

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on Monday 16 December 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: OCTOBER 2019 – DECEMBER 2019

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Brightsparx</u></p> <p>This year's Brightsparx campaign continued to cover both Blackburn with Darwen and Hyndburn and maintained the focus on the consequences of using fireworks which included real life stories, consequences and how daily life, family life and communities are affected.</p> <p>Year group presentations and the use of school video screens at targeted high schools within the borough including Pleckgate, BCHS, and Witton. Darwen Fire Cadet and Prince's Trusts team also received input. This also resulted in a marked increase in the number of FIRES referral direct form schools</p> <p>Further activities were employed to spread the Brightsparx messages including, increased daily environmental audits drives. The use of multi-agency response cars to respond to reports of anti-social behaviour fire and medical incidents on 01 – 03 November and 05 November plus silver command stood up at Greenbank on 05 November.</p> <p><u>Winter Safety</u></p> <p>This year's Winter Safety campaign has already kicked in and will focus on trying to reach those who are at greatest risk of having an accident dwelling fire – hot spot areas overlaid with data showing older renters and single renters will be used in conjunction with our new "Nosey Neighbour" social media campaign to also try and reduce social isolation and cold homes.</p> <p>Early action so far has covered seven training sessions to nearly 300 members of staff and managers from Together Housing, who cross the threshold of their housing stock and can now identify fire risk.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	12 October 2019
Time:	04:23
<p>Crews from Hyndburn and Blackburn were called to a house fire with persons reported trapped. On arrival, crews were faced with a developing fire under the stairs of a terraced property. One casualty was in the rear garden having jumped</p>	

from an upstairs window. Two people who were trapped upstairs were rescued by fire service personnel using a ladder whilst other firefighters attempted to extinguish the fire. Initially there was some difficulty in putting the fire out as it was a gas main on fire, so crews protected the property and waited for the gas company to isolate the supply to the property. Once the gas was isolated, the fire was extinguished and the property was made safe. Four people were taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation and suspected broken bones. No one sustained any significant injuries.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKPOOL
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>BRIC Chatty Bus</u></p> <p>Lancashire Fire and Rescue staff from Blackpool were involved in planning a new initiative which has received an overwhelming response from local residents groups and partner agencies. The initiative will see the implementation and delivery of a “Christmas Chatty Bus”, which will visit various locations around the area on the run up to Christmas.</p> <p>The project is being supported by local councillors, Blackpool Transport, Blackpool Council, Social Housing Providers, local doctor’s surgeries and health professionals, schools and third sector groups. The aim is simply to visit specific areas and offer a place to chat, support and signposting opportunities and a warm drink and some festive cheer to many vulnerable, isolated or disadvantaged residents. This naturally supersedes an earlier, Summer initiative of a “Chatty Bench”, which has been extremely successful in reaching out and supporting some of those most in need. It is hoped the “Chatty Bus” bus will further enhance this important offer.</p> <p>The first outing of the bus will be on Sunday, 01 December where the bus will start in the Claremont Area of Blackpool and then move to St Johns Square in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>Winter Safety</u></p> <p>On Monday 04 November, Radio Wave broadcast their afternoon show “Live from your Drive”, live from Blackpool Fire Station, Forest Gate. ‘Shep’ and his crew spent the afternoon with operational staff, members of the Community Fire Safety Team and staff and team members from Princes Trust. We made use of the event to launch our Winter Safety and Nosey Neighbours Campaigns and offered safety tips for Bonfire Night. Princes Trust highlighted the good work that the teams of young people have completed and firefighters took Shep up in the Aerial Ladder Platform.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
<p>Date: 24 September 2019</p> <p>Time: 23:37</p> <p>On Tuesday 24 September operational crews from Blackpool Forest Gate were called to Coral Island Amusement Arcade on Blackpool promenade. When the crews arrived at the incident they found a large sign and fascia to the front of the building well alight. The building comprises two storeys and covers an area of</p>	

approximately four hundred metres squared. The crews requested attendance from the police to assist with traffic control along the promenade.

