

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**  
Meeting to be held on Monday 16 September 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: JUNE 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2019

<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Fire Cadets</u></b>	
<p>During May the National Festival of Making was hosted in Blackburn and this enabled our Darwen Fire Cadets to complete one of their community activities. Using their team building skills, they acted as "Community Ambassadors" by signposting visitors to sites across the town centre. This was the one final element of the programme before the Passing Out Parade, which brought together over 100 family, friends and dignitaries to congratulate the cadets on their achievements during the past nine months.</p>	
<p>Blackburn Fire station open day was a roaring success, in spite of the changeable weather. Not only did we rack up £1780 in funds for charity, the feedback received both on forms left on the day and subsequently on social media was excellent.</p>	
<b><u>Campaigns</u></b>	
<p>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 also again highlighted "Wasted Lives" and targeted mosques in the Blackburn area.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Armed Forces Day</u></b>	
<p>On Saturday 22 June we joined forces with many local agencies to celebrate Armed Forces Day which was held in Stanley Park, Blackpool. The event was extremely well attended, particularly by the Armed Forces, their Cadets, partner agencies and all Emergency Services.</p> <p>Operational crews from Blackpool Fire Station took an appliance and the aerial ladder platform (ALP) to the event and some of our Blackpool Community Fire Safety Team and our Fire Cadets took the opportunity to use the smoke tent. Our smoke tent promotes educational opportunities and offers vital safety messages for members of the public as to how to respond in the event of a fire.</p>	
<b><u>Dementia</u></b>	
<p>On Friday, 28 June, Blackpool Fire Station hosted a Dementia Hub on behalf of the Dementia Action Alliance. The dementia hubs provide a facility whereby someone who cares for someone with dementia, or if someone is concerned about their own memory, can drop in and receive relevant and supportive information in a friendly environment.</p> <p>There is no need for people to book and the event creates the opportunity for individuals to speak to professionals and then for professionals to signpost these requests to other services who may be best placed to offer further support. The event was very well attended and coffee and cakes were enjoyed by all.</p>	
<b><u>Station Open Day</u></b>	
<p>On Sunday, 4 August, Blackpool Fire Station hosted an “Open Day”. The event was attended by operational crews, community safety staff, fire cadets and partner organisations and was organised to provide a host of informative demonstrations and activities.</p> <p>The smoke tent was on display to convey the effects of smoke within a room, a road traffic collision drill took place along with the “crash car” being on display, the blood bike was also on display, there were opportunities for families to look around the appliances and the fire station, children had the opportunity to dress up in fire kit and there were rides and other activities for everyone to enjoy. The event was well attended and a significant amount of money was raised for the Firefighter’s Charity.</p>	

**INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)****Date:** 23 July 2019**Time:** 18:33

Operational crews were called to an incident involving a barbecue and a propane cylinder. The owner of the property had connected a valve from his new barbecue to his 13kg propane cylinder. Unfortunately the valve had not been connected securely and this was allowing gas to leak. The barbecue itself provided a source of ignition and sufficient gas had leaked into the barbecue area to allow the propane to burn freely from the leaking valve on the cylinder. The flames impinged on the barbecue causing damage by both heat and fire. There was also significant smoke damage to the brickwork of the wall sited adjacent to the barbecue.

This is one of two incidents of this nature within a week. In the following incident the valve had once again been connected incorrectly to the cylinder and an ember from the cooking had landed on the supply hose causing the gas to ignite.

**Time:** 14:40

Fire crews from Blackpool were completing an operational exercise next to North Pier in Blackpool when a police officer approached and asked for their assistance at an incident close to the Metropole. The crews drove round to find a male casualty who had collapsed whilst driving and appeared to be experiencing cardiac arrest.

