

LANCASHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 2017 – MARCH 2017

SUMMARY REPORT FOR:	BLACKBURN-WITH-DARWEN
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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia and Wildfires

Within the Service, we quite often come across people who are living with dementia and we provide support and offer assistance wherever possible. This has led to us attending Dementia Alliance meetings and completing training in Dementia Friends/Champions sessions. We have now started to be involved in the Dementia Buddies Scheme, which has provided us with devices which will be distributed at Safe and Well Visits. This will be enhanced by training to all CFS staff and crews who will be able to request a device and also what to do if somebody is found if they have a device on themselves.

During March, prevention work began on reducing the amount of “wildfires” occurring on the West Pennine Moors. The first phase involved operational crews and Community Fire Safety staff putting up prevention posters on all routes, footpaths and bridleways on Darwen Moor, Pickup Bank and Tockholes.

Fire Cadets

Fire Cadets from Darwen were supported by Operational Crews and Community Safety Staff at this year’s Firefighter Charity Carwash at Darwen Fire Station.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: House Fire – Persons Reported
Date: 01 March 2017
Time of Call: 19:10

On arrival at the above incident on Buncer Lane, the entire roof and first floor was well alight and it was believed that somebody may be inside the property. Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus forced entry and searched the whole property for missing persons. No one was found inside the building and the owner was located.

The Water Tower was used as a first strike on the roof and, without doubt, this prevented the fire spreading to the attached property. Firefighters used jets and hose-reels to extinguish the fire, thermal imaging cameras to locate hotspots and ventilation fans to remove the smoke. It is to be noted that due to the quick setup of the Rosenbauer Water Tower and the fact that it carried 1500 litres of water, the neighbouring property was saved.

Buncer Lane was closed to traffic and Firefighters were on scene for approximately four hours. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Incident: House Fire – Grade II Listed Building

Date: 15 March 2017

Time of Call: 22:39

LFRS attended a severe fire at Alston Hall in Longridge, a Grade 2 listed building, which caused severe damage to the whole property. The fire was attended by 10 fire appliances and two aerial ladder platforms. The incident was not brought to a close until the morning of 17 March 2017.

The property was previously an educational establishment, but more recently converted to a private dwelling. This incident is still the subject of an on-going investigation into the cause of the fire; therefore the information available at this time is limited to the above.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:**BLACKPOOL****LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)****Looked After Children**

On Wednesday, 15 March, Community Safety Advisors in Blackpool hosted an event at Blackpool Central Library for foster carers, social workers and other professionals employed by Blackpool Council. At least 30 foster carers attended the event where we delivered a presentation to not only emphasise home fire safety but to also highlight the dangers of young children becoming engaged in fire play and anti-social behaviour. In recent months we have experienced an increase in FIRES referrals (Fire Intervention Response Education Scheme) in relation to young people who are currently living with foster carers and are at risk due to deliberate fire setting.

A positive action from this training is that as social workers visit properties to complete risk assessments, for potential foster carers and subsequent placements, they can use their recently acquired knowledge to determine fire safety in the homes they visit. They can ensure that the installation of a working smoke detector is clearly stated on their risk assessments prior to approving the foster carers' property. They can also stress the importance of home fire safety visits and escape plans. Foster carers themselves should also have an increased knowledge and be increasingly aware of signs of fire play within their charges and be able to act and refer effectively.

Positive Action

The South Shore area of Blackpool has recently experienced a spike in deliberate fires, particularly around the Branstree Park area. Information from local residents suggested that local youths may be responsible for some of these incidents. To this purpose, Community Safety Advisors from South Shore and Blackpool Fire Stations have delivered an intervention package, delivering fire safety advice to young people from the area.

Community Advisors worked closely with the headmaster and teachers from the Oracle pupil referral unit to tailor a bespoke package for this cohort of young people. The Advisors then visited the Oracle on a number of occasions and worked with the young people to highlight the dangers and associated risks of engaging in deliberate fire setting and anti-social behaviour. A total of five sessions were delivered at the unit and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 19 March 2017
Time of Call: 09:50

On Sunday 19th March at approximately 09:50 two fire crews from Blackpool Fire Station were called to an incident in the central area of Blackpool. It was neighbours who had been alerted to the incident by the sound of smoke detectors and the smell of smoke and called the emergency services. The occupier was not at home at the time of the initial 999 call, however they did return to the property just as the operational crews arrived.