Date: 27 September 2019

Time: 12:06

Firefighters were called to a fire at Baines High School in Poulton-le-Fylde on Friday 27 September which appeared to be in the roof space of the gymnasium block. The school implemented the evacuation procedure and a request was made by the Officer in Charge to increase the pump attendance to six.

Although unconfirmed, the likely cause of the fire was a fault within the motor of the extractor/ ventilation fan. This has then caused the fire to spread through ducting and also the external cladding of the building. Crews extinguished the flames and then conducted further operations to confirm there was no further spread of flames, particularly in the ductings.

Three extractor fans were destroyed by fire and the external cladding of the building was destroyed by fire and heat. The internal ducting inside the gym area was also destroyed by heat, water and fire as were half of the ceiling tiles. The gym itself, classrooms and the sports hall were all damaged by smoke

Two hose-reels and two triple extension ladders were used to tackle the blaze. Fortunately there was no rapid growth of fire and the cause of the fire is unknown, although possible overheating of the electrics is thought to be a possibility.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BURNLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Brightsparx</u> Pennine Community Fire Safety staff have been involved in the delivery of the annual Bonfire night safety campaign Brightsparx. Children and young people have been visited in schools and mosques in the Burnley area where in recent years we have encountered a high percentage of incidents relating to fires and anti-social behaviour. They received important messages on how to remain safe on the lead up to Bonfire Night and encouraged children and their families to attend organised bonfires and fireworks displays. The key message is to reduce injury, disorder, and anti-social behaviour in relation to the misuse of bonfires. The campaign is launched annually and is in partnership with organisations such as Lancashire Police, Licensing, Local Authority Housing and Trading Standards. As part of the Brightsparx initiative, we also aim to educate the young people about the attacks on operational staff. We express our concerns for firefighters and any other emergency services that they should never come on duty to be subjected to stones and fireworks being hurled at them, with the intention of causing them harm.	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	CHORLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Older Persons Day / Launch of Winter Safety</u></p> <p>The Community Fire Safety team attended an event at the Lifestyle Centre in Chorley with Age UK on 01 October 2019 to mark Older Person's Day. As well as celebrating Older Person's Day, the aim of the event was to launch the Service's Winter Safety campaign, to generate Home Fire Safety Checks and to promote the different aspects of the campaign including keep safe and warm bags, the nosey neighbour initiative and targeting those older and vulnerable people in our communities.</p> <p>The Community Fire Safety team did a number of fire safety related activities with the group and gave out prizes donated by the Community Champions from ASDA. One of the biggest concerns for Age UK during the winter was people not feeding themselves sufficiently. Therefore, a second event was held on 15 October to give advice to older people about malnutrition and a hotpot lunch was served.</p> <p><u>Training to MIND</u></p> <p>Fire Safety training was delivered to seven members of the Mental Health Charity MIND. These staff provide support to members of the community who have varying mental health conditions. They may live in their own accommodation or in supported living managed by MIND. In both these instances, these staff are going into accommodation of a very hard to reach group and are therefore well placed to provide fire safety advice if the fire service are denied access which they often are.</p> <p>Following the training, the Community Fire Safety team in conjunction with Training and Operational Review, have begun to put together a work booklet that is left with the occupants. This work booklet provides advice on fire safety, which is completed by the worker and the occupant, based on that person's lifestyle. For example, if a person smokes they would complete a section about good ashtray management. The main topics are cooking, smoking, keeping walkways clear, consumption of alcohol and drugs and related fire risk. The trial is being conducted in Chorley with the expectation, following tweaks, that it could be rolled out across the Service and hopefully reach a hard to engage with group.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**Date:** 28 October 2019**Time:** 04:16

At the request of Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, specially trained operational crews from St Anne's, Bamber Bridge and Chorley Fire stations responded to an incident in Carlisle. The crews utilised their specialist rope skills to assist CFRS conclude an extremely complex and challenging incident.

