

**LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**  
Meeting to be held on Monday 24 February 2020

**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: DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety</u></b>	
<p>In line with the service-wide campaign to raise awareness on winter safety issues, we have focused on targeting and delivering Home Fire Safety Checks to those who are at greatest risk of having an accidental dwelling fire in the three main hotspot areas of Holly Court, Brackendale and Lees Court.</p> <p>The Community Fire Safety team has conducted roadshows and talks at all sites and now the flow of Home Fire Safety Check referrals is being picked up by both operational and Community Fire Safety teams.</p> <p>Additional support from the Darwen Fire Cadets and Prince's Trust teams in collating leaflets and packing additional resources to form a 'Winter Warm' pack has enabled vulnerable residents to keep warmer during January and February.</p> <p>Fire Cadets have also supported the Service Christmas Carol concert held at Blackburn Cathedral.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	05 January 2020
<b>Time:</b>	14:46
<p>LFRS were called to a report of a fire in a domestic kitchen in Blackburn.</p> <p>On arrival, the crews found a fire that was out on arrival but had caused flash burns to the property and the occupier had suffered from singed hair and slight burns to his hands and face due to the flash fire. Fire crews gave the casualty first aid until the attendance of North West Ambulance Service, who then took over casualty care. As there were no obvious sources of ignition, operational crews requested the attendance of an Incident Investigation Officer to investigate the scene further.</p> <p>The investigation concluded that it was an accidental fire, caused when expanding foam had been used in an enclosed cupboard adjacent to the oven. Fumes from the expanding foam had pooled in the cupboard and these concentrated fumes had ignited when the oven was turned on.</p>	

The fact that expanding foams are regularly used in building and construction is cause for concern. It is with this in mind that Incident Investigation Officers are now undertaking further investigations to support national research in regards to incidents involving expanding foam and their associated fumes.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Extravaganza</u></b>	
<p>On Thursday 28 November, South Shore Fire Cadets, Community Safety staff and volunteers attended an evening of celebration held at the Winter Gardens Blackpool. We joined other youth groups, parents and carers and many distinguished guests to celebrate not only the successful achievement of many Duke of Edinburgh Awards from Bronze to Gold, but the notable achievements of many of Blackpool's young people, which included our Fire Cadets.</p> <p>The evening was incredibly successful and quite emotional at times as young people recounted their often difficult starts in life. The evening was brought to a close by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jim Hobson, and the Chief Executive Officer of Blackpool Council, Neil Jack, who both expressed admiration and pride for the young people of Blackpool.</p>	
<b><u>Winter Safety – Library Project</u></b>	
<p>Blackpool Community Fire Safety staff and our community volunteers have been delivering a Winter Campaign by visiting local libraries across the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre districts. We have been spreading the "Winter Safety" message along with general "Fire Safety" and "Safe and Well" messages; we have spoken to numerous groups and have issued specially designed bookmarks that convey our messages. The volunteers have been invaluable and incredibly supportive throughout this campaign.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	30 November 2019
<b>Time:</b>	21:08
<p>Operational crews were called to a commercial nightclub in Blackpool on the evening of 30 November 2019. An artificial Christmas tree situated on the stage during an evening performance had accidentally caught fire. A pyro technique effect device had issued sparks causing the tree to ignite.</p> <p>Members of staff had extinguished the fire with a foam extinguisher prior to the arrival of operational crews. The fire was limited to the source of origin with the artificial tree being severely damaged by fire.</p>	

**Date:** 05 January 2020

**Time:** 14:40

Operational crews were called to an incident on 05 January at Stanley Park, where the tent of a homeless person had been deliberately ignited by youths. Fortunately the tent was not occupied at the time. This incident is consistent with an increase in anti-social behaviour around the Stanley Park area of Blackpool.

The fire had been caused by the deliberate bringing together of combustibles, in this case the occupiers clothes and other belongings, and a gas powered camping stove. There was no rapid spread of fire but there was however a small explosion caused by the ignition of gases from the stove. There were no reported casualties.

