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| Report to: | Roads Safety Forum |
| Date of Meeting: | 22 June 2021 |
| Report by: | Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) |

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| Subject: | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – South Lanarkshire Area Road Safety Update |
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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. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, SFRS has suspended all road safety engagement Sessions. SFRS have continued to use both local and national social media channels to promote road safety where appropriate. It is hoped that as we transition down through the tiers we can start to reintroduce face to face engagement.

4.2. SFRS figures for South Lanarkshire Road Traffic Incidents cannot be truly reflected against the previous year due to the pandemic and the initial reduction of traffic on roads. Table below is a synopsis of 2020/2021 and 2019/2020 statistics where SFRS were attended.

| SFRS Incident Data Relating to RTC's | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | April 2020 – March 2021 | April 2019 – March 2020 | % change |
| Total number of RTC's | 75 | 151 | -50.3% |
| Incidents with a fatality | 2 | 4 | -50% |
| Total number of fatalities | 4 | 4 | 0% |
| Non-fatal casualties | 81 | 133 | -39.09% |

- 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 will be 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.
- 5.2 SFRS continues to progress with the virtual reality headsets that were initially trialled in South Lanarkshire. The programme is being rolled out nationally with areas having the capacity to produce their own VR videos in the future.

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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Previous References

None.

List of Background Papers

None.

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