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INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 27 October 2019
Time: 14:10

Firefighters were called to The Island, South Promenade Lytham to a fire involving a commercial deep fat fryer. The fire was extinguished when the crew arrived at the scene, but the fryer was still giving off smoke. The owner had been in the process of disconnecting the fryer from the power and fuel supplies; he had re-filled the fryer with oil and turned it on and then some time later he had noticed smoke issuing from the vents. The fryer then ignited.

The owner had extinguished the fire himself with a wet chemical extinguisher and a fire blanket. A member of staff had raised the alarm as the owner apparently hadn't seen the fire as an issue and as a result of this an evacuation of staff and customers had not taken place. Details of the incident have been handed over to Fire Safety Enforcement and the Business Safety Officer by the crews.

Date: 09 October 2019
Time: 18:13

Operational crews were called to an incident where a small, female child, thirteen months of age had slipped in the bath and become trapped in her plastic bath chair. Firefighters initially tried to remove the child from the chair using the same route that the child had used to access the chair, however this proved unsuccessful.

Firefighters then examined an identical chair to determine if it could be easily disassembled to free the child. A hacksaw was used to cut away parts of the chair and the child was released without harm.

North West Ambulance attended the incident, but the child did not require any treatment.

Date: 26 October 2019
Time: 20:32

Operational crews were called to an address in Lytham St Anne's to find two paramedics confined to a lift. The crews used a hearth kit and released the paramedics using a lift key. The lift was isolated and an incident handover form was given to the appropriate person.

Date: 28 October 2019

Time: 04:16

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	HYNDBURN
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Brightspax & Winter Safety</u>	
<p>This year's Brightspax campaign continued to jointly cover both Hyndburn and Blackburn with Darwen and maintained the focus on the consequences of using fireworks which included real life stories, consequences and how daily life, family life and communities are affected.</p> <p>Year group presentations and the use of school video screens at targeted high schools within the borough including Hollins and Ryddings along with a couple of primary schools. The Hyndburn Prince's Trusts team also received input. As with Blackburn there was also a result in the number of FIRES referrals received.</p> <p>Following an increase in cooking related fires within the borough we are continuing to promote safety advice and will dovetail this into the new Winter Safety Campaign which commenced at the beginning of November. Partners have provided good feedback on the social media campaign and have been issued Nosey Neighbour packs.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 08 October 2019
Time: 08:10

Blackburn and Darwen crews were mobilised to an explosion at a modern semi-detached residential property in Blackburn. On arrival the Officer in Charge was faced with an incident that involved three children and one adult who were in the property at the time of the explosion. Thankfully all the residents received only minor injuries. The scale of the injuries left the investigators amazed as the actual property suffered significant damage including all the windows being blown out, the roof lifted up and walls pushed out and cracked. Further investigations identified that an aerosol (hairspray) had been left on top of a gas fire and this exploded causing major damage to the property, whilst leaving the residents with relatively minor injuries.

This incident will be used as a case study by LFRS.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	LANCASTER
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Student Safe</u></p> <p>For the academic year 2019/20 the Student Safe campaign at Lancaster University took on a different format than had been utilised in previous years. This was to ensure comprehensive and consistent messaging to what can potentially be a vulnerable group and also to recognise the challenges associated with the continual growth in off campus student accommodation within the city centre.</p> <p>The aim of the campaign was to access new students before they were distracted by all that their new student life had to offer. This was achieved by attending the registration sessions on campus during arrivals week. The sessions took place over four days between the hours of 09:00hrs – 17:00hrs. The University anticipated that over the four day period they would register in the region of 5,000 new students.</p> <p>In addition to compulsory induction talks delivered by University staff in a lecture theatre format, which includes fire safety information, operational and community safety personnel from LFRS engaged directly with small groups of 15 to 20 students. The main communication objectives were electrical safety, cooking safely and general fire safety.</p> <p>Following the initial event, safety messages have been reinforced within key accommodation blocks through the delivery of kitchen safe talks. Fire Protection staff have been working hard to ensure accommodation providers, particularly those new to the City and occupying new builds, are meeting Fire Safety Order regulatory requirements.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	29 October 2019
Time:	17:57
<p>Two appliances from Lancaster and Hornby were mobilised to a road traffic collision involving a car which had left the road, impacted a wall, and ignited.</p> <p>The driver had sustained minor injuries in the crash and had self-extricated from the vehicle before the arrival of the fire service. North West Ambulance Service attended and treated the casualty.</p>	