As fire crews entered the building they were faced with a heavily smoke logged property; the fire having originated on the first floor in the bathroom. Firefighters used breathing apparatus and a hose reel to extinguish the fire and a ventilation fan was then used to clear the toxic smoke from the property. Damage sustained was severe by fire to the bathroom, severe by smoke to the first floor and moderate by smoke to the ground floor. Unfortunately, due to the severity of the fire, the occupier now requires alternative accommodation and it may be some time before they are able to return to their home.

The fire had started in the bathroom, where a tea light had been left unattended and burning on the side of the fibreglass bath. This is the second incident in recent months in relation to candle fires, prompting Community Fire Safety Advisors to be increasingly vigilant during Home Fire Safety Visits to occupiers' use of candles and to advise occupiers of the dangers presented by both candles and tea-lights. Candles are increasing in popularity and we would like to highlight that the flame from a candle, if placed too close, can quickly ignite a nearby curtain or clothing. Candles and tea-lights should always be placed in appropriate candleholders or heat resistant saucers and should never be placed directly onto a surface.

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

Community Cohesion and Promoting Fire Safety in the BME Community

Community Safety staff have been attending various Mosques on Friday afternoons, targeting the older members of the community. This has been made possible by establishing a close working relationship with Imams from across the District. The objectives of these visits has been to engage with diverse members of our community to highlight issues relating to Fire Safety in the home and also to inform them about health related matters such as diabetes. Referrals were also made to Lancashire Wellbeing Service to ensure that the wider issues identified would be addressed through ongoing support.

In Daneshouse with Stoneyholme Ward there has been an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Fires. Working with the Imams again, messages were relayed to parents via the Mosque radio to highlight the issues about anti-social behaviour. The aim was to try and raise awareness of the consequences of these incidents and influence a more community centred approach to reducing these incidents. In conjunction with increased Environmental Visual Audits, the incident activity pertaining to ASB Fires has been reduced.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 26 February 2017
Time of Call: 19:22

Two pumps from Padiham and Burnley were mobilised to reports of a fire at a former High School in Padiham, which is now unoccupied and awaiting demolition. They were met by security staff, who informed them that they had seen youths running away shouting that the fire service were needed. Upon arrival, a team of two breathing apparatus wearers were committed to the scene to investigate and locate the fire. A second fire was located within the school and information was received from the security staff that there were cylinders within the building. Due to the potential for the incident to escalate, a decision was made to increase the number of fire appliances to six. The incident command structure was established, the incident was sectorised and stage two breathing apparatus procedures implemented. A specialist hazardous materials and environmental protection officer was mobilised to the incident to undertake a risk assessment. As a result of the risk assessment, actions could be put in place to minimise and control any potential environmental impact caused by the fire or fire service actions. The offensive firefighting operations of the first crews quickly enabled the fires to be located and extinguished. These actions meant that there was limited impact on the local infrastructure and community.

Post-fire, a fire investigation was completed and the information gathered was passed on to Lancashire Constabulary. Fire Safety Enforcement staff from Pennine met with Lancashire County Council and the security representatives regarding the site. Through this multi-agency approach, it was agreed that there would be an increase of security at the site and that all fire loading within the school would be removed as soon as possible. The fire also highlighted a risk to fire service personnel and risk information (SSRI) was created so all staff are aware of the dangers associated with the site if an incident was to occur in the future.

In addition, Community Fire Safety staff contacted local schools to make them aware of the fire and provided educational messages regarding the dangers and consequences of deliberate fire.

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CHORLEY

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Discover Talk

The Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team from Chorley Fire Station delivered a talk to support staff and substance users in recovery at the offices of Discover, the drug and alcohol support service in Chorley. The talk was attended by approximately 10 people who were provided with advice around general fire safety but also some specific information around the cause and effects of smoking, drugs and alcohol and fire. From this talk, the team have arranged to work with the support workers from the service and deliver Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC) to those who have fallen off the programme or not turned up for their appointments, as they are potentially more at risk of having a fire. It is estimated there will be at least six HFSC's a week generated and the service users will receive support from both Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Discover.

