

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY
Meeting to be held on Monday, 14 September 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: JUNE 2020 – AUGUST 2020

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Home Fire Safety Checks</u>	
<p>During the period and in line with COVID guidelines, community safety engagement has been greatly reduced, however fire safety advice has been maintained via telephone consultation and plans put in place for re-visits to be conducted when normal business returns. Supplementing the Home Fire Safety Check work, the community safety team has been engaged with Lancashire Resilience Forum by conducting surveys and providing additional safety information to the most vulnerable residents of the borough who had not been contacted by Local Authority teams.</p> <p>Zoom and Teams meetings with partners have increased along with the use of social media platforms, which have also enabled us to increase the awareness of cooking, water and wildfire safely.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	21 August 2020
Time:	03:16
<p>An automatic fire alarm was received to a large mill in Blackburn. Initially, a one pump pre-determined attendance (PDA) was mobilised to the premises. On arrival, the Officer in Charge was met by a developing fire involving a machine, he therefore requested a further three appliances to attend. The fire was extinguished and North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) was requested to treat two employees for smoke inhalation as they had attempted to extinguish the fire. After the fire was extinguished, it was noted that several issues had been identified regarding the fire safety compliance of the property and a Significant Incident Fire Safety (SIFS) incident was declared.</p> <p>The issues included blocked fire escapes, fire exits that were unable to be opened, machines that had been tampered with so that they could not be isolated and made safe. The fire alarm had not been activated until ten minutes after the initial ignition causing a delay in fire service attendance and finally general bad housekeeping around the mill.</p> <p>The SIFS investigation involved specialist skills from different departments of LFRS including Incident Intelligence Officers and fire safety enforcement officers and also external partnership working with the Health and Safety Executive. On conclusion of the SIFS investigation, the paper mill will have remedial work to complete; this will create a safer working environment for the employees and also reduce the risk of another significant incident at this premises in turn reducing the impact to both LFRS and the local economy.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

BLACKPOOL

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Cadets

With the current Covid 19 situation, the Fire Cadets are receiving weekly virtual phone calls where we are completing games and revision sessions in relation to the work they have completed to date within the Fire Cadet Scheme. They are able to keep their skills up to date and through one to one calls completed by different staff members the Cadets can keep up their familiarisation with staff, in preparation for returning to face to face sessions. Alongside this, the Fire Cadets have completed their Skills for Justice workbooks online and the majority have returned them as complete which will give them the full Skills for Justice Level 2 certificate or the award (year 1 of the award).

The Cadets have participated in the 999 Challenge which was led by the UK National Fire Cadets whereby the Cadets completed a physical challenge over approximately six weeks and all monies raised were donated to the Firefighters Charity.

Before the Fire Cadet scheme was postponed, we had 21 Cadets on the scheme and we envisage having approximately 16 return. These will be split as Year 2 and Year 3 Fire Cadets.

Partnerships

During the Covid-19 period, the core duties of the community safety team have been adapted to manage the ever changing risk associated with the pandemic.

The team have used this time to focus on collaboration with local partners and organisations such as Blackpool Adult Services to highlight the Home Fire Safety Check Service incorporating the Safe and Well aspect.

The team have also forged partnerships with Turning Tides - a project that will be based out of Claremont Digital Library - in partnership with Claremont Park Community Centre, offering Claremont residents the use of a data ready tablet for up to six months to support them with isolation and improving digital and social networks. A timetable of online sessions for the residents to log into will be arranged, with Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service contributing an electronic educational fire safety session.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 17 July 2020

Time: 03:19

A 10 pump fire involving a Blackpool historic pier. The fire originated in the maintenance workshop on the south side of the pier prior to breaking through and rapidly engulfing a workshop and the 'Waltzer' fairground ride.

Date: 12 August 2020

Time: 23:20

Fault in manifold which connected 6 x 4600 litre high pressure propane tanks serving large holiday park. The holiday park was fully booked at the time with guests. The area was evacuated until it could be made safe. LFRS entered secure compound and isolated supply via turning valves on each tank.