One hose reel and a small quantity of foam were used to rapidly extinguish the fire. The foam facility was used due to the remote location and difficulty accessing water supplies. As with all foam usage, environmental issues were considered and foam use was minimised to avoid any run off into the environment.

Date: 02 November 2019

Time: 01:45

Two appliances from Lancaster were mobilised to a bonfire within a caravan park. Some of the site residents, who had been had been holding their own bonfire event the evening before, had left the fire to extinguish itself. Overnight the wind changed direction and the fire re-ignited.

Smoke from the fire entered a caravan where an elderly couple were sleeping. Such was the quantity and density of smoke; the occupants were woken by their smoke alarm and immediately evacuated the caravan as they were initially unsure whether their property was involved in the fire.

On arrival the first appliance was met by the couple and the crew administered first aid and oxygen therapy. An ambulance was requested by the Officer in Charge for a precautionary check-up. The fire was quickly extinguished and information gathered to ensure appropriate follow up community safety activity could be undertaken.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	PENDLE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Winter Safety</u>	
<p>Rossendale Hospice is a local charity which cares for patients and their families living with cancer and other life-limiting conditions. They offer many services free of charge including day therapy, a range of complementary therapies, bereavement counselling, as well as provide long-term support nurses to help patients and families to cope with long-term conditions. Prevention staff aims to work along-side the nurses by offering a free safe and well visit to each family or patient who attends the Hospice. This visit may help to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and to reduce their risk from Fire, which feature within the determinant's within Safe and Well.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	PRESTON
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Winter Safety</u></p> <p>Preston CFS Team have been working in partnership with the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Lancashire (Challenge Through Sport Initiative) • Age Concern • Foxton Centre • Emmaus • Lancashire Volunteer Partnership • Children Family & Wellbeing Service <p>Preston CFS Team are working to support the vulnerable elderly and homeless people within the Preston District. Following consultation with our identified partners, we have been able to provide 50 Safe and warm bags which have been distributed to service users. We are also in the process of arranging a further meeting to seek what additional support we can offer for those who are homeless over the winter months. This will be an ongoing piece of work and a further update will be provided.</p> <p>Preston CFS and Operational Crews are also supporting the Nosey Neighbour Campaign. It's about looking out for people who may need a little extra support, especially over the winter months. Many people will know that the elderly, isolated and unwell are amongst those most likely to suffer injury, experience accidents or fire in the home and during winter this risk increases significantly. And this year instead of targeting those vulnerable people directly, Lancashire Fire and Rescue will be campaigning for all Lancashire's residents to look out for one another, those people that they know and those that they don't.</p> <p><u>Community Green Day – as Part of the Brightspax Campaign</u></p> <p>Community Gateway Association (CGA) organised a 'Greenday' event in order to improve environmental appearance and promote wellbeing and healthy living for residents. There were 5 skips located on Greenlands Estate on the 15/10/19 and 5 skips located on Callon estate on 17/10/19 and an estimated 48 tonnes of combustible materials and household waste was removed over the course of the 2 days in the lead up to the bonfire period.</p> <p>CFS and Operational Crews attended the events to carry out any necessary joint visits at any properties that were flagged up by other attending agencies, and to assist residents in disposing of waste and networking with attending agencies. Letters had been provided by CGA prior to the event informing residents of the initiative and it was a big success.</p>	

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 CSP Meetings, but this is a good example of collaborative partnership working to address local issues.

