

# Report

Report to: Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting: 30 November 2021

Report by: Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and

Rescue Service (SFRS)

Subject: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – South

**Lanarkshire Area Road Safety Update** 

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- update the Roads Safety Forum on forthcoming campaigns
- discuss ongoing national and local campaigns

## 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
  - (1) that the information set out in this report in relation road safety campaigns be noted: and
  - (2) that the verbal update regarding these road safety campaigns be noted.

#### 3. Background

3.1. In terms of the remit of the South Lanarkshire Roads Safety Forum, it has been agreed that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) will provide routine updates on national and local issues and campaigns relating to keeping people living and working in South Lanarkshire safer on our roads.

#### 4. Local and National issues

- 4.1. SFRS has recommenced the delivery of its road safety programme in South Lanarkshire. We are at present unable to host sessions with our target audience on site due to our safe system of work not being signed off. We have been given access to high schools to deliver the input. In the new year we hope to be able to recommence our Firereach programme in which road safety is an integral part.
- 4.2. SFRS in Lanarkshire has recently appointed a dedicated Youth Community Safety Advocate along with a Community Fire Fighter who will be responsible for the planning and delivery of road safety education alongside the wider youth intervention strategy.

4.3. SFRS Incident Data Relating to road traffic collisions (RTCs):-

SFRS Incident Data Relating to RTCs			
	Q2 2020/2021	Q2 2021/2022	% change
Total number of RTCs	24	32	33.3%
Incidents with a fatality	1	2	100%
Total number of fatalities	1	2	100%
Non-fatal casualties	28	19	- 32.1%

4.4. SFRS South Lanarkshire Area are committed to ensuring the road network is safe. where trends are identified, a proportionate engagement plan will be created and implemented along with partners and the Road Safety Governance Board.

## 5. Future Engagements

5.1. A new online presentation has been developed to complement Police Scotland's Young Driver Scheme targeting new and nearly new drivers aged 16 to 25. This is now being delivered in partnership online and when restrictions permit, in person. SFRS will work to target driving age students and local businesses who employ young drivers. When restrictions are eased further we hope to utilise the virtual reality (VR) headsets to further enhance this input.

## 6. Employee Implications

6.1. There are no employee implications.

# 7. Financial Implications

7.1. There are no financial implications.

# 8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

8.1. There are no significant implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and environmental issues associated with this report.

#### 9. Other Implications

9.1 There are no implications for risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

#### 10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 10.2 There was not requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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16 November 2021

# **Previous References**

♦ Roads Safety Forum – 22 June 2021

# **List of Background Papers**

♦ None

# **Contact for Further Information**

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