Health and Wellbeing Event – Brothers of Charity

The CFS Team from Chorley Fire Station attended an event organised by Brothers of Charity at Lisieux Hall in Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. The aim of the event was to improve the health and wellbeing of Brothers of Charity staff and their service users. Brothers of Charity support individuals with learning disabilities and complex needs. Exhibitors at the event included Medicash, the stop smoking team and various community support groups. The CFS Team were there in the capacity of providing fire safety advice and offering HFSC's to employees and the people they support. The advice was tailored to meet the specific needs of those in attendance and included advice on telecare, the equipment Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service can issue and Lancashire Wellbeing Service.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 12 March 2017
Time of Call: 15:56

Three fire engines from Chorley, Leyland and Bamber Bridge attended an accidental fire in the front room of a ground floor flat, which was caused by a trigger operated cigarette lighter being left on. The flame from the lighter ignited the adjacent plastic computer keyboard which spread to other computer related combustible items on a glass top coffee table. Crews had to use forced entry on the UPVC front door, as the occupier was out at the time of the incident. The housing association (Chorley Community Housing) was contacted by the occupier and requested boarding up service and that the electrics be checked prior to reoccupying the property. Severe damage by fire to cigarette lighter, computer keyboard and mouse, two speakers, electric lamp, DVD player and other smoking materials. Severe smoke damage to entire ground floor flat.

Incident: Special Service Call
Date: 25 March 2017
Time of Call: 13:00

Two fire engines and crews from Chorley and a third engine and crew from Bamber Bridge responded to a report of a man who had collapsed in woodland near Birkacre Road at the foot of a hill not far from the road. After paramedics had assessed the casualty's condition, Firefighters carried him on a stretcher to the ambulance and he was taken to hospital.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

FYLDE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

The Fylde area has recently experienced a small spike in deliberate fires - a couple of which were located at The Sunny Bank Mill site in Wesham, Kirkham and at the rear of Morrison's Supermarket, Poulton Street, Kirkham. It was suggested that the same perpetrator(s) could possibly be responsible for both fires.

Following investigatory work by the Police and multiagency working, a number of youths, who could potentially be responsible for these fires, were identified. This culminated in a "Restorative Justice" session which was held at Carr Hill Secondary School. This session was delivered by the Police and a Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Community Advisor to a total of nine young people. During the restorative session a number of youths admitted to being directly involved with the incidents.

Our Community Safety Advisor, who is based at St Anne's Fire Station, felt it was a very successful session and has commented that the actions taken to arrange the session by both the local PCSO and Carr Hill Secondary School were commendable.

Multi-Agency Event

Community Fire Safety Advisors from St Anne's Fire Station participated in a multiagency event which was held at Lytham Assembly Rooms, Dicconson Terrace, Lytham. The event was organised by a Liaison Officer on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary and was held in conjunction with Fylde Council, the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and numerous partner agencies.

The ultimate objective for the event was to create a "marketplace" to offer advice, highlight services that are available and to raise the profile of volunteer and third sector groups. The event was well attended by both partner agencies and members of the local community. The council also delivered a short presentation to consolidate the advice on offer.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Fire
Date: 24 March 2017
Time of Call: 08:03

On Friday, 24 March 2017, two fire appliances from St Anne's Fire Station were called out to a property in St Anne's by the occupier. The occupier was preparing to leave for work that morning and just by chance nipped upstairs to collect an item from her spare bedroom. Upon entering the bedroom, the occupier was faced with a cloud of black smoke at which she immediately dialled 999.

When Firefighters arrived at the property, they found one of the curtains alight. A mirror had been placed on a bedside cabinet and low sunlight entering the bedroom window had landed on this mirror. The beam of refracted sunlight from the mirror had then been directed onto one of the curtains, causing the curtain to ignite. Damage sustained was severe by fire and heat to one of the curtains and light by smoke to the entire bedroom.

The occupier is thankful that she discovered the fire while the blaze was in its early stages and is mindful of the damage that could have been incurred should she have been out of the property. The occupier was also thankful to Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) and congratulated the fire crews on their professionalism and the manner in which they put her at ease.

Although this is an incident of an unusual nature, since 2010 LFRS have recorded 22 similar incidents. These incidents have all occurred on occasions when reflected or refracted light has focused on a mirror or glass object and the directed sunlight has increased from a typical 1kw per square metre to potentially twenty times that force.

