

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**RYEDALE AREA COMMITTEE****2016-2017****North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update for Ryedale****Report of Group Manager Danny Westmoreland****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise members of the Area Committee of Community Safety Activities involving North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) that have occurred between the 1st April – 31st December 2016 and to provide an update regarding other issues from within the Ryedale District.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The following report covers the period 1st April – 31st December 2016.

3.0 SERVICE DELIVERY

3.1 The follow activity list provides an overview of the Community Safety initiatives conducted in the Ryedale area for the past 8 months.

Community Fire Safety	April - December 2016 Total
Number of Smoke Alarms fitted	185
Number of Home Fire Risk Assessments completed	138
Targeted driving campaigns	32
Other community fire safety talks	81

Technical Fire Safety	April – December 2016 Total
Number of Fire Safety Audits Completed	92
All TFS job types completed	242

3.2 District Update**3.2.1 Fire Cover Review update****Tactical Response Vehicle (TRV)**

The new Tactical Response Vehicle (TRV) at Scarborough became operational on the 16th January 2017. This vehicle is crewed with three staff, compared to the standard fire engine that it has replaced, which is crewed for four or five staff. The vehicle, which is one

of six being introduced across the Service, was introduced following a two year fire cover review. The other standard fire engine at Scarborough is unchanged.

The TRVs are modern vehicles, slightly smaller than a standard fire engine but have much the same functionality in that they carry pumps, hoses and cutting equipment for use at road traffic collisions. They can attend smaller incidents such as bin fires on their own, or form part of a response of several fire engines to larger incidents such as house fires and road traffic collisions. In the latter case, they are designed to be able to undertake the initial actions at an incident. They provide a more cost effective and modern approach to the provision of emergency response to fires, road traffic collisions and other emergencies. New procedures have been developed for this approach and staff have undergone specific training on the vehicles, procedures and equipment.

There has been a trade dispute lodged by the FBU about the introduction of the TRVs, which resulted in a period of industrial action that included a refusal to crew the TRVs. However, progress has been made in discussions and that part of the industrial action has been suspended and the TRV at Scarborough is operational with three staff.

Malton are programmed to receive their TRV at the end of the year and training is booked for both watches as part of the implementation plan.

Operational Staffing Reserve (OSR)

An outcome of the fire cover review was for an OSR to be established which would provide staff that can be deployed to provide operational response cover and to improve Service wide resilience levels. The staffing levels in the OSR now include 3 Crew Managers and 5 Firefighters.

District Watch Manager

Ryedale and Scarborough District now has a District Watch Manager to support the Retained Duty System (RDS) stations, a key function is to support the recruitment and retention of staff. The District WM supports applicants through the recruitment process and we have seen success with new starters for the following stations, on a March 17 recruits course.

- Helmsely- 1 new starter
- Kirbkymoorside – 1 new starter

- Malton – 1 new starter
- Sherburn – 1 new starter
- Lythe – 2 new starters
- Danby – 1 new starter
- Filey – 1 new starter
- Robin Hoods bay – 1 new starter

3.2.2 Working with Vulnerable persons

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service are adapting the Home Safety Visit form to enable crews to look at aspects of Health and Wellbeing, with a view to directing vulnerable persons to the services available to them. The new Home Safety Visit form is likely to be used from the beginning of April 17 and will include the following new sections:

- Smoking
- Slips, Trips and Falls
- Wellbeing
- Loneliness

3.2.3 Road Safety update

On the 26th March a Biker Down Road Safety Event is running at Malton Fire Station. Biker Down is a free training course run by bikers for bikers. The course uses the expertise of the Emergency Services and Road Safety Officers to prepare motorcyclists should the worst happen on the roads.

The course is aimed at motorcyclists of all ages and experience. The free course offers people the chance to learn practical skills to help avoid being involved in a crash, as well as essential first-aid training and advice on what to do should they find themselves first on the scene of a crash where someone is injured.

The Biker Down course covers the following topics:

- Crash Scene Management – advice from emergency service personnel on how to protect a casualty and other road users who may have stopped to assist.
- Casualty Care – a motorcycle specific input, looking at basic lifesaving skills such as CPR, airway management and helmet removal. (when & how)
- The Science of Being Seen – a session looking at conspicuity issues.

The course at Malton is already full.

3.2.4 Emergency First Responder trial

The Emergency First Responder (EFR) scheme continues to operate at Pickering, Lythe and Helmsley. The scheme at Helmsley has seen limited activity which is largely due to low crewing numbers, this is being monitored. A number of successful incidents have been attended including one whereby a person had fallen in their home. The EFR was able to undertake a patient appraisal, make the person comfortable in their home and cancel the attendance of the ambulance, which assisted with the ever increasing demands of Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

3.2.5 District Training Exercise

A District exercise was held on the 13th December 2016 at Castle Howard to simulate a fire in a large historical building. Six fire appliances, the ALP and four officers attended. The aim of the exercise was to test our policies and new breathing apparatus procedures and to specifically test a breathing apparatus emergency situation. The exercise also provided a useful opportunity for Castle Howard staff to put their fire procedures into action.

4.0 INCIDENTS OF NOTE

4.1 **Date:** 08/12/2016

Location: A169

RTC: Single vehicle RTC where one vehicle had collided into a tree and ended up on its roof. One casualty was extracted from the vehicle by the crews performing a driver and passenger door removal. Crews used cutting equipment and small tools.

4.2 **Date:** 22/12/2016

Location: Malton

RTC: Single vehicle RTC where one person was thrown from vehicle and was being given CPR by police. Crews took over CPR however the casualty was pronounced fatal. Crews used first aid equipment, lighting and Thermal Image Camera.

4.3 **Date:** 28/12/2016

Location: A64, Malton

RTC: RTC involving van colliding with rear of another car. Driver of van was taken to hospital with unknown but non-life threatening injuries. Two passengers in the other

vehicle trapped due to damage only. Released by crews using hydraulic spreaders. Crews used stabilisation blocks, hydraulic spreaders, drizzit pads and First Aid kit.

4.4 **Date:** 1/2/2016

Location: Pickering

Flooding: Flooding in large piggery containing approximately 900 pigs. Four fire appliances attended and used two main pumps, three light portable pumps, lengths of hose and hand tools to reduce water levels and enable pigs to be evacuated.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That Members note the activities that have taken place.

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