors in the production and delivery of the informative and media topical subject of 'Fracking in Lancashire'.</p> <p>The Cadet carried out extensive research in relation to the topic. As part of his research into the subject, the Cadet visited the Preston New Road site in Blackpool to discuss the impact of fracking on Lancashire and the Fire Service with the protestors who permanently occupy the site.</p> <p>The Cadet also spoke with the chairman of Frack Free Lancashire, who gave a great insight into the environmental and economic impact Fracking can have on our locality.</p> <p>The evening was a huge success with the Cadet finishing in second place after a brilliant and courageous performance. The Cadet will now participate in the Regional final in the coming weeks. Further to this the Cadet in question attended the Reginal Final of the competition and was successful in coming first and winning against other Cadets from Lancashire, Merseyside and Cheshire.</p>	
<u>Drowning Prevention & Water Safety Week</u>	
<p>Ormskirk Community Safety Advisor and Operational crew participated in the Drowning prevention and Water Safety Week campaign. This included visiting hotspots where people would be near or close to open water in the warmer weather and high risk areas to raise awareness and engaged with members of the public.</p> <p>A visit was made to Edge Hill University to raise awareness with regards to consuming alcohol and the dangers that open water poses. Water safety campaign posters were displayed around campus and students were spoken to.</p> <p>High risk areas in the Ormskirk district were visited; Scarisbrick Marina, a very popular spot for members of the public which sees very high footfall in the warmer weather. Campaign material /posters were displayed at the tea room and several displayed in other key areas round the Marina. Other areas such as Burscough Wharf and local public establishments near waterways were visited and campaign posters were left to display to raise safety awareness.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WYRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Dementia Awareness</u>	
<p>As part of Dementia Awareness Week Fleetwood Fire Station hosted an event in conjunction with The Fylde Coast Dementia Hub. The hub is a community based service operating within the Fylde and Wyre areas. The Hub is available to residents with dementia, their families, friends and careers as well as anyone who may be worried about their memory.</p>	
<p>The Hub provides a large range of information and guidance which was delivered at the event in partnership with other organizations including the Alzheimer's Society, Dementia Nurses, Memory Clinic and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>	
<p>A presentation was given by Prevention Support Officer J Simpson on The Herbert Protocol. This is a national scheme introduced by the police in partnership with other agencies, including Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, which encourages carers to compile useful information which could be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing.</p>	
<p>During the event refreshments were served by The Preesall Fire Cadet Unit.</p>	