

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**HAMBLETON AREA COMMITTEE****4 December 2017****North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update for Hambleton****Report of Group Manager David Pitt****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 1 April – 30 September 2017 and to provide an update regarding other issues from within the Hambleton District.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The following report covers the period 1 April – 30 September 2017.

3.0 Service Delivery

- 3.1 The follow activity list provides an overview of the Community Safety initiatives conducted in the Hambleton area for the past 6 months.

| Community Fire Safety | 1 April – 30 September 2017 Total |
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| Number of Smoke Alarms fitted | 168 |
| Number of Home Fire Risk Assessments completed | 223 |
| Home Safety | 30 |
| Road Safety | 18 |
| School Talks | 12 |
| Public Events | 14 |
| Youth Education | 8 |
| Child Firesetters | 3 |
| Other community fire safety talks | 26 |

| Technical Fire Safety | 1 April – 30 September 2017 Total |
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| Number of Fire Safety Audits Completed | 115 |
| All TFS job types completed | 207 |

4.0 Prevention Activity

- 4.1 Prevention work during the last quarter has focused on the following planned activities in line with the Hambleton District Community Safety Plan; road safety, fire safety, schools education, supporting vulnerable people with dementia, arson reduction, multi-agency problem solving and vulnerable persons' intervention activities. Further details on the aforementioned activities are detailed in this section.

- 4.2 Fire safety messages are delivered through key stage training packages at schools; this work is also supported by the delivery of educational presentations to other groups including:
- The Community Safety Officer (CSO) attended Kildale show with Stokesley Crew and Lions Emergency Services day at Easingwold with Northallerton Crew.
 - Hambleton CSO attended 2 North Yorkshire Police drop in sessions at Northallerton Library. Police officers promoted crime prevention and NYFRS gave advice on home fire safety.
 - Our CSO has been supporting BTEC (young firefighter) Course at Stokesley Fire Station. The BTEC scheme at Stokesley School started in June 2017 and there are now 12 students participating in the course which aims to reduce anti-social behaviour and raise the profile of the Service within the community.
 - The CSO attended Hambleton & Richmondshire MAPS meeting and actively supported partners by arranging and carrying out home safety checks. As an outcome of the meeting the CSO also provided support to a young girl by enrolling her into a young firefighter scheme.
- 4.3 Hambleton CSO received several fire setter referrals and subsequently talked to children individually explaining the dangers and consequences of starting fires. Follow up work included; carrying out safety checks at their homes and having further discussions with parents.
- 4.4 In July our CSO attended a Dementia Action Alliance meeting and gave a presentation at the Living Well with Memory Loss clinic. This is now a regular monthly activity which allows our CSO to engage with newly diagnosed people.
- 4.5 In September, as part of Home Fire Safety week, CSOs went out with the Dementia Bus and promoted 'Safe and Well' visits. The events at Northallerton and Easingwold market days were well attended.
- 4.6 CSOs carried out a Home Fire Safety talk to a group of adults living with disabilities at Northallerton Hub and also gave out 'message in a bottle' and explained how to use them in the event of an emergency.
- 4.7 CSOs are NYFRS eyes and ears in the community and to ensure they remain vigilant and relevant they attend a number of training sessions throughout the year. The latest event was provided by NYP counter terrorism officers by way of a briefing at the Catterick Garrison Cinema.
- 5.0** Six Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) schemes are planned during the remaining part of the financial year. This has been made possible due to a successful grant application to the Police and Crime Commissioner 'Community Fund', for £24,000. Candidates are allocated onto the courses through the local Community Safety Hubs, where those with the greatest need are identified. Hambleton is paired with Richmondshire and our LIFE Course is planned to take place between the 22nd – 26th January 2018 at Colburn fire station.
- 6.0** Community Safety Officers (CSOs) attended Crucial Crew at Leeming Bar which delivered safety messages to over 1500 children from year 6. A young girl who attended Crucial Crew last year at RAF Leeming put her new knowledge into action when her laptop caught fire in her bedroom. When the smoke alarm sounded she remembered exactly what to do following her Crucial Crew visit and she alerted her Mum and Brother and made sure they all got out of the house safely. The family had discussed a fire escape plan and this worked perfectly.

7.0 Response Activity

- 7.1 The most recent activity involved a chemical exercise that took place at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton. Crews from Richmond, Northallerton, Bedale, and Colburn attended the incident. The exercise was aimed at testing our capability in dealing with a chemical type incident and the scenario was surrounding an unknown chemical gas leak inside the building. The exercise involved the use of the Hazardous Material and Environmental Protection Officer (HMEPO) and chemical identification equipment.
- 7.2 A series of smaller scale exercises have also been carried out across the district by whole-time and RDS crews during this reporting period. The training exercises test the skills and knowledge of operational staff at all levels in dealing with incidents such as; fires, road traffic collisions and incidents involving hazardous materials.