Date: 28 July 2020

Time: 21:06

Fire on self-service checkout, as part of the Covid response process, the conveyer belts are sprayed with disinfectant. This had run inside the unit and entered the electrics causing a fire within the unit, severe fire damage to electrics internal of the unit and small quantity of till rolls.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BURNLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Casualty Reduction</u>	
<p>Burnley and Pendle Districts have proactively supported a major operation launched in Lancashire to target speeding on the county's road network. Locally, the main road at the boundary of Burnley and Brierfield has been classified as one of the top ten most dangerous roads in Lancashire. (Manchester Road/Colne Road).</p> <p>The majority of people within the county are staying at home and, if they need to go out, appear to be continuing to adhere to the speed limits – but with less traffic currently on the roads we have unfortunately seen an increase in a minority of vehicles travelling above the speed limit in the last few weeks.</p> <p>The aim is to focus on education to road users rather than enforcement by targeting the main causes of road traffic collisions – speed, driver impairment through drink or drugs, use of mobile phones, dangerous and careless driving.</p> <p>Key messages being delivered include “Road safety is always a priority in Lancashire and can have devastating consequences. Sadly, we have seen an increase in some people driving at excessive speeds potentially putting themselves and others at risk. No matter how quiet the roads are the speed limits still apply”.</p> <p>“In this unprecedented health emergency, keeping the pressure off our emergency services is so important whilst they keep the public safe and well”.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	29 May 2020
Time:	00:14
<p>On the afternoon of Thursday, 28 May 2020, staff working within the warehouse started to smell smoke. On investigation they had noticed shredded carpet and rubber, smouldering at the rear of the granulator machine. Although the smouldering carpet at the rear of the granulator was removed, the main housing on top of the conveyor wasn't checked before staff left at 18:00.</p> <p>At 00:14hrs on 29 May, LFRS were called to a building fire in the vicinity of Phoenix Way Burnley. Upon arrival initial crews were presented with a fully developed fire with large quantities of smoke.</p>	

The Watch Manager increased the pumping appliances to eight, plus an aerial ladder platform and the Stinger appliance. Operation Merlin was declared early due to the roof and sides consisting of asbestos. As the incident developed, another aerial ladder platform, along with the high volume pump were requested to help contain the fire.

Firefighting operations were hampered by solar panels fixed to the roof of the building, which had reduced the water application into the fire.

By 05:47, the fire was surrounded and resources reduced accordingly.

Damage was severe by fire to approximately 100sqm of roof and carpet piles within warehouse. Severe by smoke to approximately 200sqm of warehouse.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	CHORLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Vulnerable Persons Visits</u>	
<p>The community safety team has been working with Chorley Council to contact those people who were deemed as vulnerable and were shielding for 12 weeks. The visits involved door knocking those people the Council couldn't make contact with over the telephone in order to offer them support with shopping, collection of prescriptions and offering food parcels. A total of 261 visits took place which resulted in 38 home fire safety checks.</p>	
<p>The lists came from partners including the Council, NHS and Department for Work and Pensions and were such a good source of referrals for home fire safety checks that the partnership has continued.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	FYLDE
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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Vulnerable Persons Visits

During the Covid-19 period the Community safety team has carried out 97 vulnerable persons' visits on behalf of Fylde Borough Council. These visits are to those occupants that have been identified as being on the shielding list and that the council had not had any contact with. The Community Safety team members checked the welfare of the occupants and supported them if any assistance was required.

Due to the positive working relationship between the Community Safety team and Fylde Council this has resulted in a positive working relationship with shared knowledge and the offer of training that will be delivered by the Community Safety Team in relation to the Home Fire Safety Check Service, incorporating the Safe and Well service.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 04 July 2020

Time: 22:23

Three fire engines from Wesham, Lytham and South Shore attended a road traffic collision involving one car that had collided with a pedestrian on Station Road in Kirkham. Firefighters used cutting and stabilising equipment to extricate three casualties from the vehicle. Five casualties were treated by ambulance crews. One person tragically died.

Date: 01 June 2020

Time: 18:43

On the evening of 1 June a fire engine was called to reports of a bin on fire on the promenade in St Anne's. On arrival the bin was well alight and the fire service used a hose reel to extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire was a disposable BBQ placed in the bin whilst the embers were still hot. Although this may only seem like a small incident it was in fact one of a number of similar incidents along the promenade over a number of days, where the cause of the incident was related to disposable BBQ's being used on the beach. St Anne's saw high numbers of visitors due to the relaxation of lockdown measures and the warm weather and it may only have been a matter of time until the use of a disposable BBQ could have caused a more significant incident, possibly involving the dunes. With this in mind Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service crews from St Anne's spent several days working in co-operation with Fylde Community Safety Partnership patrolling the beach giving advice to members of the public advising them that the use of BBQ's on the beach was banned. This advice was well received and since that time we have had no more incidents involving the use of BBQ's on the beach.