The casualty had been removed from the car by a member of the public and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was being administered by a police community support officer and then by operational fire crews. The crews then used a defibrillator on the casualty and he was transferred to hospital by North West Ambulance Service in a more stable condition.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BURNLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Celebrating Diversity</u></b>	
<p>On Friday, 24 May a crew from Green Watch Burnley Fire Station and Community Fire Safety Team visited Masjid Ibrahim Mosque. The Imam kindly invited staff from Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service to present on what we do and engage with the community to provide people with an insight around community cohesion strategies and how we support and keep our diverse communities safe throughout the year and in particular whilst celebrating Ramadan and Eid.</p> <p>Crews and Community Fire Safety staff met with the mosque leaders and were able to increase awareness on incidents which correlate to Ramadan and Eid by delivering an informative message of support which can be shared amongst their communities as the sermon is aired over a channel on the local radio station thereby reaching a wider audience. The main focus was on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooking safety- loose clothing related information STOP-DROP-ROLL.</li> <li>• Wheelie bin fires- antisocial behaviour</li> <li>• Wasted lives Eid- (Road Casualty Reduction</li> </ul>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	19 July 2019
<b>Time:</b>	11:56
<p>Three fire appliances attended an address in Burnley following a call from Lancashire Constabulary confirming a credible threat had been made by an individual to set fire to their property with a vulnerable person in the premises. Initially Lancashire Constabulary had attended an incident at the property, which escalated quickly resulting in a Multi-Agency attendance at the incident. A forward command point was established for joint situational awareness and decision-making whilst fire crews stood by at the rendezvous point. A number of fires were made by the occupant to ignite combustibles within the premises that were extinguished by the individual before they developed.</p> <p>Lancashire Constabulary forcibly entered the property and arrested the occupant making the scene safe at which point fire crews entered the property to confirm no fire had spread within the building whilst North West Ambulance Service treated a person that was located in the property whilst the incident took place. The incident concluded with no injuries to occupants or emergency responders with good multi-agency collaboration throughout.</p>	

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

**Open Day at STC**

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service opened its doors at Service Training Centre for an open day showcasing Lancashire Emergency Services and partners to the public. Lancashire Police, North West Ambulance Service, Water Search and Rescue teams, road safety and St John's Ambulance, but to name a few, were in attendance at the event, each giving the public a look at the equipment that they have and sharing information with regards to safety aspects and services. The day included demonstrations from the Urban Search and Rescue team, Mountain Rescue and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Cadets, all of which were watched by members of the public. The day saw over 3000 people attend the event and since the event there has been excellent feedback received with regards to the day from members of the public and partners.

**Age UK Event**

A representative from the Community Fire Safety team attended the Age UK hub to provide information to the attendees regarding Home Safety and Cooking Safety. The Community Hub provides a meeting place where older people can come along to receive advice on a range of subjects. The hub is attended by various partner agencies who provide information stalls and guest speakers also attend giving information regarding different topics. The guest speaker for the day talked about Tax Care and power of attorney. The event was well attended by the general public and partner agencies; Age UK, Discharge Team, Chorley Healthy foods and Solicitors.

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

**Date:** 10 August 2019

**Time:** 20:43

Six fire engines from Fulwood, Bamber Bridge, Chorley, Leyland, Skelmersdale and Horwich along with the stinger from Blackburn responded to reports of a commercial building fire in Chorley. On arrival, fire crews dealt with a severe fire involving a two storey commercial premises used as garages and offices. A number of cylinders were within the premises but were not involved in the fire. Three jets were used. Fire Crews remained at scene for several hours. The cause of fire is under investigation.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>FYLDE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Lytham Gala</u></b>	
<p>On Saturday, 22 June, Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service supported Lytham Gala at Lytham Hall, Lytham. This event hosts one of the longest processions in the country and the celebrations that follow the procession are held in the stunning grounds of Lytham Hall.</p>	
<p>The weather was fabulous and the event was extremely well attended. South Shore Fire Cadets, Community Safety Advisors from Blackpool and volunteers helped the gala committees by manning the gates and taking entrance fees. The on-call appliance from Lytham station supported the event as did our Retained Support Officer with the recruitment vehicle. We also used the opportunity to deliver safety messages in relation to our water safety campaign.</p>	