Student Safe Fire Safety Talks

Preston CFS Team have been working with Operational Crews, UCLAN and the Protection department to deliver this year's Student Safe Fire Safety Talks. Work has been completed to identify which accommodation blocks have received the highest number of calls and all staff have attended to deliver joint education for the students.

We now have a well-established link within the University and we will continue throughout the oncoming months to address any areas of concern and offer our support for further talks/initiatives for students.

Diversiónary Activities for the Brightspax Campaign

This year's Central Area Brightspax Action Plan was aimed at addressing the seasonal threat of anti-social behaviour, criminal exploitation, hate crime, early intervention, reducing re-offending and the possibility of re-victimisation within the identified hotspot locations throughout the Preston District.

The aim of the project was to focus on joint partnership working. It is our aim to continue working with our partners to make residents within the local communities safer, promote joint working and communication and facilitate a flexible approach that delivers key identified components within the plan through community engagement, education and diversionary activities.

The plan provided clear guidance in relation to the location of hotspot areas within the district and also provided emergency contact numbers and details for responsible officers from each participating organisation. Each agency was able to promote a coordinated approach in resolving operational issues and assist in delivering achievable results in reducing the impact across local communities.

A key focus for this year's Brightspax activities was the provision of educational talks for both Primary and Secondary students. Through assistance from Preston North End in the Community and Lancashire Constabulary, we were able to deliver these education sessions to all students within the highlighted areas, starting from the beginning of September 2019, through until the end of November 2019.

A Brightspax Action Plan was distributed amongst identified partnerships in order for them to provide an overview of their proposed contributions for 2019. Regular meetings were scheduled prior to any delivered initiative in order to populate the plan with proposed actions from each agency, along with addressing the need for any potential funding for possible further diversionary activities.

On Saturday 30 November, the Brightspax Campaign will be rounded off with a family day of free diversionary activities from Preston Fire Station. The day has been funded by Preston City Council, Lancashire Partnership Against Crime, Lancashire Constabulary and the Police & Crime Commissioner. We will use this opportunity to address other key safety issues such as the seasonal Drink Drive Campaign, Road Safety, Winter Safety, Anti-social Behaviour (Knife Crime).

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 21 September 2019

Time: 13:28

Reports of a fire in terraced property in Plungington resulted in two fire engines from Preston being mobilised to investigate.

On arrival, fire crews found a developing fire in the kitchen and two firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were committed with a hose reel jet to prevent fire spread and extinguish the fire. Two further breathing apparatus wearers were committed into the property to assist in ventilation activities aimed at limiting the damage caused by smoke.

Whilst this work was ongoing, the Incident Commander observed the occupier of the property; who was already outside when fire crews arrived; appeared to be suffering the effects of smoke inhalation. This observation led the Incident Commander to request the attendance of North West Ambulance Service.

In these circumstances, it is standard LFRS operating procedures for an Incident Intelligence Officer who is a specialist fire investigator to be notified of the casualty and for a preliminary fire investigation to be completed. Depending on a variety of factors (level of injury, age of the individual, nature of any pre-existing medical conditions and most probable fire cause (accidental or deliberate)) the Incident Intelligence Officer will either attend the incident to carry out the investigation, or provide guidance to the original Incident Commander on what is required from an investigation/fire reporting perspective.

In this instance, as the casualty was only suffering from slight smoke inhalation and the most probable cause; as reported by the occupier; was accidental the Incident Intelligence Officer asked the Incident Commander to conduct a scene excavation in order to verify the cause.

A fire scene excavation involves a systematic search of the room in which the fire started (room or origin) to identify the area at which the fire started (area of origin) and thus the exact point the fire started or the 'item first ignited'. Once the item first ignited has been identified, its location in relation to any sources of ignition is considered and evaluated thereby leading to the formal identification of the 'cause of fire'. This fire scene excavation work must be undertaken in a methodical manner and the fire scene must be comprehensively documented via photographs, photo log sheets and contemporaneous notes. This is to ensure that LFRS are ideally placed

to write a fire report for coronial or criminal processes should the casualty's condition worsen or if the cause of fire is identified as being deliberate.