Date: 22 July 2020
Time: 10:11

Two fire engines were mobilised to a report of a crash involving 1 motorbike which had struck a brick wall on a well-used local road. The fire engines were initially mobilised to make the scene safe but on arrival it became apparent that the rider was suffering from serious injuries to his chest and legs. One of the fire crews assisted the paramedics on scene with the casualty by providing trauma care whilst the other fire crew isolated the fuel on the bike as a precaution. The rider was taken to hospital by North West Ambulance Service where he could receive definitive care. Following a discussion with the police on scene Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) removed the bike to a place of safety. During this discussion the crews were made aware of a very recent change of policy by the police whereby they are now to treat any road traffic collision the same as a murder scene until it is discounted. This information was then passed onto LFRS's national lead for road safety who was able to confirm the change of procedure for the police and pass this new information and its impact on LFRS onto operational crews who may be first in attendance to future road traffic collisions.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	HYNDBURN
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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Home Fire Safety Checks

During the period and in line with COVID guidelines community safety engagement has been greatly reduced however fire safety advice has been maintained via telephone consultation and plans put in place for revisits to be conducted when normal business return. Supplementing the Home Fire Safety Check work the Community Safety team has been engaged with Lancashire Resilience Forum by conducting surveys and providing additional safety information to the most vulnerable residents of the borough who had not been contacted by Local Authority teams.

Zoom and Teams meetings with partners have increased along with the use of social media platforms which have also enabled us to increase the awareness of cooking, water and wildfire safety.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 22 August 2020

Time: 14:11

The Building fire was situated in the middle of Healy Wood, Burnley proving access to be very difficult indeed. On the first attending appliance the crew manager assisted the oncoming fire appliances using the 'What 3 Word' app which proved to be very effective. Once the fire had been initially suppressed using a hose reel, water supplies became an issue so the fire crews had to physically carry a light portable pump with hoses and branches about a quarter of a mile. The lay of the land was extremely difficult and the crews worked tremendously hard delivering the pump to a nearby well. After a few minutes pumping the well became dry and the crews then had to run out hoses to scene from a hydrant over a quarter of a mile away. Credit must go entirely to the firefighters for their efforts as most of them when crossing a field they were confronted by a very large and aggressive ram who was not to happy that they were in his field. All the hard work payed off as the fire soon came under control. Credit must go to L90P2/L94P1/L70P1 for all their hard work in what turned out to be a very difficult incident.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	LANCASTER
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Dementia Awareness</u></p> <p>Community Fire Safety was contacted by The Neuro Drop In Centre, regarding a course being run for people with neurological conditions. The course was run over a six week period and was attended by 24 people, who had various forms of early onset of debilitating conditions such as Parkinson’s Disease, Alzheimer’s or Dementia.</p> <p>The venue was attended by a Community Safety Advisor who gave a presentation on fire safety in the home and what additional resources are available to aid safety. The opportunity was taken to promote The Guardian Angel which may prove to be valuable for the people suffering with Alzheimer’s or Dementia. A total of ten referrals for Home Fire Safety Visits were received for this potentially vulnerable high risk group.</p> <p><u>Vulnerable People</u></p> <p>As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, LFRS has worked closely with the Local Authority carrying out Vulnerable Person visits. A set of questions were asked to determine if this group of people had any welfare, health, and domestic issues which could be addressed. Feedback was provided back to the Local Authority Hubs.</p> <p>During this period a total of 341 vulnerable people have been contacted by Community Safety Advisors.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	PENDLE
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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Wildfires

After spike in significant wildfires within Nelson area during 2020 the crews and prevention staff from Nelson proactively carried out prevention and education activities including posting in prominent locations laminated leaflets informing of preventative measures and the dangers of wildfires. They also attended the local allotments as the service received several calls regarding allotment holders burning garden waste on their plots and causing a smoky atmosphere.

Our advice to residents and visitors is when outdoors especially during the pandemic that they take great care to prevent fires, particularly as heat-waves occur. “Our key message is to take extra care and be extra vigilant when outdoors. Disposable BBQs, discarded cigarettes and even rubbish left on the ground can all start a fire and should be avoided or used in designated areas.”

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 06 July 2020

Time: 16:24

Two appliances from Nelson were mobilised along with rope rescue teams from St Anne’s and Chorley to a female teenager aged 13 years old holding on to a tree in a precarious position with a 20 foot ravine below her. Operational discretion was utilised due to the time critical nature of this incident. Crews using a general purpose line lowered a firefighter down the slope and brought the teenager up to safety. No injuries were reported.