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<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Ramadan</u></b>	
<p>Supporting the drive to reduce cooking related incidents within the borough the community safety team engaged with the HARRI bus, which is the new Lancashire Foundation Trust's mobile engagement vehicle which is designed to offer the public opportunities to have their say on NHS services and provide offers of advice and guidance for many health complaints.</p> <p>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 also again highlighted "Wasted Lives" and targeted mosques in the Hyndburn area.</p>	
<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	15 August 2019
<b>Time:</b>	11:10
<p>Crews from Hyndburn and Darwen were called an incident involving a deer stuck in a settlement tank at a waste water treatment site. The tank was approximately seven metres deep and 40 metres across and there was no way for the deer to escape, so site staff requested Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service's assistance.</p> <p>Due to the tank being a designated confined space, LFRS staff could not enter without permits and specific training; there was also no ability to tranquilise the animal. It was decided that the Large Animal Rescue crew from Darwen would provide the site staff with some specific equipment and advise them on the best way to catch the animal.</p> <p>The site staff entered the vessel under their own permits to work and; guided by the crew from Darwen, were able to catch the deer and prepare it to be lifted from the tank using some plant machinery from site. LFRS staff stood by in case the site staff needed emergency assistance.</p> <p>The deer was successfully rescued from the tank and released safely away from the area.</p>	

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

**Cook Safe**

As an intelligence led and locally focussed component of the above service-wide campaign, building on links already established through Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service's involvement in the Morecambe Bay Poverty Truth Commission, and recognising that fire risk correlates to levels of deprivation (it is sometimes difficult for those living with food poverty to consider wider issues such as fire safety), the location of all Food Banks and Clubs has been mapped along with contact details and hours / days of opening.

Working with Lancaster City Council, a total of 22 have been identified in the District and a process is now developing whereupon each will be visited by either Operational Personnel or Community Safety Advisors. It has been agreed that posters will be displayed in prominent positions and relevant cook safe promotional material will be included when food is distributed.

One of the main food banks is receiving home fire safety awareness training for all of its 60 volunteers. This will assist the volunteers to be able to identify those who might be most vulnerable to fire risk and deliver consistent fire safety messages to its clients. The food bank has also agreed to the production of a prevention leaflet which will be included in the menu/recipe card which is issued with food.

In addition to the above, premises have been identified where several operational attendances have been made (including cooking related false alarms – not just fires). One of the key premises types identified have been self-contained flats in sheltered housing schemes. Group talks have been carried out to residents with the emphasis being placed on the basics of cooking safely. Posters and leaflets have been distributed which will continually promote the message of cooking safely.

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

**Date:** 04 August 2019  
**Time:** 14:41

Three fire appliances from Lancaster and Morecambe were mobilised to a sinking sailboat approximately 15x3 metres semi-submerged in approximately 1 metre of water in a harbour. The boat had a ruptured fuel line and had been leaking diesel

into the water. The leak had been successfully stemmed by the harbour master prior to fire service arrival and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service assisted the placement of a poly-boom around the boat to prevent further oil and diesel contamination.

The Officer in Charge was confronted with a boat that had severe water damage and fully submerged lower crew quarters. The incident was upgraded to persons reported as intelligence suggested the owner may still be on board.

Further assistance was requested from the Police and the Maritime Coast Guard to implement enquiries and a local area search. Fire Service personnel forced entry to the boat to fully verify that no one was on-board and crews used major pumps to remove water from the boat.

