

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2022
Report by:	Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)

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. SFRS attended a total of 33 road traffic collisions (RTCs) in Q3 of 2021/2022. This is an increase of 13 from 20 in the same reporting period of 2020/2021. The incidents were evenly spread across South Lanarkshire. The highest figure was recorded in Clydesdale which was 10.

4.2. There were 18 non-fatal casualties, again these were evenly spread across South Lanarkshire. This is a decrease of 2 from the same reporting period last year.

4.3. It is pleasing to report that there were no fatal casualties recorded in South Lanarkshire in Q3 2021/2022. This is a decrease of 3 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 2020/2021	Q3 2021/2022	% change
Total number of RTC's	20	33	+65%
Incidents with a fatality	1	0	-100%
Total number of fatalities	3	0	-100%
Non-fatal casualties	20	18	-10%

5. Future Engagements

- 5.1. A review of staffing was carried out after the legacy North and South Lanarkshire Local Senior Officer (LSO) areas were merged in the summer of 2021. As a result of this we now have a dedicated Youth Community Safety Advocate and a Community Firefighter. 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 way to becoming operational. The Adult Instructors are currently undertaking their training and then the young people will be recruited. Road safety will form an integral part of this course.
- 5.3. The Firereach programme has been funded again and we have recruited 3 Firereach instructors. The courses will be delivered from Coatbridge Firereach building. Road safety forms an important part of this course. We aim to deliver 4 courses for South Lanarkshire young people by the end of summer 2022.

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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10 February 2022

Previous References

None.

List of Background Papers

None.

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