Date: 23 July 2020

Time: 15:30

An appliance from Nelson was sent to a large fuel leak on a main carriageway in Nelson. Operation Merlin was declared to notify partners of the impact of this incident. Crews used their ‘grab pack’ and contained hundreds of litres of diesel, whilst a hazmat officer liaised with the Environment Agency about the fuel that had escaped to drains.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	PRESTON
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Vulnerable Persons Visits</u>	
<p>Preston's Community Safety Team has been working with Preston City Council to contact those people who were deemed as vulnerable and were shielding for 12 weeks. The vulnerable visits involved door knocking those people who the Council couldn't make contact with over the phone, in order to offer them support with shopping, collection of prescriptions and offering food parcels and signposting for additional help. Through this initiative, LFRS was also able to complete a large number of home fire safety checks for the vulnerable occupiers.</p> <p>The lists came from partners including Preston City Council, NHS and Department for Work and Pensions. Due to the risk associated with the majority of the received referrals, LFRS has been in contact with each of the referring agencies in order to set up referral streams for the completion of further Home Fire Safety Checks. Referrals from agencies will be monitored and further training and support will be offered if necessary.</p>	
<u>Virtual Visit My Mosque – 19-21 June 2020</u>	
<p>#VisitMyMosqueDay is a national campaign facilitated by the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) supporting 250+ mosques across the UK to hold open days.</p> <p>This year, despite the lockdown, #VisitMyMosque went virtual on the internet with a series of live virtual tours as part of the #GreatGetTogether weekend, 19th-21st June 2020. (Faz Patel from Preston Community Fire Safety is the Northern Lead for Visit my Mosque Campaign) https://www.visitmymosque.org/about/</p> <p>This initiative was supported by over 250 people and also enabled staff from LFRS to learn about Ramadan, Mosques supporting local communities during COVID19, community cohesion, building partnership working within Preston and engagement with Muslim communities. Further information and learning was shared with how mosques can support LFRS in giving key fire safety messages within the Muslim community to cover topics such as cooking safety, electrical safety, road safety and the offer of a Home Fire Safety Check within the home. This work will continue and Preston CFS Department will share all relevant safety information through the local links which have now been established.</p>	
<u>Fire Cadets 999 Campaign</u>	
<p>During COVID-19, the Preston Fire Cadets were unable to engage with activities in the classroom/drill yard. The 999 challenge was set up to keep the Cadets engaged with the programme and to engage with the community via social media. All areas created their own ideas for the challenge and Preston adapted it to not only raise money for the Fire</p>	

Fighters Charity, but to deliver key fire safety messages. Our challenge was 9 fire safety messages, 9 hose run, 9 days.

There were 9 Cadets involved in the challenge. Each Cadet had their own fire safety message to deliver and they each carried out 9 hose runs over 9 days. Fire safety messages included the importance of having a working smoke alarm along with the provision of smoke alarms for the hard of hearing, wildfire incidents, water safety, road safety, candle safety, supporting people with dementia, cooking safety, smoking and sleeping over with friends.

All Cadets and their families were eager to get involved in the challenge and share the key messages. Through this initiative, the cadets were also able to raise money for the charity and it was a massive success due to the hard work by all the Fire Cadets and the support from Kelly McHugh (Preston CSA) who was able to produce the video clips in sign language for all to enjoy. Clips are available for viewing on LFRS Facebook page and on Youtube – 999 Challenge Preston Fire Cadets.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	RIBBLE VALLEY
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Home Fire Safety Checks</u>	
<p>During the period and in line with COVID guidelines community safety engagement has been greatly reduced however fire safety advice has been maintained via telephone consultation and plans put in place for revisits to be conducted when normal business return. Supplementing the Home Fire Safety Check work the Community Safety team has been engaged with Lancashire Resilience Forum by conducting surveys and providing additional safety information to the most vulnerable residents of the borough who had not been contacted by Local Authority teams.</p> <p>Zoom and Teams meetings with partners have increased along with the use of social media platforms which have also enabled us to increase the awareness of cooking, water and wild fire safely.</p> <p>Following the recent large wildfire incident on Longridge Fell, initial scoping out of future wildfire prevention measures on the fell has taken place with a joint meeting with all partners and landowners who have the responsibility to manage the fell.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	13 August 2020
Time:	02:09
<p>A member of the public had fallen from a railway bridge onto an embankment causing serious lower leg injuries and they were unable to move. A fire appliance from Clitheroe attended and completed an initial assessment/preparation of the scene. Due to the restricted / difficult access in the vicinity the casualty was rescued from the railway line using the skills of the Rope Rescue Team from Bamber Bridge (USAR). Additional support was provided and crews liaised with NWS HART team / paramedics, British Transport Police, and the Rail Incident Officer who were all involved in the stabilisation and extrication of the casualty from the scene. Excellent joint Emergency Services Interoperability principles applied and multi-agency response / co-ordination enabled a successful outcome to the incident.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR: ROSSENDALE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Lockdown Safety in the Home

