

### BrightSparx 2020









# **Strategic Objectives**

- Maximise public and responder safety
- Target resources at areas of greatest risk and demographic groups most at risk based on data and incident intelligence
- Increase target audience awareness of Bonfire and Firework Safety
- Ensure legal compliance regarding safe storage and sale of fireworks
- Identify and work closely with appropriate partners
- Reassure members of the public who may be concerned over this period that LFRS is pro-active in managing the risks associated with Firework and Bonfire related activity, whilst also recognising that to many the period is one of celebration



# Media Campaign

- Viewed as being more essential than ever due to limited opportunity for face to face engagement / education
- Challenging work finding 'airtime' in the midst of a pandemic
- Maximised opportunity generated by Covid to work with LRF partners
- Data led with clear target groups and calls to action
  - Accidental fires families
  - Illegal firework purchase young people, young adults and parents
  - Anti-Social Behaviour young people (mainly males)
  - Breaking Covid Rules all age groups
- Co-ordinated approach across multiple platforms including website, Council Digital Screens, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram
- Starting on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct wuth National Burns Awareness Day
- Included Halloween (sparkler and costume hazards)
- Included Diwali & work with a Social Media Influencer
- Virtual Bonfire Night YouTube event Diversionary tactics



# **Prevention & Education**

- Service wide strategy backed up by local, District level, tactics
- Virtual Library refreshed with current and relevant material aligned to target groups and ongoing Covid compliance campaign
  - Allows local staff to grab corporate material and use locally
  - Used by Fire Cadets and Princes Trust to assist Youth Engagement
- Environmental Visual Audits (EVAs) by Crews linked to waste (fuel) removal work with District Council Street Clean & Cleansing Teams
- Local engagement where Covid rules allowed and by using innovative and reaching method e.g.
  - CSA Faz Patel on Pendle Radio
  - Brightsparx education looping video played in entrances to Schools / Mosques
- Brightsparx Education packages for Key Stage 2 and 3
  - Moved to a digital delivery platform (MS Teams)
  - Booked using Eventbrite
  - Promoted via LRF Education Group and Social Media



### Protection

- Service wide strategy backed up by local, District level, tactics
- List of Firework storage and retail sites from Trading Standards, updated regularly as this changes throughout the period
- Risk Information added to Fire Appliance Mobile Data Terminals
- Protection Fire Safety Inspectors undertook targeted audits of premises presenting greatest risk i.e. those with;
  - history of poor fire safety compliance
  - A sleeping risk above
  - evidence of non-compliance shared by Trading Standards



### Response

- Well rehearsed annual plan in conjunction with LanCon and NWAS
- Multiagency cars in each Area deployed based on historical data and current intelligence over 4 nights predicted to have highest activity
- Command Support Room staffed at LFRS SHQ
- Multi-agency co-ordination at Greenbank Police Station
- LFRS Managers co-located in NW Fire Control
- Deployed to small fires in lieu of appliances to triage response and maintain fire appliance availability for genuine emergencies
- In total the vehicles responded to 67 incidents:
  - Eastern and Pennine 55
  - Southern 6
  - Central 5
  - Northern 1



# **Debrief & Analysis**

- Essential to maintain effectiveness
- Used to inform following years plan
- Objective Data (form Corporate Intelligence Team, SHE and Comms)
- Subjective feedback (from staff who contributed)
- Output data contributes to normal performance reporting cycle
- Meets an improvement area cited by HMICFRS
- Each Sub-Group undertook its own debrief
- Overall debrief operated in College of Policing Style
- Improvement areas and good practice identified and reported to Prevention & Protection Task Group
- Improvement items stored ready in Campaign folder ready for 2021..
- Learning will feed into Covid Innovation e.g. Digital Schools Delivery



# Performance Outcomes

- Overall, the 230 media articles reached 9.23 million people and had 83% positive sentiment.
- Advertising value equivalent of £132,000.
- The virtual Bonfire Night hosted live on the Service's Facebook and YouTube page
  - reached over 270,000 people from the UK and abroad.
  - Almost 4000 comments and messages were received from people thanking everyone involved and saying how much they enjoyed it.
  - Over £1800 was raised for the FF Charity.
- Digital School Education Sessions
  - KS2 52 schools (12 sessions) 4,390 pupils
  - KS3 18 schools (26 sessions) 6,425 pupils
  - Total 70 schools (38 sessions) 10,815 pupils
  - 50% of schools provided feedback 90% of respondents grading the sessions as good or outstanding



### **Performance Outcomes**

#### • Lowest number of ASB fires in five years

ASB FIRES DURING BRIGHT SPARX PERIOD							
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21		
	365	290	259	217	192		

• Increase in accidental secondary fires (no damage to property)

SECONDARY FIRES WITH AN ACCIDENTAL CAUSE							
20	16/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21		
	143	139	142	120	179		

#### • Casualties (incidents LFRS attended) remain at low levels

PRIMARY FIRES AND CASUALTIES						
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Injuries	0	2	0	2	1	5

#### • Attacks on Firefighters

ATTACKS ON FIREFIGHTERS						
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Injuries	2	8	6	3	4	23



# Questions?