

# Report

Report to:	<b>Roads Safety Forum</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>21 November 2023</b>
Report by:	<b>Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)</b>

Subject:	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – South Lanarkshire Area Road Safety Update</b>
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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 to 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 attended a total of 36 RTC's in Q2 of 2023/2024. This is a decrease of 2 from 38 in the same reporting period of 2022/2023. The incidents were spread across South Lanarkshire with the highest figures recorded in both Clydesdale and Hamilton.
- 4.2. There were 35 non-fatal casualties, again these were evenly spread across South Lanarkshire. SFRS recorded a decrease of 8% from the same reporting period last year.
- 4.3. Sadly, we recorded 3 fatal casualties within South Lanarkshire in Q2 2023/2024. This is an increase of 3 from the same reporting period in the previous year.
- 4.4. SFRS 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.

SFRS Incident Data Relating to RTC's			
	Q2 2022/2023	Q2 2023/2024	% change
Total number of RTC's	38	36	-5%
Incidents with a fatality	0	3	300%
Total number of fatalities	0	3	300%
Non-fatal casualties	38	35	-8%

## **5. Future Engagements**

- 5.1. Lanarkshire's Community Action Team continue to utilise virtual reality (VR) headsets to engage our road safety. These members of staff are now able to focus their efforts on engaging with young drivers at or leaving school, drivers at college and those identified through partnership working to deliver road safety education.
- 5.2. SFRS Lanarkshire Youth Volunteer Scheme has now been established for just over one year. All adult instructors are now fully trained and 11 young people from across Lanarkshire have been identified to take part in the 3-year rolling scheme. Road safety forms an integral part of this course.
- 5.3. SFRS is delivering several Road Safety presentations throughout South Lanarkshire schools into the next quarter, as well as 2 local colleges.
- 5.4. We will also be working with the charity BRAKE and will be promoting a road safety week from 19 to 25 November 2023. The theme of this year's road safety week, the UK's biggest annual road safety campaign, will be 'Let's talk about speed'. The aim within 2023 will be bringing communities and professionals together to talk about speed.

## **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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6 November 2023

**Previous References**

- ◆ None

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

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