The incident was safely concluded when it was established that all persons were accounted for and no one was on board the boat.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>PENDLE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Recall on White Goods / Faulty Appliance</u></b>	
<p>Fire crews were called to a fire in a first floor apartment of purpose built flats.</p> <p>The dishwasher had been in use for approximately ten minutes when flames were seen issuing from door. The occupiers reacted quickly to isolate the dishwasher and used a damp cloth to extinguish flame.</p> <p>The dishwasher had been supplied in flat as part of original build and the landlord stated that it was approximately 10 years old.</p> <p>This was concluded as an accidental fire caused by an electrical fault in the dishwasher. The dishwasher was destroyed by fire, it was significant that the fire was identified quickly otherwise a more severe fire could have occurred.</p> <p>A post-fire Home Fire Safety Check was completed by Community Fire Safety teams. Discussions between Community Fire Safety and the Landlord occurred to further establish appliance information. The Landlord contacted the manufacturer (Candy) who confirmed that a product recall was in place for this particular model.</p> <p>Close liaison between the housing standards department and incident intelligence officer identified the same model had been fitted to a further 18 flats. The Landlord advised of interim measures by Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service and Candy will formally write to the Landlords of the outstanding 18 flats to inform them of recall with the assistance of the property management company.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	07 July 2019
<b>Time:</b>	17:03
<p>LFRS received a call that a person was in difficulty in the water at Lower Ogden Reservoir. On arrival LFRS was informed that one person was missing under the water and could not be located.</p> <p>Swift Water Rescue Crews from Nelson deployed into the water on a rescue sled and land based crews deployed around the banking of the reservoir to carry out a bank search to try to identify the location of the person.</p>	

The incident received a multi-agency response including National Police Air Service, North West Ambulance Service - Hazardous Area Response Teams and Mountain Rescue teams also assisted with the search. United Utilities attended to provide information on the reservoir and to control water flow to assist the search.

Unfortunately sustained attempts to locate the casualty over a four hour period were unsuccessful and Police divers later recovered the person.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>PRESTON</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Wasted Lives Road Safety for Preston Prince's Trust</u></b>	
<p>Sessions were programmed to deliver the Wasted Lives Road Safety Education Package to both Central Area Prince's Trust Teams.</p> <p>Wasted Lives is an award winning young driver education programme. It targets young drivers and their passengers. Delivered by Preston Community Fire Safety Team, the session challenged beliefs resulting in safer attitudes towards risk taking behaviours on the roads.</p> <p>The session covered speed, seatbelts, mobile phones, drink and drug driving. The lesson was highly interactive and the students had the opportunity for discussion and reflection. The sessions use a mixture of learning techniques including group work, experience sharing, adverts and a case study.</p> <p><b>Missing Matthew</b> - Powerful, award winning film, 'Missing Matthew,' is a true story of how Matthew (22) lost his life in a horrific crash, racing his best mate. One moment of madness ended his life which was so full of promise. His parents tell the harrowing story and leave us in no doubt about the widespread devastation such a loss causes. Interactive follow up activities explore the consequences of making the wrong decision.</p> <p><b>Vicky Peters- Everything to Live For</b> Vicky Peters died when she was 18. She was a passenger in a car where the driver chose to speed. The crash happened outside her house. The video is about Vicky's achievements and what she could have achieved as told by her father and brother and is another powerful resource in helping us educate young people of the dangers involved in speeding.</p> <p>Road Safety within the Preston District is a high priority for Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service and we are looking to expand this delivery in to all the local high schools. In addition to this, we will continue to deliver to each new Prince's Trust Team within the district, along with any further target groups within the Preston District.</p>	
<b><u>GENGA – Community Reassurance, Safety Information and Advice and Home Fire Safety Check Referral Generation</u></b>	
<p>Following information received from the Preston Community Safety Partnership at a recent GENGA meeting of increased antisocial behaviour activity in the Dodgson Place, Sion Close/Hill area, Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service carried out some high profile community work to generate Home Fire Safety Check referrals and offer</p>	

residents advice on fly tipping, correct stowage of wheelie bins and fire safety information and advice.

