

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>Roads Safety Forum</b>   |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>13 June 2023</b>   |
| Report by:       | <b>Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)</b> |

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| 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 22 road traffic collisions (RTCs) in Q4 of 2022/2023. This is a decrease of 7 from 29 in the same reporting period of 2021/2022. The incidents were spread across South Lanarkshire with the highest figure recorded within Clydesdale (12).
- 4.2. There were 16 non-fatal casualties, again these were evenly spread across South Lanarkshire. We have recorded an increase of 6 from the same reporting period last year.
- 4.3. During Q4 we recorded no fatal casualties within South Lanarkshire in 2022/2023. This is a decrease from 2 with 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.

| <b>SFRS Incident Data Relating to RTC's</b> |                 |                 |             |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|   | Q4<br>2021/2022 | Q4<br>2022/2023 | %<br>change |
| Total number of RTC's                       | 29              | 22              | -24%        |
| Incidents with a fatality                   | 2               | 0               | -200%       |
| Total number of fatalities                  | 2               | 0               | -200%       |
| Non-fatal casualties                        | 10              | 16              | 60%         |

## **5. Future Engagements**

- 5.1. During Q1 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 11 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 Fire Reach courses are now in place within Lanarkshire and young people from across Lanarkshire have been carefully identified to take part in the week's course with Road safety forming an integral part of this course.
- 5.4. Communication Social Media
  - ◆ Beep Beep campaign (Children's Road Safety) 26 April 2023
  - ◆ Motorcycle Safety campaign
  - ◆ Brake (ongoing social media)
  - ◆ Project Edward (ongoing social media)

## **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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23 May 2023

**Previous References**

- ◆ Roads Safety Forum – 31 January 2023

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

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