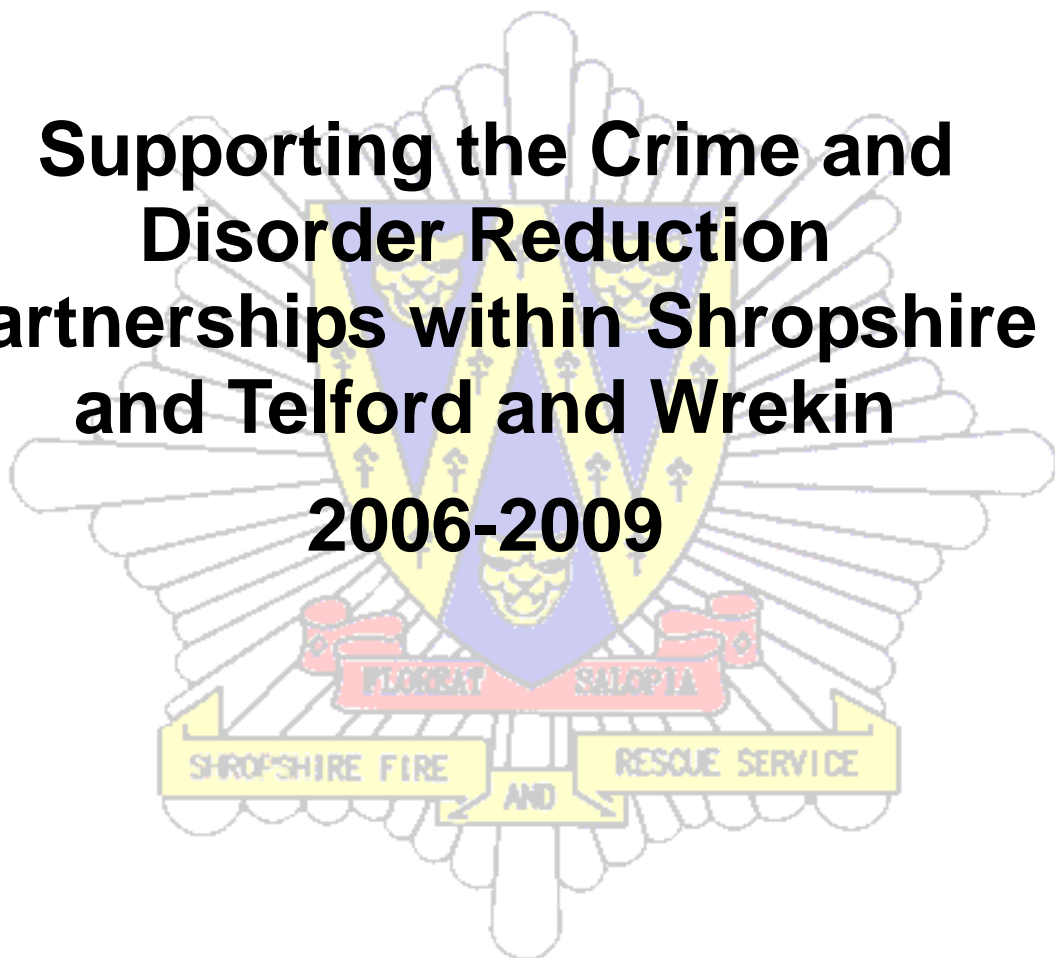


Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Supporting the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships within Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin 2006-2009



Report against Performance May 2009

Supporting the Major Themes

In 2006 Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service agreed to support the partnerships in all 5 major themes:

- Anti Social Behaviour;
- Substance Misuse
- Crime against the person;
- Property Crime and
- Fear of Crime

Each of these themes is briefly explored in the supporting document developed by Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to show how we will support the delivery of the LAA and LPSA targets for all the Districts within Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. Detailed exploration, together with targets and objectives for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service along with performance against those objectives are set out in the following tables.