All properties in the surrounding area were leafleted informing residents that staff would be in the area over the next few weeks to carry out any required home visits. A large majority of Home Fire Safety Checks have now been completed and evaluation of the initiative has been shared with the Community Safety Partnership.

Environmental Visual Audits will continue in the area over the next quarter to ensure that there are no reoccurring issues with regards to the fly tipping and Community Gateway Housing will support this by sending out letters to each tenant informing them of their responsibilities. Any further issues will be picked up in the next programmed Community Safety Partnership Meetings, but this is a good example of collaborative partnership working to address local issues.

### **Community Enrichment Day for Year 7 Students**

Staff from Preston Community Fire Safety Department delivered Water Safety Education to 186 Year 7 students from Our Lady's Catholic High School in Fulwood, Preston, as part of the National Drowning Prevention Week. These sessions provided vital information and advice and were part of a whole day of information from external organisations as part of their Education/Enrichment Day.

Students were also given a session on anti-social behaviour and the consequences of involvement in deliberate fire setting. The day was a massive success and provided each student with extremely important safety information. This is an event which Preston Community Fire Safety will look to support on an annual basis for all new Year 7 students.

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

**Date:** 28 July 2019

**Time:** 15:58

Reports of persons in the River Ribble close to London Road, Preston resulted in Water Rescue Teams from Preston and Penwortham being mobilised to assist. On arrival of the first fire engine, the fire crew found two females and a dog in the water and immediately began to put in place a plan to rescue. This was a plan which involved firefighters wearing personal protective equipment appropriate for the activities assisting both casualties and the dog from the water downstream of London Road Bridge.

Both casualties were assessed at the scene by the attending North West Ambulance Service crews but neither required any medical intervention.

The positive outcome of this incident is testament to the skills, training, equipment and quick actions of the first attending fire crews in that they were able to recognise the dangers, implement a safe system of work and affect the rescues within ten

minutes of arriving at the scene.

This incident also highlights the dangers associated with fast flowing water. Whilst tending to the casualties, fire crews were told of the sequence of events leading up to the rescue. It transpired the two ladies were walking alongside the river upstream of the London Road bridge when their dog went into the water. Due to the quantity of rain the river was high and fast flowing, as a result the dog got into difficulty and was unable to get out. In an attempt to assist the dog, one of the ladies went into what she thought were swallows at the water's edge, but lost footing and was swept away under the London Road Bridge towards Avenham Park.

The second lady made the 999 call before moving downstream to try and locate her friend, who by this time had been washed approximately half a mile downstream before being able to grab a tree branch close to the river bank. On finding her friend, the second lady also entered the water to attempt a rescue, but in doing so both lost their footing/grip and were washed away. Fortunately, the contours of the river and the flow of the water resulted in both casualties being washed to the river bank in a location that afforded relative easy access for the fire crews who were now in attendance and an effective and safe rescue was performed.

The positive outcome of this incident should be celebrated, however, it must also be recognised that there was considerable amount of good fortune associated with the rescue. The right people, with the right training and equipment being in the right place at the right time is a major component, but the it is sheer luck that these two casualties did not get caught in submerged tree branches, exposed tree roots of other hidden hazards referred to as 'strainers', or were washed out into the Ribble Estuary, drowning as a result. Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service urge to public to take care when near open/fast flowing water and to not out themselves in a position whereby they find themselves in need of rescue.

**Date:** 22 May 2019

**Time:** 18:45

Reports of smoke issuing from a building adjacent to the A6 Garstang Road near Bilsborrow led to two fire engines from Fulwood and Preston being mobilised.

On arrival at the incident the fire crews found a well-developed fire in what was thought to be a domestic property and as a result requested the attendance of two further fire engines to assist.

It is standard operating procedures for a more senior operational manager to also be mobilised to 'make-up' incidents and for that manager to make an assessment of the scene before deciding whether to take over as Incident Commander (IC), to remain in attendance as a tactical advisor or if appropriate, to leave the incident ground completely. In this instance, the attending Station Manager after assessing the scene and identifying additional hazards opted to take command.