Documents were circulated in Rossendale District with relevance to a trending spike in incidents around the county. The theme in particular was home safety in response to incidents caused by using various forms of equipment both inside and outside the home over the lock-down period (chip-pans, irons, candles, DIY tools etc.) These were carried out in an attempt to lower A&E admissions due to accidents in the home and reduce incidents of fire in the home. The bespoke literature was distributed to all properties within the Safe & Well packs. This was as part of a Home Fire Safety Check in Rossendale during the initial lockdown period.

All homes which required fire detection and other prevention equipment received the Service.

NHS

**AVOID INJURY
WHILST IN SELF ISOLATION**

Burning Rubbish Chip-pan Fires Kettle Scalds Iron Burns Hob / oven

Cooking injuries Hot food + drinks DIY injuries Steam inhalation

Electrical injuries Circular Saws Drink Responsibly Hair Straighteners Hot water bottles

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ALLOW YOUR HOSPITAL TO BEAT COVID-19

BE SAFE AT HOME
STAY SAFE AT HOME

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BAPRAS
British Association of Plastic Surgeons

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

BSSH
The British Society for Surgery of the Hand

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	SOUTH RIBBLE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>One Front Door</u>	
<p>Following on from the success of the Vulnerable Persons visits that LFRS was involved in carrying out, South Ribble Council, along with partners from organisations including the Police, Citizens Advice Bureau, Department for Work and Pensions and various local charities and groups, have set up a new initiative called 'One Front Door'.</p>	
<p>This is an initiative whereby anyone who is working with someone who requires additional help can refer into the group and each selected partner will carry out this support. For example, on a home fire safety check someone might ask us to signpost them to someone for debt advice, fixing a leaky tap and concerns about local young people congregating near their house. This would then be picked up by Citizens Advice Bureau, Preston Care and Repair and the Police respectively.</p>	
<p>This is a way of continuing to support the vulnerable members of South Ribble and enable LFRS to carry out Home Fire Safety Checks to those who are deemed most at risk from fire.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WEST LANCASHIRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<u>Dying for a Dip</u>	
<p>Due to the warm weather, there has been an influx of people attending Dawber Delph Quarry in Appley Bridge. Normally during this time the Community Safety Teams would visit local schools to deliver the 'Dying for a Dip' campaign around the dangers of open water swimming, however, due to Lockdown this proved impossible. It was more important than ever to get the message out during Lockdown due to the amount of free time people had.</p> <p>Before schools officially closed, the Dying for a Dip package was sent out to schools and teachers sent this out either as a lesson (the closest to how it should have been delivered), as the salient points or as a 'thought of the day' on a Friday when the weather was forecast to be sunny over the weekend. A minimum of 2383 students and teachers received the package.</p> <p>The package was also shared with colleagues in Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service as a large proportion of people who were visiting were from Kirkby. The Police launched a social media campaign and gave out our safety leaflets to anyone in attendance.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)	
Date:	06 August 2020
Time:	20:33
<p>Four appliances were called to reports of a fire at a commercial premises on Yewdale in Skelmersdale. Crews from Skelmersdale and Wigan attended and on arrival found a fire involving a small amount of refuse inside the property. Firefighters used a triple extension ladder and a hose reel to extinguish the fire and were in attendance approximately thirty minutes.</p>	
Date:	03 August 2020
Time:	20:05
<p>Two fire crews from Chorley were called to reports of a fire at a house on Eaves Lane, Chorley. The fire involved the kitchen of the property however was out on arrival of firefighters. Two firefighters wore breathing apparatus and used a ventilation unit to clear the property of smoke and ensure the scene was safe. There was one casualty at the incident believed to have been suffering from the effects of smoke inhalation. They attended hospital for a precautionary check. Crews were in attendance approximately two hours.</p>	