The examination of this particular fire scene identified that a chopping board had been left on a hob. The gas hob had been accidentally left on and the occupier had left the property; discovering the fire upon returning home and entering the house.

Fire crews were in attendance for just under an hour and in that time they dealt with the fire undertaken a fire investigation and carried out a post fire Safe & Well visit.

Date: 30 October 2019

Time: 03:29

At 03:29hrs North West Fire Control received a call from Lancashire Police who passed details of a 999 caller who had reported smoke in her town centre address. This report led to two fire engines being mobilised to investigate.

On arrival, the occupier led the fire crews to her first floor flat where there was a smell and signs of light smoke. The occupier claimed that she had not been cooking anything and therefore the origin of the smoke was unknown. It was also observed that the smoke alarms in the property were not sounding on arrival.

Various electrical appliances were inspected (cooker, toaster, grill, oven and microwave) all were found to be turned off and showing no sign of heat.

Further investigation of the scene, identified a miniature circuit breaker for the kitchen sockets had tripped. This led to fire crews systematically testing the sockets and appliances in the kitchen and thus identifying a potential fault in a microwave which seemed to 'arc' when switched on and operating. To make the scene safe, the microwave was isolated from the mains power and the occupier advised not to use it again.

Due to a number of fire related incidents in the area over recent months, the matter was referred to the central area Community Fire Safety team.

The incident was also discussed with the Area Incident Intelligence Officer Incident in relation to submitting a Trading Standards Referral Form. However, as the cause of the fault was most likely to be poor maintenance rather than a manufacturing fault a referral form was not submitted.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	RIBBLE VALLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Winter Safety</u>	
<p>September brought the unveiling of a public access defibrillator which has been fitted to the fire station at Clitheroe</p>	
<p>This year's Winter Safety campaign has already kicked in and will focus on trying to reach those who are at greatest risk of having an accidental dwelling fire – hot spot areas overlaid with data showing older renters and single renters will be used in conjunction with our new "Nosey Neighbour" social media campaign to also try and reduce social isolation and cold homes.</p>	
<p>Early action has taken place in both Chipping and three areas of Clitheroe following recent Childsafe visits along with the multi-agency roadshows in Longridge and Clitheroe.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	ROSSENDALE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Fire Safety Talk to the Hospice</u>	
<p>Rossendale Hospice is a local charity which cares for patients and their families living with cancer and other life-limiting conditions. They offer many services free of charge including day therapy, a range of complementary therapies, bereavement counselling, as well as provide long-term support nurses to help patients and families to cope with long-term conditions. Prevention staff aims to work along-side the nurses by offering a free safe and well visit to each family or patient who attends the Hospice. This may help to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and to reduce their risk from fire, which feature within the determinant's within Safe and Well.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	28 August 2019
Time:	01:44
<p>A 999 call was made by a member of public stating a large building fire could be seen with possible person(s) reported.</p> <p>On arrival at the incident, a large developed fire was present with flames issuing from the basement right through to roof level. Due to the layout, structure and severity of the fire in the building, personnel were restricted from entering the premises.</p> <p>The incident was made up to six fire appliances with an aerial appliance and command unit, with appliances attending from Greater Manchester FRS and Lancashire FRS. Access to get near to the incident was hindered by a large metal container and metal fencing that had been put in place to enhance security of the site. Several jets and ground monitors were utilised from sector positions, allowing the fire to be held back and prevented from spreading to the rear of the premise and securing firefighting safety.</p> <p>The fire involved a derelict building, no mains gas or electricity present within the building and the premises were open to access due to previous vandalism. Intensity of the fire caused severe structural damage which hindered both firefighting operations and subsequent investigations into the cause. Advice from Rossendale Borough Council stated no persons were permitted access to the inside of the</p>	

building. Fire damage was evident throughout all floors of the three storey building, including the basement. A fire investigation canine was used to assist in determining the cause and whether accelerants were used. The canine was not permitted entry to the building; samples of flooring that may have identified liquid accelerants were not retrieved due to the structural integrity of the building.