Members of the Community Fire Safety team are now actively engaged with the local NPT and Local authority via Anti-social behaviour meeting group to address this issue.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>BURNLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Community Soup Kitchen</u></b>	
<p>Tackling social isolation and loneliness for people in need. Burnley Fire station staff have dedicated time and effort to organise this event to support people in need over the festive period. These people may not have had a permanent fixed abode or may live alone. The invite went out to partners and organisations around the area. Numbers were relatively low, however around 35 people came through the doors and were given food and a warm drink. All food was donated by local Supermarkets such as Tesco and Marks and Spencer.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2019
<b>Time:</b>	
<p>A fire engine from Burnley and one from Nelson attended a serious road traffic collision where a car had impacted with two parked vehicles at 02.50 in the morning. Two young males believed to be in their late teens/early twenties were severely trapped, necessitating a technical release from the fire crews on scene. Crews worked hard for around an hour to release both casualties before handing them over to the care of the ambulance service. Unfortunately, one of the young males didn't survive his injuries.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>CHORLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Dementia Cafes</u></b>	
<p>Community Fire Safety staff have attended Dementia Cafes in Chorley in December and January. These cafes are organised and run by the Alzheimer’s Society and are for people living with dementia and their carers and family members. The sessions are for people to get more information on the different services available to them, including advice on fire safety specifically winter safety.</p>	
<p>Training has also been delivered to staff at Age UK and Age Concern Central Lancashire on keeping the people they visit safe in their own homes. They also have a stock of nosey neighbour cards and are passing these out through their charity shops.</p>	
<b><u>Primrose Gardens</u></b>	
<p>A fire safety talk was delivered to residents in a brand new sheltered housing scheme in Chorley called Primrose Gardens. Primrose Gardens is ‘extra care’ housing, which is a specialist type of housing designed with older people in mind. It allows people to live independently whilst receiving the care and support needed to enjoy later life.</p>	
<p>There are 65 apartments within the scheme, half of which were occupied at the time of the visit. As the scheme is brand new, the facilities within the apartments are of the highest fire safety standard, including induction hobs and self-closing kitchen doors which shut if the alarm sounds. The talk was a general fire safety talk with information relating to our winter safety campaign relayed too. As with any new build, there were a few teething problems and concerns from residents. The ones that could be addressed were addressed (including stay put policies) and other issues were referred to Fire Safety Enforcement who have since followed these up. All residents over the next few months will receive a home fire safety check and the same talk will be delivered once the other apartments are occupied.</p>	



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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>FYLDE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Community Safety – Kirkham Companions</u></b>	
<p>Operational Firefighters and Community Safety Staff are engaging in a new initiative arranged by local police. The Fylde Neighbourhood Police Team have instigated this project as a result of an increased awareness that the local elderly community are regularly becoming victims of fraud, theft, deception, burglaries and other acquisitive crimes. These crimes can be attributed to vulnerabilities associated with age and isolation within the community. Those who unfortunately become victims of acquisitive crimes have to deal with the significant negative impact such offences have on their lives and those of their families.</p> <p>The Kirkham Companions Project would run in the form of a relaxed coffee morning environment based at the Kirkham Community Centre with those attending consisting of individuals identified by the local policing team and partner agencies who match the criteria of vulnerability or those who would like to self-refer.</p> <p>The initiative will be delivered as a twelve month social inclusion programme. This programme, will work specifically with members of the community who are socially isolated and present significant risk factors relating to becoming victims of crime. Local partners and agencies will support vulnerable members of the community who are at risk.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	07 January 2020
<b>Time:</b>	15:20
<p>Operational crews were called to a property in Kirkham to find a King Charles Spaniel trapped by the tail in an electric reclining chair. The crew used an assortment of small tools from the hearth kit to release the dog from the mechanism of the chair.</p>	
<b>Date:</b>	29 December 2019
<b>Time:</b>	11:53
<p>St Anne's crew were called to an incident at Blackpool International Airport, Squires Gate Lane, after an aircraft was reported to be in distress. The crew arrived to witness a glider making a safe landing on the runway.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>HYNDBURN</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety &amp; Cooking Safety</u></b>	
<p>The Service-wide campaign aimed to raise awareness of Winter Safety issues plus the added local Cooking Safety campaign has focused on delivering leaflets throughout the borough, taking part in roadshows held at local community groups and the switching on of the Accrington Christmas lights. The flow of Home Fire Safety Check referrals is now being picked up by both operational crews and the Community Fire Safety team.</p> <p>To supplement this work, extra Childsafe and Roadsense school visits have taken place throughout the borough along with a Wasted Lives session at St Christopher's.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	07 January 2020
<b>Time:</b>	06:06
<p>LFRS was called to a persons reported domestic flat fire Eagle St, Accrington. This is a large three-storey building, housing 16 flats.</p> <p>On arrival, fire crews were met by occupants self-evacuating due to a well-developed fire in a flat on the second floor of the property. Large quantities of smoke had already filled the second floor corridor and large flames could be seen within a flat and venting from the roof above. The Incident Commander made pumps six and requested the attendance of an Aerial Ladder Platform to fight the fire located in the roof space. Occupants from eight flats had self-evacuated and the occupants from three other flats were evacuated and led to safety by fire crews. All occupants evacuated from the premises received a precautionary medical assessment by North West Ambulance Service crews and a welfare facility was established for their care at the nearby Tesco.</p> <p>Following evacuation of the property, four fire fighters wearing breathing apparatus made entry and used hose reels to successfully attack the fire, thereby preventing further fire spread. In total, one flat was severely damaged by fire with four adjacent flats damaged by smoke and water.</p> <p>Incident Intelligence Officer and Crime Scene Investigators attended the incident to undertake a detailed investigation and the cause of the fire was recorded as suspicious.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>LANCASTER</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety – Breakfast with Santa</u></b>	
<p>The above event was organised by Community Fire Safety staff and took place at Morecambe Community Fire Station.</p> <p>The aim of the event was to engage with the most underprivileged families. This was achieved by working in partnership with Homestart and Poulton-le-Sands Primary School. 20 families (35 children and 24 adults) were identified and invited to attend.</p> <p>Local supermarkets were contacted with a request to support the event. All responded positively donating selection boxes, breakfast cereals, fruit juice, tea, coffee, bacon and sausage buns.</p> <p>Carnforth Fire Cadets not only raised funds for the event by holding a coffee shop at Carnforth Fire Station, but as part of their Skills for Justice Community Engagement Module, attended the event, assisting with setting up, serving parents with refreshments and attending a fire safety information table and the cooking display unit where they assisted in giving parents/guardians fire safety information and leaflets.</p> <p>The highlight of the event was all children visiting Santa's grotto and receiving a present. Before departing, all adults received a pack containing fire safety information with particular emphasis on keeping safe over the Christmas period.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	27 November 2019
<b>Time:</b>	22:50
<p>Two fire appliances from Carnforth and Bolton-le-Sands were mobilised to an automatic fire alarm. On route the appliance from Bolton-le-Sands attended a new incident which was a traffic accident involving two vehicles, no persons trapped. Police and North West Ambulance Service were requested for precautionary measures for the drivers. LFRS made the scene safe, isolated both vehicles from their electrics and carried out casualty assessment on both drivers. One of the drivers was transferred to hospital by ambulance for a precautionary check.</p>	