Date: 10 August 2020
Time: 19:32

Four fire engines from Skelmersdale and Ormskirk were called to a derelict building fire on Westgate, Skelmersdale. Firefighters used two breathing apparatus, one hose reel and one ventilation unit to extinguish the fire. No injuries were reported and the fire is under investigation.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	WYRE
LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)	
<p><u>Sendsafe</u></p> <p>Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service was contacted by the manager of a purpose built centre in Fleetwood, which offers respite care through Social Services.</p> <p>The centre caters for young adults aged 18+ who currently live with carers or family within the district of Fylde and Wyre. The attendees are people who have learning disabilities in various forms.</p> <p>It is recognised that children, young people and adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are a particularly important group to Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service as they, by definition, can be considered as more ‘at risk’ and vulnerable to the dangers fire can pose.</p> <p>After consultation with The Centre Manager and a Community Safety Advisor (CSA), it was decided to deliver five units from the SEND Toolkit; these were delivered by Sendsafe aware CSA’s and operational firefighters. Topics covered were smoke alarms, causes of fire, crawling low in smoke, escape plans, and get out stay out call the fire service out.</p> <p>The afternoon’s activities culminated in the Operational Firefighters explaining about their kit, how and why this is worn to keep themselves safe from fire and smoke and exploring the fire appliance looking at various equipment and finding out what it is used for.</p> <p><u>Vulnerable Persons Visits</u></p> <p>As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, LFRS has worked closely with the Local Authority carrying out Vulnerable Person visits. A set of questions were asked to determine if this group of people had any welfare, health, and domestic issues which could be addressed. Feedback was provided back to the Local Authority Hubs so that issues identified could be addressed. During this period a total of 157 vulnerable people have been contacted by Community Safety Advisors.</p>	

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Date: 23 July 2020

Time: 17:00

Four appliances, one aerial ladder platform and two station managers attended a chimney fire at premises in Churchtown, near Garstang.

The property is a 17th / 18th century building in six acres of land that has recently become unoccupied. The property has fallen into disrepair, particularly the roof and electrics, and it would appear the property is available for sale.

This fire was contained to the chimney breast in the three-story building. The fire was extinguished using a hose reel and nimbus nozzle from both an aerial ladder platform and also chimney rods from basement and first floor.

The incident has been referred to the Technical Fire Safety team to identify suitable post incident actions.

Date: 26 July 2020

Time: 03:45

Five appliances and two Station Managers attended a fire which spread to five caravans at a business premises on Garstang bypass.

This incident involved two caravans initially, on the forecourt of a caravan sales area. The caravans were located next to the gas compound housing several cylinders which crews effectively protected and prevented from becoming involved.

Several other caravans were affected by the heat of the fire, a number of main jets and breathing apparatus wearers were used to extinguish the fire.

Fire investigation officers visited the incident and determined the cause to be accidental (fault in an electric dehumidifier). The fire was captured by CCTV footage prior to the cameras/cables melting as a result of the fire.

The incident was referred to Technical and Community Fire Safety teams which have subsequently provided advice around clearance between Caravans to improve business safety.

Date: 6 July 2020
Time: 13:02

One appliance attended an incident involving a person who had fallen from height.

One male fell from a ladder whilst climbing into an access platform. He had fallen approximately 30 feet onto the concrete footings of an underground structure.

The incident required a multi-agency approach involving North West Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance and the Fire Service to extricate the casualty and provide treatment.

The casualty was carried out of the footings in which they were confined and onto a longboard via an existing walkway.

The casualty was flown to a major trauma centre with head, back and pelvic injuries.

Date: 26 June 2020
Time: 01:08

The incident involved a fire in a kitchen which had ignited as a result of the occupant falling asleep after putting food on the hob to cook.

On arrival at the incident the crews were met with billowing smoke from the rear of the property, where they identified that the occupant was asleep on a chair in the rear of the property.

Four firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were committed into the property to extinguish the fire and to rescue the individual who received a precautionary check at the incident.

The incident has subsequently been referred to the Community Fire Safety team for suitable follow up actions

Date: 21 July 2020
Time: 08:33

The incident involved a cow that was trapped in water and required rescuing from the bank of the river.

The incident involved preparatory work to make the banking suitable for a rescue and with three Swift Water Rescue Technicians committed to the banking / water with equipment to lift the cow from its entrapment and manoeuvre to safety, supported by the farmer, the cow was effectively released and returned to the safety of its field.