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<p><u>Time to Talk</u> On 02 February 2017, the Eastern Community Safety Team supported “Time to Talk Day” at Oswaldtwistle Mills. The event was aimed at making a commitment to change how we think about mental health at every level of the organisation and to openly encourage a conversation on the subject.</p> <p>Ahead of the Easter school holidays, the first stage of our Wildfire Reduction Plan commenced - “<i>While we’re here, who’s looking after you</i>” is aimed at all members of the public and encouraging them to be more vigilant and careful when out on the open moors. The Community Fire Safety team identified major points of access to open moorland within the borough and provided leaflets and hazard posters at café, carparks and pubs.</p>	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

LANCASTER

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Road Safety Initiative

Following on from National Road Safety Week, a road safety initiative was carried out by Operational Crews from Lancaster. Approximately 500 magazines 'The Young Drivers Guide' were distributed to local schools including Grammar Schools, Ripley St Thomas Sixth Form Academy, Lancaster University and Students at Lancaster and Morecambe College.

Following this, a practical Road Traffic Collision (RTC) demonstration was carried out at a local supermarket. Prior to the demonstration, leaflets obtained from The Department of Transport containing information on mobile phone use, road safety on horses, child seats and cyclist safety were distributed. The demonstration involved the extraction of a casualty from a vehicle via a longboard after a roof removal. The demonstration was watched by approximately 50 people.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Domestic Fire
Date: 17 February 2017
Time of Call: 20:35

Two Appliances were mobilised from Lancaster to a domestic fire at Langdale Place. The incident was made 'Persons Reported' whilst on, route as the caller stated that they heard banging and screaming from within the property. A further appliance was then mobilised from Morecambe.

On arrival, Firefighters were faced with a front room fire. Information gathered at the scene placed the last known whereabouts of the occupant, to be on the first floor in a front bedroom. The Breathing Apparatus crew from Lancaster were briefed to quickly knock the fire back and advised that offensive positive pressure ventilation techniques would be used to clear the smoke.

The property was ventilated and the crew in the bedroom located the casualty and reported that the smoke had "instantly cleared". The casualty had mobility issues and as the fire had been extinguished and the property cleared of smoke, the decision was made to treat the casualty in-situ in the bedroom. The casualty was unconscious and was quickly revived following the administration of oxygen. The fire was fully extinguished and property checked by additional crews from Lancaster and Morecambe. Ambulance crews continued to treat the casualty within the property until in a suitable condition to enable a safe transfer to the attending ambulance, assisted by operational crews.

The attending crews acted swiftly and the use of ventilation during the early stages of the incident assisted in the location of the casualty and their overall wellbeing.

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

PENDLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Special Educational Needs Children Visit the Fire Station

CFS staff in Pennine Area hosted a SEN (Special Educational Needs) session. Educational needs and disabilities can affect a child or young person's ability to learn and can sometimes can affect their:

- Behaviour or ability to socialise.
- Reading and writing, for example dyslexia.
- The ability to understand things, poor concentration levels, for example ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) or a physical ability.

The programme took place at Nelson fire station; there were approximately 10 students in attendance accompanied by two staff from Pendle Community College. The session was programmed over two hours and consisted of a power-point presentation on fire safety in the home followed by a DVD of the front room fire. Later in the session we had a display of burnt items from fires in domestic properties, which were used to facilitate a discussion about the reasons behind the causes of fire. By using a wide range of presentations during the session, it ensured that different learning styles were catered for and kept interest levels up. The session ended with a look at LFRS resources, the students were taken out in to the engine house to view the appliances and some equipment then the final session was used for questions and answers.

Community safety staff also attended a Dementia Friends event at a Church Hall in Barnoldswick. Peers who organise local events in the district invited us along to support them and allowed us to showcase new additional resources for fire safety staff to utilise during a Safe and well (S&W) visit. This event was very topical because of the increased focus on supporting people living with Dementia; it also features as 1 of the 7 determinants within the S&W visit. The community event was seen as another success, with over 100 people attending on the day and a multitude of agencies there supporting the event by handing out information.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Chimney Fire Affecting Roof of Property

Date: 14 February 2017

Time of Call: 10:41

Three fire appliances, two from Colne and one from Nelson, were mobilised to a fire at a farm in Trawden. On arrival they were faced with an old stone farm house with the chimney alight. The crew utilised the 13.5m ladder and roof ladder, in conjunction with the safe working at height equipment, to gain access to the roof. The access to the site was extremely restricted and it was not feasible to use any of our aerial appliances. Crews then set up a safe working platform allowing them to use the chimney rods and nimbus nozzle

attachment to try and extinguish the fire from above. The third appliance crew entered the property to gain access into the roof void to assess the extent of the fire within the roof. The thermal imaging camera was utilised to identify areas exposed to heat and to ensure that fire spread had been stopped.