8.0 **Personal thanks from GM David Pitt**

The Service has undertaken a minor middle management restructure and I will be moving into the role of Protection and Prevention Manager in the new year having served the District of Hambleton for 4½ years. I would like to thank members for their support during my time here and offer my very best wishes for the future. My replacement will be a matter for the Service's promotion process but I hope you will offer them the same support I have received; in closing I would like to place on record that my time here has been incredibly rewarding and I am extremely proud to have worked in such a fantastic District with so many wonderful and passionate people – I will miss it dearly.

9.0 Incidents of note

- 9.1 **Date:** 10/04/2017
Location: Primrose Hill, Kirby Knowle
Fire: Fire on hillside with approximately 150 square metres of heather on fire. Fire originally started at the roadside and spread up the hillside to the summit. Crews used HR jets, beaters and knapsacks to extinguish fire.
- 9.2 **Date:** 10/04/2017
Location: Stammergate, Thirsk
Fire: Fire to a business located within a shed of approximately 50m x 20m which was extensively fire damaged. Fire cause is believed to be electrical. Crews used 5 main jets, 3 HR and small tools.
- 9.3 **Date:** 19/04/2017
Location: Morton Flatts Track, Morton on Swale
Fire: Fire to approximately 10,000 tyres. Caused was accidental and started from a nearby bonfire. 2 main jets and eco-friendly foam used.
- 9.4 **Date:** 29/04/2017
Location: Leeming Lane, Leeming Bar
Animal Rescue: Crews recued a pony that had fallen into a beck. Owners in attendance.
- 9.5 **Date:** 17/05/2017
Location: Street Record, B6271, Yafforth
RTC: Tractor and trailer overturned. Tractor driver out of vehicle however three cows trapped inside trailer. Police also on scene.

- 9.6 **Date:** 18/05/2017
Location: Fitzalan Road, Bedale
Animal Rescue: Crews attended an incident where a dog had caught his head in a cage. Crews released the animal using bolt croppers.
- 9.7 **Date:** 04/06/2017
Location: Westholme, Hutton Rudby
Fire: Incident involved fire to a detached bungalow which resulted in extensive fire, heat and smoke damage to the whole of the property as well as two garden sheds. Smoke detectors were fitted in the property and duly activated. Cause appears to be deliberate. 2 main jets, 2 HR, small tools, triple extension ladder, TIC and ALP water tower used.
- 9.8 **Date:** 06/06/2017
Location: Topcliffe Road, Sowerby
Haz Mat: Cleaners of a hotel found three bottles of liquid substance causing corrosion. Police were in attendance and evacuated the building until arrival of fire service. After arrival of Cleveland DIM team it was revealed that no hazardous materials were found and items were in fact shampoo/conditioner and cosmetic powder.
- 9.9 **Date:** 08/06/2017
Location: Station Farm Track, South Otterington
Bariatric: Incident involved a bariatric patient who was suffering from a fit, however was stable on arrival of fire crews. Crews lifted and transported patient into waiting ambulance.
- 9.10 **Date:** 10/06/2017
Location: A684, Romanby
RTC: Incident involved a vehicle that had driven 20m down an embankment. There were three casualties in the vehicle and fire crews assisted with one casualty who was out of the vehicle and needed to be transported up the hill in order to be transported to hospital.
- 9.11 **Date:** 12/07/2017
Location: Melbourne Place, Sowerby
Special Service: Incident involved a youth who had locked themselves into his bedroom with a knife. Initially gas was believed to be involved however this was not the case. Incident left in the hands of police.
- 9.12 **Date:** 14/07/2017
Location: Harlsey Castle Farm, West Harsley
Animal Rescue: Two lambs stuck up to the neck in bog drains.
- 9.13 **Date:** 17/07/2017
Location: North End, Bedale
Fire: Incident involved a fire to a semi derelict building to the rear of a Chinese restaurant. Fire originated in the corner of the building on the ground floor and spread to approximately 80% of the building including the roof. Forced entry was made to another property to check for fire spread. Fire had spread under roof tiles causing 5% fire damage. Fire also spread to flat roof area of an office space, again causing 5% fire damage. Fire cause is believed to be deliberate by controlled burning which got out of control. 1J, 9m ladder, Alp, 3HRS, small tools, TIC and ceiling hooks used.
- 9.14 **Date:** 17/07/2017
Location: A19 S Knayton Junction to South Kilvington
RTC: RTC involving an HGV and a car. The car is believed to have been in a police pursuit. Driver left A19 at South Kilvington, performed a U-Turn and then proceeded north on the southbound carriageway, resulting in a collision with the HGV on the passenger rear side of the car. Crews

Recommendations

That Members note the activities that have taken place.

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