The Station Manager identified that whilst the fire was in a building adjacent to a dwelling, was actually a building used as a workshop and through questioning to



owner/occupiers identified the presence of gas cylinders, that if exposed to heat/flame could explode. This discovery led to a change of tactical plan, the creation of a 200m cordon (including the closure of the A6 Garstang Road) , a request for the attendance of the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Drone and the mobilisation of a specialist 'hazardous materials environmental protection officer' (HMEPO) to assist.

Once in attendance, the Drone was used to identify the type of gas cylinders involved and the exact nature of their involvement (affected by fire or not), the intelligence gathered being used by the Incident Commander and other attending agencies to inform the longer term operational plan. The cylinders were identified to be oxygen and propane (rather than oxygen and acetylene), that they were not involved in fire and that they were cool. This allowed the HMEPO to offer advice on a proportional response, a more offensive firefighting tactic, the reduction in the cordon size and thus the re-opening of A6.

The Drone proved to be a valuable asset in providing the Incident Commander with the situational awareness needed to deal with the fire in the most effective manner. The ability to identify the exact nature of the involvement of gas cylinders made the difference between a very protracted incident involving a number of Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service's resources to one that could be scaled down to one fire engine after only four hours of firefighting activities.

A fire engine remained in attendance monitoring the scene for and dealing with isolated pockets of fire and undertaking fire investigation work until mid-morning on 24 May 2019. After this time the incident was officially close and referred to the Central Area Protection office for follow-up fire safety activities.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>RIBBLE VALLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Water Safety</u></b>	
<p>Community Safety staff attended “Beathearders” which is the largest outdoor music festival in the County, traditionally we have used the event to promote the National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Campaign, however following a recent incident involving water safety all efforts to raise awareness on water safety and the dangers of entering open water were promoted to the 15,000 young people who attended the event.</p> <p>During August, On call firefighters from Darwen attended the Royal Lancashire Show and raised awareness on cooking and white goods along with Water Safety.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	29 July 2019
<b>Time:</b>	16:48
<p>Five crews from Clitheroe, Great Harwood and Blackburn were mobilised to a road traffic collision on the A59. On arrival crews were faced with an incident involving two vehicles and three people.</p> <p>Due to the speeds involved in the accident, crews faced a highly complex rescue situation and all worked closely with North West Ambulance Service, North West Air Ambulance and Lancashire Constabulary to rescue the trapped individuals.</p> <p>All three casualties were critically injured and the rescues required a great deal of co-ordination between all of the agencies involved. The on scene operations lasted nearly two hours and saw all three casualties safely removed and transported to the Trauma Centre at Preston.</p> <p>Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service staff were praised by a North West Ambulance Service officer for their professionalism and skills in what was a very complex and time sensitive rescue.</p>	

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

**Combined Prevention Campaign**

Community Fire Safety were invited to attend a series of falls prevention events in Pennine whereby members of the public could be assessed for determinants which may require intervention for improvements with their mobility and support. People that are susceptible to falls are also recognised as potentially vulnerable to fires in the home thereby it is right that Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service engages with Partner Agencies to collaboratively identify and support people at risk of falls in the home.

The NHS Falls team have been a long established team which has worked hand in hand with community fire safety staff in Pennine area over recent years. The ongoing commitment from the staff holistically improves the combined service in their delivery of knowledge in keeping people safe in their own homes within Pennine, Lancashire. The day was hosted in Rawtenstall market where over 50 people were offered information and self-referrals to both services.

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

**Date:** 13 June 2019

**Time:** 16:33

A fire occurred at a dwelling that was due to a fault in an extractor fan in the bathroom. The fan casing dripped burning plastic onto a quantity of towels under the fan setting fire to them and increasing the severity of the fire leading to fire spread.