The damage to the property was confined to severe by fire to the timber joist around the internal flue and insulation, extending up to the chimney stack and light smoke damage to the first floor.

On investigating the cause of the fire, the fire crews removed the flue liner and insulation and it was discovered that a bird had built a nest around the internal flue which over time had smouldered, igniting the insulation and caused charring to the joist and surrounding timbers. Whilst this specific type of incident is unusual, there are still a number of chimney fires in the Pendle area and crews always ensure that appropriate safety information is communicated when completing HFSC visits at properties using solid fuel for heating.

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PRESTON

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Fire Cadets

Preston Fire Cadets have had an enjoyable and varied past few weeks. Firstly they had a tour of the ambulance station and had the opportunity to practice CPR in the back of the ambulance.

The following week they all became Dementia Friends; the training was delivered to them by a CFS Team Leader from another area. Even though the fire cadets were on half term holidays, they assisted Preston Fire Crews with a car wash to raise money for the Firefighters Charity and Macmillan. They raised over £800. The Fire Cadets attended another car wash and supported White Watch on Saturday and have raised a further £568 for the Firefighters Charity - well done and thank you very much for your support and commitment. They have now completed their Functions and Responsibilities and so it was back to basics for the cadets, recapping on some of the first drills they were taught.

Multi Agency Working – Preston Early Action Team

A CFS staff member works alongside the various partner agencies at the Preston early action centre. This is the location that the various agencies may be working with vulnerable people. Consultation and discussion take place concerning the issues presented by the clients and the various agencies decide who is best placed to work with the client to help resolve any problems. For example, a client was referred to the centre who lived a chaotic lifestyle, the individual had limited mobility due to a recent stroke and alcohol issues as well. After in-depth discussions, it was decided the fire service would action a HFSC first to address any safety issues the client might have at his property. Smoke alarms and fire retardant throws were issued to the client.

The CFS also contacted the individual's care agency to arrange for blister packs for his medication, (this was because he was getting confused with what he had to take and when).

He had also missed various appointments with Discover which deal with Drugs/Alcohol issues. An outreach worker has been appointed to the client and now he attending a day centre twice a week and he reportedly loves it. He is still engaging with Discover he has reduced his alcohol intake and is getting about on his scooter. Well done, good work by all parties.

Fire & Leadership Students

From February 2017, 20 fire and leadership students from University of Central Lancashire will be spending one day a week with various Community Fire Safety Teams over the six areas. This one day secondment will last 4 weeks and will allow the students to gain an awareness of community fire safety issues.

Deaf Way Residential Home

A Community Safety Advisor delivered a fire safety message to a group of people who have physical and learning disabilities, in particular hearing impairment. The residential home provided the CSA with a signer so it was easier to deliver the message to the audience. It was thought that delivering a Power-Point type presentation for this audience would be difficult. Consequently the delivery was changed to a more visual activity, showing actual burnt items that had caused fires in the homes and explaining the dangers involved. After the presentation the group then went outside to have a look around the fire appliance. This was a very enjoyable morning and the people got a lot from the session.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Special Service Call – Gaining Entry
Date: 10 February 2017
Time of Call: 10:56

Fulwood crew were mobilised to a house at Blackbull Lane, Fulwood in which an elderly gentleman had fallen behind his front room door. The paramedics had been called to assist the gentleman medically, but could not gain entry to the premises. The crew from C52 used equipment from their hearth kit and gained access by levering the door off its hinges, enabling the paramedics to treat the gentleman.

Incident: Road Traffic Collision
Date: 22 February 2017
Time of Call: 17:13

Crews from Fulwood and Preston were mobilised to an RTC on the M55 Westbound between junctions 1 & 3 involving one car that had crashed into an arnco safety barrier on the hard shoulder. The driver had lost control of the vehicle after a suspected heart attack. No other vehicles were involved. Fire Service personnel gave first aid, providing oxygen. The crews used cutting equipment to remove the roof of the vehicle. The casualty was extricated from the vehicle and conveyed to hospital by NWAS.

