

# Report

Report to:	<b>Roads Safety Forum</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>20 February 2024</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 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 38 road traffic collisions (RTCs) in Quarter 3 (Q3) of 2023/2024. This is an increase of 2 from 36 in the same reporting period of 2022/2023. The incidents were spread across South Lanarkshire with the highest figure recorded within Hamilton (16).
- 4.2. There were 44 non-fatal casualties, with the largest amount (22) occurring within Hamilton area as we seen an increase to incidents along the M74. Only 6 of these non-fatal casualties resulted in victims going to hospital with potential serious injury.
- 4.3. During Q3 we recorded one fatal casualty within South Lanarkshire in 2023/2024. (Clydesdale) This is down from 2 from the same reporting period in the previous year.

- 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.

SFRS Incident Data Relating to RTC's			
	Q3 2022/2023	Q3 2023/2024	% change
Total number of RTC's	36	38	2.9%
Incidents with a fatality	1	1	0%
Total number of fatalities	2	1	-50%
Non-fatal casualties	26	44	69%

## **5. Future Engagements**

- 5.1. During Quarter 4 (Q4) Lanarkshire's Community Action Team will continue to deliver the road safety message via our Virtual Reality based presentations to local high schools, young drivers and third sector groups. These members of staff are now able to focus their efforts on engaging with young drivers and those identified through partnership working to deliver road safety education.
- 5.2. Our Youth Volunteer Scheme is well on the under way with all adult instructors now fully trained and eleven young people from across Lanarkshire have been carefully identified to take part in the 3-year rolling scheme. Road safety will form an integral part of this course.
- 5.3. Our SHIELD (**S**afety at **H**ome and on the road, gained from, **I**nformation, **E**ducation **L**earning and **D**emonstrations) courses are now in place within South Lanarkshire for Community Payback in which attendees learn about road safety.

## **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.

**Contact for Further Information**

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