Multi agency meetings took place following extinguishing the fire and a joint fire and police investigation is ongoing. Confirmation of utilities being isolated was completed by respective utility companies by excavating and isolating from outside the building. Responsibility for security and structural stability of the building was handed over to the owner once it was determined that all hot spots within the dangerous structure had been fully extinguished utilising the aerial appliance as a water tower and confirming with the use of thermal imaging cameras.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	SOUTH RIBBLE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Charnley Fold</u></p> <p>The Community Fire Safety team attended an Early Onset Dementia group at Charnley Fold on 08 October. Charnley Fold is a memory assessment and day centre for people living with a memory concern or diagnosis of dementia. They also provide support for families who have a relative living with dementia. A lot of the people who attend this group are still of working age and the group work together to come up with ways to cope with their diagnosis so they can live as normal life as possible. A fire safety quiz was delivered, as well as general fire safety messages.</p> <p>They were also given the opportunity to see the kind of resources that would be left with them on a Home Fire Safety Check. 10 people were in attendance with 6 referrals generated for HFSC. Referral processes have been set up with Charnley Fold for many years; however this was a good opportunity for reinforcing the message and process to new staff.</p> <p><u>South Ribble Big Do</u></p> <p>September saw the launch of the South Ribble Community Strategy at the South Ribble Big Do. The Big Do was the South Ribble Partnership's largest gathering of its members and wider stakeholders and provided an opportunity for stakeholders to network with individuals from across the education, business, public, community and voluntary sectors. It also launched the new South Ribble Community Strategy, set out areas of its work programme and encourage participation and collaboration. Stakeholders included those from the education sector, business sector, community and voluntary sector and public sector (Health, Uniformed Services and the Council).</p> <p>There were three panel discussions of which Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service were involved in the Prevention and Early Help session. The questions to the panel were, what impact is integrated working currently having on both our services and our communities and what do we need to do to as a Partnership to improve this and produce better outcomes for our residents and service users? The discussions were facilitated by BBC Chief Reporter, Dave Guest.</p> <p>The event prompted discussions between partners about the Integrated working Teams and many of the partners attending didn't realise the positive impact LFRS has on collaborative working.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)**Date:** 17 September 2019**Time:** 16:23

Fire engines from Bamber Bridge, Leyland and Chorley attended a house fire with persons reported in Chorley. Two casualties were rescued from a first floor property suffering smoke inhalation, the fire involved a chip pan. Fire crews used two breathing apparatus, one hose reel and a positive pressure ventilation unit. Crews were engaged approximately 30 minutes.

Date: 17 September 2019**Time:**

The crew from Penwortham fire station deployed to South Yorkshire with the out of county boat. This was to assist South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service with significant flooding's across parts of their County. This was declared a Major Incident. Penwortham were subsequently relieved by further crews from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: OCTOBER 2019 – DECEMBER 2019

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WEST LANCASHIRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Student Safe</u></p> <p>The CFS Team were involved in the annual Student Safe campaign at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk. Firstly, they delivered training to the Campus Connectors who are third years living on Campus. They act as the eyes and ears for LFRS in identifying fire risks and providing brief intervention. Secondly, they delivered fire safety advice to all new first year students which amounted to approximately 2200. This covered topics of particular interest students, such as the charging of electrical equipment, cooking, alcohol and smoking. They also attended the Fresher's Welcome Fayre and took the Service's crashed car to highlight the dangers of drink driving and driving the morning after the night before. Lastly, individuals who had breached fire safety regulations were targeted by the CFS Team and Campus Connectors to deliver tailored fire safety advice.</p> <p><u>Brightspax</u></p> <p>West Lancashire Stations were fully engaged in Brightspax activities over the Bonfire Night period. All schools in West Lancashire received the Brightspax education package and a number of FIRES (referrals for young people who have engaged in fire setting) referrals for individual pupils were received.</p> <p>Community Action Days were held in Skelmersdale where residents could place any rubbish in skips in prominent places and also receive advice from agencies including the Police, West Lancashire Borough Council and the Probation Service.</p> <p>The annual GO4IT event took place on Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd November from 17:00 to 20:00. These days and times were identified as the peak times for anti-social behaviour (both for the Police and anti-social behaviour fires for LFRS) and the event was aimed at engaging young people in meaningful activities. Over the two nights, approximately 750 young people and families attended the event with the Wellbeing and Early Help Service reporting that the families attending were ones they were currently, or had previously, supported. There was only one reported fire on 3rd November.</p>	