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<u>Ongoing Relationship with UCLAN</u> Throughout this reporting period, Students from UCLAN have accompanied Community Safety staff on a variety of HFSC throughout the district. The students who are completing their Fire Leadership degree have been exposed to both challenging and emotional visits which will now give them a good understanding of what is now expected of a modern day firefighter.	

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SUMMARY REPORT FOR:

ROSSENDALE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia Friends Session with Pennine Fire Cadets

The Fire Cadets from Bacup were invited to attend a session with the objective of becoming a Dementia Friend. It allowed the young people to learn a little bit more about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action; anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend. This session with the Fire Cadets provided an opportunity for them to learn more about dementia and the small ways in which they could help. This learning will help them to be more supportive for people living with Dementia and also develop a better understanding of how to communicate fire safety information to them too.

The information session was run by LFRS and a volunteer Dementia Friends Champion, who are trained and supported by Alzheimer's Society. The Fire Cadet scheme has been running at Whitworth High School in partnership with the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and it involves a group of year 9 and 10 students attending each week. They have been learning what it is like to be a member of the Fire Service. Each week is alternated by classroom sessions or by attending the fire station at Bacup.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Grass Fire / Moorland

Date: 26/27 March 2017

Time of Call: 19:26 & 15:15

At 19:30 on Sunday, 26 March and again on 27 March at 13:00, the Fire Service were called to two significant moorland grass fires on land above Lee Mill Quarry, Bacup. Crews used beaters, in conjunction with our specialist moorland firefighting appliance - the Softrak, to extinguish two square miles of moorland and then a further square mile of moorland. Crews were in attendance for approximately four hours on both occasions; however this would potentially have been significantly longer prior to the introduction of the specialist equipment. Crews also now have access to dedicated risk information plans (SSRI) for many of the moorland sites across Pennine Area, which assist in the command and control of an incident but also provide detailed information in terms of Firefighter safety and environmental information. The Fire Service believes that both fires were started deliberately and there is an ongoing investigation.

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SOUTH RIBBLE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Dementia Action Alliance Carers Day

The Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team from South Ribble attended a 'Care for the Carers Day' at Leyland Golf Club, which was an information and advice day for those caring for people living with Dementia. The event, which was organised by the South Ribble Dementia Action Alliance, was attended by around 20 partners all from different sectors. The different organisations included financial and legal organisations who could provide those attending with advice on money and their rights, Dementia programmes and charities such as the Alzheimer's Society and health care providers including Boots, Leyland Physio and the mental health team based at Charnley Fold in Bamber Bridge. The CFS Team provided advice to Carers on how to keep themselves and those who they care for safe from fire.

Enrichment Day at all Hallows School

The Community Fire Safety Team in South Ribble attended All Hallows Catholic High School, Penwortham for a pupil enrichment day. The day was aimed at providing pupils with information, advice and support from a wide range of local agencies and guest speakers. The Fire Services role was to take part in 6, one hour sessions across the day to approximately 250 Year 8 pupils about Fire Safety. They delivered the Key Stage 3 - Heat of the Moment package. Heat of the Moment follows 5 young school pupils in their journey of risk taking and consequences – this includes making hoax calls and deliberate fire setting. The session is split across 4 film clips with group discussion following each video. The sessions went well and all 6 sessions provided lots of group discussion which got them thinking about the wider role of the Fire and Rescue Service in local society including anti-social behaviour and how it can affect the fire service, the consequences of hoax calls or fire setting and how they can stay with them long into adulthood.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: False Alarm
Date: 11 March 2017
Time of Call: 15:49

The neighbours of an elderly occupant had called 999 as they were concerned that he had lit a coal fire and the smoke was not being drawn from the chimney properly. As a result the house was filling with smoke and the elderly occupants refused to leave the house. On arrival, the house was generally clear of smoke but the small fire was still lit and the smoke produced was not being drawn up the chimney sufficiently. The occupants stated they had not breathed in any smoke and did not want any assistance. On investigation, the chimney had recently been repaired following storm damage. Fire crew accessed the chimney via the builders scaffolding and could see building debris blocking the flue, hence the smoke filled room (the debris was beyond the reach of the fire crew). The small, recently lit fire was removed from the grate and the occupant was advised not to relight the fire until the chimney had been professional inspected.

