

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****HAMBLETON AREA COMMITTEE****1 October – 31 December 2017****North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Update for Hambleton****Report of Group Manager Simon Gallagher****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 October – 31 December 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 October – 31 December 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 3 months.

| <b>Community Fire Safety</b>                   | <b>1 October – 31 December 2017<br/>Total</b> |
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| Number of Smoke Alarms fitted                  | 113   |
| Number of Home Fire Risk Assessments completed | 124   |
| Home Safety                                    | 3   |
| Road Safety                                    | 13  |
| School Talks                                   | 24  |
| Public Events                                  | 2   |
| Youth Education                                | 1   |
| Child Firesetters                              | 1   |
| Other community fire safety talks              | 12  |

| <b>Technical Fire Safety</b>           | <b>1 October – 31 December 2017<br/>Total</b> |
|--|---|
| Number of Fire Safety Audits Completed | 56  |
| All TFS job types completed            | 149   |

**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:

- Home and bonfire safety and arson/hoax call prevention talks to scout and youth groups from Northallerton, Stokesley and Easingwold.
- Crews from Northallerton and the CSO on two occasions carried out RTC demonstrations and delivering road safety advice at RAF Leeming. One of the sessions was to the medical section.
- Northallerton personnel attended Northallerton Secondary School (Allertonshire) to carry out an RTC demonstration and deliver road safety advice. They also presented on personal and water safety as well as arson and hoax call prevention.
- The crew from Northallerton demonstrated RTC techniques and delivered road safety advice to the Young Farmers at Northallerton Fire Station.
- 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.

4.3 CSOs carried out home fire safety talks to the North Yorkshire Vintage Machinery Group at Leeming Bar, the Mowbray Probus Club in Thirsk and Northallerton Hub Ladies Group.

4.4 Operational crews were busy in Northallerton and Bedale on bonfire night. Northallerton crews supported the Town Council in staging the annual bonfire night. A huge amount of work goes into the event and it cannot be underestimated the contribution made by the wider community and voluntary sectors in making it such a successful event. Bedale crew support the town bonfire each year and this year. Support to the community of Bedale is nothing out of the ordinary for the crew as they actively fundraise for local causes throughout the year.

## **5.0 Response Activity**

5.1 At the Fire Authority meeting on Wednesday 13th December, the Fire Authority agreed to crew the Tactical Response Vehicles (TRVs) at the four day crewed fire stations (Malton, Northallerton, Tadcaster and Ripon) with four staff. This is likely to take effect from April 2018. The TRVs at Harrogate and Scarborough are unaffected and will continue to be crewed with three staff.

5.2 There have been a number of joint training events carried out in the district. Crews from Easingwold and Northallerton whole-time joined crews from Reeth, Richmond and Colburn to carry out a breathing apparatus exercise at the squash club. The exercise focused on firefighters becoming entrapped in wiring which may fall from the ceiling during fires. A specialised training rig was brought into the building to simulate the scenario.

5.2 A series of smaller scale exercises have been carried out across the district by whole-time and RDS crews during this reporting period focusing on road traffic collisions testing skills and knowledge around procedures, equipment and casualty care.

## 6.0 Incidents of note

- 6.1 **Date:** 8/10/2017  
**Location:** Bilsdale Beck, B1257  
**Animal Rescue:** Incident involved a cow stuck in the beck, unable to move due to exhaustion. Farmer and vet also in beck attempting to move cow. Crews assisted in dragging cow out of beck. TIRFOR, tools, shovels and manpower used.
- 6.2 **Date:** 22/10/2017  
**Location:** Cod Beck Reservoir, Osmotherley  
**Animal Rescue:** Crews used lines in order to rescue a sheep from being stuck in the mud who was pulled out unharmed.
- 6.3 **Date:** 25/10/2017  
**Location:** A173, Stokesley  
**RTC:** Two vehicle RTC between a car and a horse transporter. Unfortunately the driver of the car was fatal on arrival of fire crews. Crews made vehicles safe and left incident in hands of ambulance crews in attendance.
- 6.4 **Date:** 04/11/17  
**Location:** Dalton Lane, Dalton  
**Animal Rescue:** Incident involved a sheep who had gone down a bank and into a stream. Crews used manpower and drysuits to lift sheep back into field and reunite the animal with its owner.
- 6.5 **Date:** 14/11/17  
**Location:** A19 S Crathorne to East Rounton  
**RTC:** RTC vehicle in ditch after hitting a tree. One casualty released using hydraulic cutting gear.
- 6.6 **Date:** 23/11/17  
**Location:** RAF Leeming  
**Animal Rescue:** Incident involved 50 sheep stranded on riverside due to river bursting its banks. Crews rescued two lambs and after discussion with farmer left the rest of the sheep as they were becoming distressed, however river levels were receding at this time.
- 6.7 **Date:** 7/12/17  
**Location:** Easingwold  
**RTC:** Incident involved a two vehicle RTC between a car and a motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle was confirmed critical at scene and unfortunately passed away. Of the three occupants of the car, two were injured with one casualty being transferred to hospital via road ambulance and the other via air ambulance.

### Recommendations

That Members note the activities that have taken place.

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