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: OCTOBER 2019 – DECEMBER 2019

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WYRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Brightsparrx - Fleetwood Firework Extravaganza 10th Year Anniversary</u>	
<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 over 10,000 people.</p> <p>This was a multi-agency event involving Fleetwood Rotary, Police, Regenda, Wyre Borough Council, and Fleetwood Town Council. Preesall Fire Cadets teamed up with Police Cadets to assist the Marshalls. Students on the Prince's Trust Programme at Fleetwood Community Fire Station assisted with the preparation of the event and the clear up the day after.</p> <p>Revellers were entertained by the sounds of local bands, a vast array of food options and a grand finale of a professional firework display. The Chair of The Fireworks Committee commented <i>'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'</i>.</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 years there were minimal incidents for the week prior to and bonfire night itself. Planning has already commenced for next year's event.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	23 October 2019
Time:	16:54
<p>Three appliances attended a fire involving a mid-terrace property. On arrival the first appliance found a well-developed fire involving a first floor rear bedroom with smoke issuing from a window which had already broken due to the heat from the fire. The occupier, who was in the property when the fire started but had been able to make their own escape, directed crews to the location.</p> <p>Four Breathing Apparatus crews used positive pressure ventilation fans, hose reels and thermal imaging cameras to access and extinguish the fire.</p>	

A comprehensive fire investigation was undertaken and the most likely cause of fire determined.

Date: 16 September 2019
Time: 20:58

Three appliances including two flexi-officers attended this incident in Catterall, Wyre District.

The incident involved a fire in a two storey domestic property. On arrival of the first appliance, from Garstang, the Watch Manager quickly identified that people may still be trapped inside the building and sent an assistance message to Northwest Fire Control declaring the incident 'Persons Reported'. The reasoning for this decision was that the fire was located within a kitchen to the rear of the semi-detached property, crews could hear smoke alarms sounding, smoke was visible through the windows and the back door was closed but not locked and no persons made themselves known to the fire service on arrival, all indications that persons could still be trapped in the property.

Due to this change in incident status the attendance was upgraded to include an Incident Intelligence Officer, Operational Assurance Officer, and the attendance of North West Ambulance Service.

The first breathing apparatus team used a hose reel jet to deal with the fire and undertake search operations at the place of greatest risk nearest the fire. Simultaneously the second breathing apparatus team searched the remainder of the building. Following a methodical search of the house it was declared that no one was inside the house and all persons were accounted for.

A comprehensive fire investigation was undertaken and a Community Safety 'Hot Strike' to reassure residents in the area and supply contact information for further home fire safety checks.

Date: 19 October 2019
Time: 02:07

Two fire appliances from Fulwood and Garstang, along with two flexi duty officers, attended a road traffic collision involving a single vehicle leaving the A6 and entering an adjacent field. The car had come to rest on its side against a wire fence. NWAS paramedics and Police were also in attendance.

Initially fire service personnel stabilised the vehicle to create a safe working area. After agreeing priorities, and a casualty centred extrication plan with the paramedics, fire service personnel removed the fencing, the driver's door and the windscreen to enable the driver to be released from the vehicle for further assessment and onward transportation to hospital.