Priority 1 – Anti Social Behaviour			
To reduce the incidence of anti social behaviour within the community and the perception of it.			
Objectives	Approach / Key Actions	Performance against Key Actions (<i>date</i>)	Officer
Reduce Anti Social behaviour – through multi agency approaches.	Reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires. (fires in bins, undergrowth etc) By:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the profile of nuisance fires within the community 	Arson leaflets Telford FM Radio	District Officers' Annual Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating young people through school visits and Crucial crew; and 	All 16 whole time watches (4 WT stations) have received training and have adopted 114 schools in IRMP areas. Targeting year 1, 4, 7 & 8 students annually. Supporting five Crucial Crew events targeting 6,000 yr 6 students.	Youth Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting hotspot initiatives. 	Initiatives by the Arson reduction team	Business Fire Safety Manager
	Target: 15% reduction in secondary fires	Coding for this indicator has changed providing a baseline figure of 965 in 07/08. The figure for 2008/09 has reduced to 642 which is a fall of over 33%.	Stats Officer
Improve management of the community – through effective education and enforcement.	Support a planned programme of 'clean ups' in key locations. By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involving local teams in clean up days. 	This initiative has been established in Oswestry and T&W but is yet to be included on other CDRP agendas	District Officers

	<p>Targets: Reduce the frequency of malicious false alarms to emergency services.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing a regional policy on false alarms; and 	This has been introduced into the Brigade as part of a regional initiative.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Police to bring about prosecutions and publicising these. 	Currently there are no examples of this.	
	<p>Target: 5% reduction in malicious calls year on year.</p>	<p>Malicious calls attended</p> <p>2005/06 – 167</p> <p>2006/07 – 142</p> <p>2007/08 – 123</p> <p>2008/09 – 89</p> <p>Malicious calls attended have reduced by over 46% during this period.</p>	Stats Officer

Priority 2 – Substance Misuse

To reduce the harm caused by substance misuse in our communities and perceptions of drugs activity.

Objectives	Approach / Key Actions	Performance against Key Actions (<i>date</i>)	officer
<p>Prevention, education & awareness – help prevent substance misuse amongst adults and young people</p>	<p>Promote drug free lifestyles within schools and the wider community and educate people about the dangers of drugs.</p> <p>By:</p>	<p>All 6,000 year 7 students have received Be Cool, Be Safe magazine and have the opportunity to receive education through our Adopt a Schools Programme.</p> <p>Drug / tobacco education material is included in the magazine.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage full participation of year 7 pupils in the “Be Cool Be Safe” quiz; and Engage with drug action teams. Share data with DAAT and ensure homes of known dependants are made safe from fire. <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All secondary schools to take part in the quiz. 	<p>All LEA schools in T & W engaged.</p> <p>All LEA schools in Shropshire (except 2) have participated.</p>	Youth Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All homes of known drug dependants provided with suitable fire protection. 	<p>Vulnerable persons advocate appointed June 07 to join People at Risk Team (PART) which was established to forge links with council’s substance misuse teams and</p>	Comm Safety

		encourage Home Fire Safety Checks. No reliable system for referrals to us exists as yet.	
Alcohol abuse – promotes sensible drinking and reduces the harmful effects of alcohol abuse.	Deliver better education and communication to promote sensible drinking in the community. By:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage full participation of year 7 pupils in the “Be Cool Be Safe” quiz. Target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All secondary schools to take part in the quiz. 	All LEA schools in T & W engaged. All LEA schools in Shropshire except 2 have participated.	Youth Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stronger links with local Licensing activities developed to ensure that the prevention of alcohol related crime, disorder and public nuisance is highlighted. By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging with neighbourhood action teams and Community Support Officers. Target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Action Teams and CSOs are aware of the increased risk of fire to people under the influence of alcohol. 	Stronger links have been forged with the Business Community by the establishment of licensing and FSE premises joint visits. The Brigade has an input into training for all new CSOs. All watches are now making better links with local CSOs and Constables. Fire Service attend most Lets Talk and PACT meetings.	District Officer
	Forge closer links with District Teams and Community Support Officers via Crime and Disorder Partnerships By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with alcohol awareness safety groups; and Targeted Fire Safety Campaigns. Targets: Closer links developed with Alcohol advisory groups and a targeted fire safety campaign is delivered. All homes of those known to be dependant on alcohol have adequate fire safety provision.	Some work with the Alcohol Advisory Committee in South Shropshire by supporting a survey on Polish workers through the CDRP. No formal referral system exists for known alcohol dependant people.	
Hidden Harm – reduce the impact of substance	Promote access to fire safety measures in drug and alcohol using homes.		District Officer

<p>misuse by parents, carers and older siblings on children and young people.</p>	<p>By.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with drugs and alcohol teams. <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forge closer links with drugs and alcohol advisors via the Community Safety Partnership. 	<p>Interaction with DAAT teams at CDRP meetings to identify problem areas. Vulnerable persons' Officers have contacted drug misuse teams throughout Shropshire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance by Vulnerable Persons' Officers at Porticoe House in Telford (Needle Exchange Centre) Formal partnerships to be developed with drug misuse agencies throughout Shropshire. 	
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Priority 3 and 4 – Crime Reduction

