

# Report

Report to:	<b>Roads Safety Forum</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>1 November 2022</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 2022/2023. This is an increase of 3 from 33 in the same reporting period of 2021/2022. The incidents were spread across South Lanarkshire with the highest figure recorded in Hamilton which was 14.

4.2. There were 37 non-fatal casualties, again these were evenly spread across South Lanarkshire. With people returning to normal life after the COVID-19 pandemic we recorded an increase of 18 from the same reporting period last year.

4.3. Sadly we recorded 2 fatal casualties within South Lanarkshire in Q2 2022/2023. This is an increase of 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			
	Q2 2021/2022	Q2 2022/2023	% change
Total number of RTC's	33	36	9%
Incidents with a fatality	0	2	200%
Total number of fatalities	0	2	200%
Non-fatal casualties	19	37	94%

## 5. Future Engagements

- 5.1. During Q2, Lanarkshire's Community Action Team received training to utilise a Road Safety message via our Virtual Reality training. 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. The 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. #ProjectEDWARD is an annual UK-wide road safety campaign backed by the Government, emergency services, highways agencies, road safety organisations and private industry. It aims to promote an evidence-led, 'safe system' approach - the long-term objective of which is a road traffic system free from death and serious injury. This will take place from the 17 October to 21 October 2022 with SFRS delivering several Road Safety presentations throughout South Lanarkshire schools.
- 5.4. We will also be working with charity BRAKE and will be promoting a road safety week from 14 November to 20 November The 2022 campaign theme, Safe Roads for All, will raise awareness of key areas of road safety, including safe vehicles and speeds, the recent update to the Highway Code and the new hierarchy of road users, and the importance of inclusivity to keep us all safe on the roads, no matter who we are or how we travel.

## 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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