**Date:** 17 November 2019

**Time:** 16:18

One fire appliances from Carnforth attended a domestic property with a large swan trapped in a tree. On arrival the property owner was very upset and concerned for the welfare of the swan.

The RSPCA was requested by the Officer in Charge, but due to the distress of the swan and the property owner, the Officer in Charge decided to act and implement a rescue of the swan before it injured itself any further.

The swan was approximately 20 feet up in the tree; the fire crew used the triple extension from the appliance and an animal net to secure the swan before releasing it from the branches and carrying it safely to the ground.

The RSPCA arrived and confirmed that the swan had not suffered any injuries and looked well other than a little bit shocked.

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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>As part of the Fire Kills Campaign, the National Fire Chiefs Council and the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances (AMDEA) have been working in partnership to promote the registration of domestic appliances.</p>	
<p>The purpose of the campaign is to encourage members of the public, who may have purchased electrical appliances or items over the Black Friday/Christmas periods, to register their products with the manufacturer. By doing this, manufacturers are able to contact end users should there be a product recall.</p>	
<p>This year, 24 January has been selected as “Register your Appliance” day. Community Fire Safety staff from Pennine area have supported this initiative by distributing leaflets which encourage the public to register their appliances and advise them how this can be done.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>PRESTON</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety Campaign</u></b>	
<p>The Preston Community Fire Safety Team have been working in partnership with the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Lancashire (Challenge Through Sport Initiative)</li> <li>• Age Concern</li> <li>• Foxtan Centre</li> <li>• Emmaus</li> <li>• Lancashire Volunteer Partnership</li> <li>• Children Family &amp; Wellbeing Service</li> </ul> <p>The Preston Community Fire Safety Team and Operational Crews have continued to support the vulnerable, elderly and homeless people within the Preston District throughout this year's Winter Safety Campaign. Mosaic Data has been used to target specific at risk groups/properties within the Preston District. This data has now been cross-referenced with CFRMIS to identify any properties that are outstanding for a Home Fire Safety Check and has been evenly distributed amongst all operational crews and community fire safety to leaflet and follow up to complete. A full evaluation will be completed at the end of February in order to provide a breakdown of completed visits throughout the campaign.</p>	
<b><u>Safe &amp; Well Visits for Residents in Highrise within Central Area</u></b>	
<p>Following recent information regarding concerns of the insulation on the exterior of Richmond, Carlisle and Lincoln House in Avenham, staff from Preston Community Fire Safety have been working in partnership with Onward Homes to extend a further offer of a home visit for all residents within the three blocks.</p> <p>On 30 January 2020, Preston Community Fire Safety team carried out a number of joint visits with staff from Onward Homes to identified vulnerable residents within the blocks. This work has been identified as an immediate priority and will be extended to include residents within Cubic Apartments in the Town Centre following a site visit with Preston City Council and Fire Safety Enforcement on 17 February 2020.</p>	