Incident: Special Service Call
Date: 17 February 2017
Time of Call: 17:48

Fire engines from Penwortham, Leyland and a boat from Preston were called to reports of a lady on a mobility scooter stuck waist deep in a stream near Worden Park. The lady had driven her electric wheelchair down an embankment and the wheelchair couldn't get traction on the muddy embankment and ended up in the pond. Firefighters released the lady from the water and she was then transported to a waiting ambulance by a fire service 4x4 vehicle.

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WEST LANCASHIRE

LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITIES (brief details)

Partnership Event

The Community Fire Safety (CFS) Team organised a partnership event at Ormskirk Fire Station where the Operational Fire Crews and the CFS Team from Ormskirk, Tarleton and Skelmersdale Fire Stations could meet and find out about services available to them in West Lancashire which could aid them when signposting during a Home Fire Safety Check. The event worked like a 'speed dating' session where all the organisations had a stand and the Crews and CFS staff had 5 minutes to speak to each organisation before moving onto the next one. In those 5 minutes, the organisations could talk about what they do, the benefits of working with them and how to refer into them. Those in attendance included Lancashire Wellbeing Service, Age UK, The Falls Team, Adult Social Care and various care agencies. The day was a brilliant success and the all those in attendance found it really beneficial as they learned more about each other.

British Lung Foundation

The CFS Team in West Lancashire have met with the British Lung Foundation and have attended various events and talks during February and March. Most recently they attended an event in Ormskirk organised by the organisation as well as Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS trust, and the West Lancashire Breathe Easy Group. The group were provided with information and talks by different services and the CFS Team talked about the dangers of oxygen, smoking and fire safety. Members of staff are to be provided with training on fire safety for when they visit people in their own homes enabling them to make interim measures and refer occupiers for a home fire safety check.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 28 March 2017
Time of Call: 14:40

The fire was in a crusher machine at a quarry on Chequer Lane in Up Holland. Two fire engines and crews, from Skelmersdale and colleagues from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue were assigned. Firefighters used a hose reel jet to extinguish the fire and there were no casualties. The cause of the fire was accidental.

Incident: Primary Fire
Date: 23 March 2017
Time of Call: 14:56

A wooden single-storey building in use as stables for horses was on fire. No livestock or people were injured. Three fire engines and crews, from Tarleton, Ormskirk and Greater Manchester were assigned and firefighters used two hose reel jets to extinguish the fire, which had engulfed the 30 metre by 10 metre floor-plan building. Crews were informed by the stable owner that there were propane cylinders within the building. Half the building was destroyed by fire, however Crews prevented the fire spreading, thus saving half the building. The cause of the fire is to be established.

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Dementia Friends Training

As a result of attending The Dementia Coffee morning at Preesall Fire Station where Community Fire Safety Advisors (CFSA) promoted the Dementia Buddy's, local based Paramedics who attended requested CFS staff to attend their training day. CFSA's delivered the training to Wyre based Paramedics and Ambulance Technicians.

The Dementia Friends training offers an opportunity to learn more about the different types of dementia and the varied effects each type can have on the person and their families, outcomes being a greater understanding in how to support people living with dementia.

Part of the training involved the introduction of the Dementia Buddy / Guardian Angel devices to all attendees and an explanation of how the devices work. Information on the action required should emergency services be requested to attend an incident involving a person with dementia who is wearing one of the devices.

INCIDENTS OF OPERATIONAL INTEREST (brief details)

Incident: Rescue From Height
Date: 03 March 2017
Time of Call: 10:18

The Fire Service was mobilised to a workman who suffered a blackout whilst working on a flat roof of a three storey building. His partner had called for assistance. The officer in charge formulated a plan for his extrication. Paramedics were also in attendance at this point. Advice from the paramedics was that the casualty was to be as flat as possible when removing him as his blood pressure was very low. It was decided that he should be removed on a stretcher via the Ariel Ladder Platform from the roof.

After the rescue plan had been formulated, the incident was sectorised. A rendezvous point was set up to hold the oncoming resources (Urban Search and Rescue). Vehicles were cleared from the area and a road block put in place. This was to create a safe place for the Ariel Ladder Platform to set up and facilitate the rescue.

Firefighters then packaged the casualty and using the Ariel Ladder Platform removed him from the building to a place of safety. Paramedics then assessed him and transferred him to Blackpool Victoria Hospital. The building involved contained a high level of fire loading details of which were recorded to improve operational awareness.