On arrival the property was open with no indication whether all the occupants were outside. Four Breathing apparatus wearers were tasked to search the house. Shortly after the occupant arrived who confirmed all persons were accounted for and no one was in the property. The fire crews identified that the property had no working smoke alarms. Fire crews fitted smoke alarms on the evening of the fire and post incident advice was given around escape plans and a recommendation given for a linked detection system throughout the large property.

Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Community Fire Safety teams also visited the property to carry out a Post Fire Home Fire Safety Check and re-iterated the above advice. Operational crews carried out a Hot Strike the next day for public re-assurance and delivered additional Home Fire Safety Checks/ Safe and well visits as required.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>SOUTH RIBBLE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Fire Safety in the Home Training to Progress Housing</u></b>	
<p>Progress Housing:- A Home Fire Safety training package has been delivered to Managers, wardens and other key staff that work within the community and have involvement in progress properties. Information was given regarding any risks to look out for when visiting people in their homes, this included kitchen areas, smoking, drink, medical conditions and hoarding. During the session staff were given the option to ask questions and feedback on the contents of the package, they were also shown how to make a partner referral and login information; this will assist with generation of Home Fire Safety Checks.</p>	
<b><u>Cycling Safety Event at Worden Park, Leyland</u></b>	
<p>Worden Park Cycle Safety Event:- A Community Safety Advisor and the Road Safety Prevention Support Officer attended the event along with the crew from Leyland (S55). During the event road safety advice was given to members of the public, also an overview of what Lancashire Fire &amp; Rescue Service delivers in relation to the road safety partnership. The road safety message was highlighted with resources on site: the crash car, safe pass mat with bike, the crew from Leyland (S55) and Appliance and road safety literature was handed out. There was a mixed group of individuals that attended the day from the older generation to young people.</p>	
<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	29 July 2019
<b>Time:</b>	18:01
<p>Four fire engines from Penwortham, Bamber Bridge, Leyland and Preston along with aerial ladder platform and supporting fire engine from Preston attended a domestic premises in, Lostock Hall. Firefighters extinguished a well-developed fire on the first floor of the premises using one jet, two breathing apparatus, aerial ladder platform, two positive ventilation fans, thermal imaging camera and salvage sheets. Fire crews were in attendance for over four hours.</p>	
<p>There was significant damage to the entire property. The fire investigation concluded that an aerosol (hairspray) had been left on the window sill and was super-heated by the sun. This resulted in the spray tin exploding, causing a significant explosion which blew the front window of the property across the street and instigated a serious fire.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WEST LANCASHIRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Fire Cadets Passing Out Parade</u></b>	
<p>Skelmersdale Fire Station opened its door to the parents, family and friends of the fantastic young fire cadets with in excess of 80 guests on the evening to celebrate the Fire Cadets achievements and watch them passing out.</p> <p>Amongst the guests who attended were Deputy Chief Fire Officer Russel, Area Manager Morgan and Southern Group Manager Cookson. The pressure to deliver a professional and true reflective parade was magnified by the attendance of local VIP's including the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire and three local councillors.</p> <p>The parade was opened with a heartfelt speech from Station Manager Winder who praised the Fire Cadets and staff for the dedication and endeavour in establishing and sustaining a legacy of high standards for years to follow.</p> <p>The Fire Cadets then performed two practical demonstrations to showcase their newly acquired skills to their audience. The first drill scenario saw the Fire Cadets run out three lines of hose, ascend ladders into the drill tower and replicate extinguishing a commercial building fire. The second drill involved the Fire Cadets assessing a Road Traffic Collision and ultimately administering first aid and extracting a casualty from the incident. The demonstrations ended with a standing ovation and applause from the audience highlighting how fantastic the Cadets performed.</p> <p>Following the practical re-enactments, the evening proceeded onto its main event, the award ceremony. DCFO Russel presented each Fire Cadet with a medal, accompanying plaque and certificate in recognition their brilliant effort and performance over the past year.</p> <p>The evening was closed with a huge Well Done to the Cadets and thank you to visitors from DCFO Russel who then invited attendees to network.</p>	
<b><u>Bath Springs Fire Safety Talk with Safe &amp; Well Visits</u></b>	
<p>Community Safety Advisors attended Bath Springs to deliver a fire safety talk which included information regarding: escape routes, electrical safety, and cooking safety.</p> <p>With regards to cooking safety, the importance of not leaving cooking unattended, consideration of distractions while cooking, and measures to prevent accidental cooking fires, such as the use of cooking timers. Advice was given regarding</p>	