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

**Date:** 10 November 2019

**Time:** 06:47

On the morning of 10 November North West Ambulance Service crews alerted the fire service to a 27 year old male casualty who was suffering from severe burns in his home in the Preston district – it appears he had accidentally ignited his fleece via contact from a lit gas hob and had then sat down in a chair. Alcohol was a factor here and the casualty initially refused hospital treatment but this has now changed and he is receiving ongoing treatment.

**Date:** 18 January 2020

**Time:** 18:07

On 18 January, fire crews rescued a 65 year old adult male from a domestic property fire in the Preston district. The fire was caused by a chip pan and the occupant attempted to extinguish the fire using water; which unfortunately resulted in quite severe burn injuries to himself – the casualty is in a quite serious condition and has been moved to Wythenshawe hospital.

This is the second severe casualty we have had within the district within the last few months, both of which have been as a consequence of cookers and (age differed significantly so cooking is the only common factor between the persons involved) – hot strikes and community reassurance work have been conducted in the areas and we will assess whether any further community safety work around cooking with oil is required.

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>RIBBLE VALLEY</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety</u></b>	
<p>The Winter Safety campaign identified “older renters and single renters” as those at risk of having an accidental dwelling fire. Extra Childsafe and Roadsense school visits, focusing on looking after grandparents have taken place throughout the borough plus Roadshows at Pendle Court in Clitheroe, Longridge Civic Centre, Clitheroe United Church, coffee mornings in Read and partnership work with Onward Housing has raised awareness along with an encouraging amount of Home Fire Safety Check referrals which are being delivered in areas not targeted previously such as Chipping and Read.</p>	



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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>ROSSENDALE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Nosy Neighbour</u></b>	
<p>Community Fire Safety and operational crews have been involved in a community campaign during the winter months within Pennine. Short trailers have been shown at a family cinema with 500 seats. We have linked to the Nosey Neighbour campaign as part of the winter safety initiative in LFRS. The focus is part of the social isolation aspect of people living alone over the Christmas period and members of their local community making the extra effort to check in on those individuals who are more vulnerable in many ways.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>SOUTH RIBBLE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Autumn Group</u></b>	
<p>A fire safety talk was delivered to a group in Houghton, South Ribble, called the Autumn Group. The Autumn Group is for those in the 'autumn of their lives', which is an ideal audience for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, as these people are just going into older age and therefore beginning to see the signs of later life, such as reduced mobility, hearing impairment and cognitive impairment. The talk was delivered to approximately 50 people and focused around general fire safety as well as including Winter Safety and the Service's Nosey Neighbour campaign. The talk was very well received and generated 16 high risk Home Fire Safety Check referrals.</p>	
<b><u>Training – New Progress</u></b>	
<p>Throughout December and January, a number of training sessions have been delivered to staff at New Progress Housing. This has included housing officers who deal with higher level housing issues such as hoarding, the call centre staff who answer calls from residents who have Telecare fitted (this can be in both New Progress Sheltered Accommodation, New Progress rented dwellings and owner occupied properties) and the engineers who fit Telecare smoke and heat detectors. New Progress own and manage a large number of properties within Chorley and South Ribble as well as providing Telecare in private homes across the County, therefore they are an essential partner to Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service as they are visiting homes we wish to gain entry to, are providing support to those we are working with and they continue to monitor those who we have had issues with in the past. The relationship we have with them is excellent and training like this only strengthens that relationship.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WEST LANCASHIRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Police Training</u></b>	
<p>Following their attendance at the Prevention Seminar, the Police Early Action Team requested a talk from the Community Fire Safety Team so they could be brought up to speed on the different services LFRS deliver. This was an ideal opportunity to provide a captive audience with the right information. They were provided with information on our targets for Home Fire Safety Checks and how they refer, how to refer a young person for a FIRES (Fire Intervention Response Education Scheme) visit and how to refer someone who has been threatened with arson. The Police were also asked to provide us with feedback and this information, mainly on the FIRES referral, has been fed back to the relevant teams. The quality of referrals being made will be monitored and talks like this will be delivered again as and when changes are made to any of our services or if the need arises.</p>	
<b><u>Edge Hill</u></b>	
<p>The Community Fire Safety Team have attended Edge Hill over the past couple of months for events and meetings. First, they attended the 'Welcome Back Fair'. The fair is a multi-agency event designed to give partners the opportunity to reiterate the information they delivered during fresher's week. Partners, including the Police, reinforced messages about anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol and staying safe on nights out. For LFRS, it was about reinforcing safe cooking, cooking whilst under the influence of drugs and alcohol and safe charging of electrical items. It was also an opportunity to engage with nursing students whose courses only being in January and provide them with fire safety advice as a lot of students are living away from home for the first time.</p>	
<p>Later in January, we attended the Housing Fair where students could speak to landlords and housing providers about second and third year housing opportunities. Community Fire Safety and Fire Safety Enforcement attended together and provided students with advice on things to look out for when viewing properties, including smoke alarms, obvious bad wiring and escape routes. Following this event, Community Fire Safety met with Campus Support Managers and spoke with a student who had set off fireworks outside his Halls of Residence with buildings and trees close by. The talk focused around the consequences of his actions both to himself and his fellow students, but also the impact this could have had on his time at University and his future.</p>	

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<b>SUMMARY REPORT FOR:</b>	<b>WYRE</b>
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)</b>	
<b><u>Winter Safety</u></b>	
<p>Operational staff at Fleetwood Fire Station wished to assist adult males in dealing with isolation and other issues from the local community.</p> <p>A local established group were contacted which is attended by male members of the community, some of whom may have previously suffered with some form of crisis such as bereavement or breakdown of personal relationships that has left them isolated and vulnerable.</p> <p>As a result of the above a weekly group meeting takes place at Fleetwood Community Fire Station which is attended by adult males.</p> <p>This group is facilitated by operational personnel has no fixed agenda and starts with a hot drink.</p> <p>With this group being potentially vulnerable adults, the opportunity to deliver a fire safety talk to the group was carried out, the main emphasis highlighted were cooking safely and keeping warm safely during the winter period.</p> <p>As the group is ongoing, further fire safety advice will be given to new and existing members periodically as they attend which will cover any current campaigns.</p>	

<b>INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	20 January 2020
<b>Time:</b>	18:50
<p>Four appliances, along with a flexi officer and the air support unit were mobilised to a fire involving a large commercial skip.</p> <p>The initial mobilisation was an advertising trailer close to Barton Grange Garden Centre. Only on arrival did crews from Garstang discover it was at another location. Using the motorway bridges and the original caller, it was established that heavy smoke was emitting from a field at Barton Equestrian Centre.</p>	

On arrival at the incident, operational crews from Garstang discovered that a large commercial skip full of combustibles was well alight, with low lying smoke affecting the M6 motorway traffic on both the Northbound and Southbound carriageway.

Due to the location of the incident, water supplies were some distance away, which meant multiple pumping appliances were required to undertake a water relay, in order to extinguish the fire with two jets.

Following a joint meeting with partners (Highways Agency) the discussion centred on leaving the fire to burn itself out, or extinguish. Due to the poor visibility and traffic not adhering to the 30mph speed limit, the decision was made, for safety, to close the M6 motorway in both directions. This caused a major disruption on surrounding trunk roads including the A6, but gave operational crews the opportunity to deal with the incident without concern of their actions contributing to a major collision on the M6.

**Date:** 20 December 2019

**Time:** 14:23

Three appliances along with a flexi officer were mobilised to a persons reported fire at a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) in Fleetwood.

On arrival, operational crews were met by a building resident who stated there was a fire in flat 2 and he was unsure if the occupant was in the flat. The resident had bravely kicked the flat door to attempt a search and rescue himself, but was beaten back by thick acrid smoke making breathing conditions untenable.

A breathing apparatus team entered the flat for firefighting and search and rescue. Luckily the flat resident was not in the property. The fire however, was located as issuing from a meter cupboard underneath the staircase involving a consumer unit. The electrics were quickly disconnected and the fire was dealt with. Electricity Northwest attended making the building safe through the removal of the main fuse.

Damage to the property was severe to under stairs meter cupboard as well as moderate damage throughout the other affected floors due to the smoke travel.

It was noted that the block of flats had inadequate fire safety measures in place. However there were several areas of deficiency, including faulty fire alarm, covered detector heads, inadequate fire doors and inadequate fire safety signage. These issues are now being dealt with through the Protection Department at Fleetwood Fire Station with significant improvements being made.

As a result of the fire and, on handover of information to the responsible person, no person(s) were allowed to stay/sleep on the premises, with all residents being relocated to an alternative safer location.