alternative services to cooking such as microwavable meals, or meal on wheels to make their lives easier and reduce risks. The visit was supported by appropriate cooking safety literature that the residents could take away with them and read at their leisure.

Information was given to staff in relation to making referrals for residents for a Home Fire Safety Check; this will generate referrals for the West Lancashire Area.

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

**Date:** 07 August 2019

**Time:** 17:57

Five fire engines from Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Wigan fire stations were mobilised to a commercial premises in Skelmersdale.

Firefighters extinguished the fire involving the ground floor of the derelict building, using ten breathing apparatus, three hose reels, three thermal imaging cameras, a triple extension ladder, two positive pressure ventilation fans, three lighting units and small tools. Fire crews remained on scene for several hours.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WYRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Drowning Prevention</u></b>	
<p>As a result of increased awareness following a presentation given by members of the StartSafe Group to the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) (regarding the potential for a future pan Lancashire water safety partnership), local officers were subsequently approached by the Wyre Children and Families Wellbeing Service (CFWS) to explore the possibility of partnership working based around water safety during the summer holidays.</p> <p>Wyre CFWS is actively involved with families and people aged 0-19 years, they had, over the summer holiday period, arranged several summer fun sessions in the Fleetwood area.</p> <p>Fleetwood Operational Crew together with the Coastguard attended three events centred around the boating lake in Fleetwood. LFRS engaged with attendees and distributed promotional leaflets; the focus of the event being on water safety during the holiday period.</p> <p>The swift water rescue equipment (SRT) carried on appliances was displayed and their operational purpose explained. A practical demonstration followed this utilising the SRT equipment to carry out a rescue of a person in difficulty in water.</p> <p>The events were well attended with approximately 50 people attending each session.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	10 June 2019
<b>Time:</b>	04:55
<p>A fire appliance from Garstang and a Hazardous Material and Environmental Protection Officer were called to what was initially thought to be a chemical release in a residential park homes site. The caller believed the incident to be a chemical release as there was a very noxious smell.</p> <p>On assessing the scene the crew identified that the source of the smell was in fact cloth based materials which had, over time become wedged against a frost protection heating element within a small cupboard which were, in effect, in the early stages of fire.</p>	

The incident was quickly and safely dealt with but the crew noted that due to the design of the accommodation it was conceivable that a similar situation could occur in other similar dwellings. As a consequence a referral was made to the local community safety advisor to undertake further follow-up work on the site.

**Date:** 18 July 2019

**Time:** 00:48

Four fire appliances from Fleetwood, Bispham and Blackpool attended a fire in a large commercial premises used for food production.

On arrival the Officer in Charge was confronted by a developing fire involving high voltage electrical equipment which had smoke logged a two storey building 220m long by 40m wide. The premises had fully functioning fire protection equipment and the management team had undertaken a full evacuation prior to fire service arrival when the alarm had been raised.

Incidents of this nature are complex as high voltage supplies into large commercial buildings belong to the electricity distribution company up until the point they are stepped down and join the buildings own supply and distribution system. Prior to safe extinguishment the officer in charge has to liaise with the electrical undertaker to undertake safe isolation (considering the wider knock on effects to the business and elsewhere on the network). In this case the Officer in Charge requested the attendance of the electrical undertaker and jointly formed a plan to isolate the affected circuits. This was achieved and the fire was safely extinguished.