To reduce crime in all areas by 20% over the next 3 years

Objectives	Approach / Key Actions	Performance against Key Actions <i>(date)</i>	officer
<p>Criminal Damage – Reduce the incidence of this through preventative approaches and through a focussed approach to hotspots.</p>	<p>Reduce the level of deliberate primary fires in dwellings, commercial properties and vehicles. By:</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educating young people in the dangers of fire; 	<p>Education program/ adopt a school /Crucial Crew Events/Quiz</p>	<p>Youth Officer</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing information to residents; 	<p>After the Fire leaflet drops (level 2) Specific areas arson leaflets and visits Arson house risk assessments</p>	<p>Crews</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting business crime initiatives; and 	<p>Involvement in Smart Water initiative 'Crimestopper' logos on leaflets Fire Crime reduction initiatives in all areas.</p>	<p>FSE</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeting religious groups. 	<p>Brigade-wide initiative, employment of a bi-lingual community fire safety advocate Fire safety and arson reduction presentations at places of worship</p>	<p>CFS Manager</p>
	<p>Targets: 10% reduction in deliberate dwelling fires, commercial fires, farm fires and vehicle fires over the next three years.</p>	<p>2005/06 – 335 2006/07 – 365 2007/08 – 315 2008/09 – 246</p> <p>After an initial rise in</p>	<p>Stats Officer</p>

		figures, these are now showing a considerable down turn.	
Vehicle crime – reduce this through public awareness and a targeted approach to hotspots	Reduce the level of criminal damage and deliberate primary fires occurring against vehicles. By:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting “car clear” initiatives; 	All the councils have ‘car clear’ initiatives which the Brigade supports.	Business Fire Safety manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering car crime courses for offenders; 	“Inspire” re-launched on 24 th April 2008 with YOS	Youth Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting vehicle crime initiatives; and 	Attendance at various open days and visits to schools (Newport, Oswestry/SCAT/Bishops Castle/Ludlow)	District Officers CFS Manager
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeting hotspots with ‘Crime stoppers.’ 	Hot spots have been targeted through information sharing and interaction between the various agencies in the CDRP.	District Officers
	Targets: Reduce vehicle arson by 15% over the next three years.	Deliberate vehicle fires have reduced by over 16% over the period for the whole of Shropshire. 2005/06 – 219 2006/07 – 249 2007/08 – 230 2008/09 – 182 (based on figures received up to the 28.03.09)	Stats Officer
Burglary – to reduce the number of domestic burglaries.	Promote schemes to make the elderly and vulnerable safe at home.		
	By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting home security initiatives. 	Bishops Castle and Oswestry Retained are working with the Police and District Councils to fit door safety equipment and promote home fire safety awareness within their areas.	
	Targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local firefighters trained in basic security assessment by the end of 2006 	Being reassessed. (Fear of crime not now an issue within the piloted area of Bishops Castle after above initiative.)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Security included in Home Fire Risk Assessment surveys by the end of 2006 	Multi agency Shropshire Sign Post Referral system now in place to identify a number of common issues and risks in order	District Officer CFS Manager

		to deliver preventative actions reducing long term negative impact on wealth and health and well being.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings of assessments communicated to relevant groups. 	Being reassessed. As above	CFS manager
Prolific and Priority Offenders – to take action against a small group of individuals who cause a disproportionate amount of crime.	Work with children and young people to prevent them slipping into anti social or offending behaviour by identifying and targeting those most at risk of offending with appropriate intervention programmes. By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with partners in hotspot areas; Increasing investigation profile where necessary; Placing nuisance fires within the Crucial Crew arena; Juvenile intervention scheme; and Juvenile vehicle crime course. 	Six week monitoring at Prolific and Priority Offender meetings. Cross reference names of at risk clients with Youth Support Services/County Council Anti-Social Behaviour team/Social Services etc. Juvenile intervention referrals increased by 15% over the three years.	Youth Officer
	Target: 15% reduction in deliberate nuisance (secondary) fires.	Coding for this indicator has changed providing a baseline figure of 965 in 07/08. The figure for 2008/09 has reduced to 642 which is a fall of over 33%.	Stats Officer
	Prevent the most at risk young offenders from becoming the prolific offenders of the future through appropriately targeted interventions. By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juvenile interventions scheme; and Juvenile vehicle crime course. 	Six week monitoring at Prolific and Priority Offender meetings.	Youth Officer
	Targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidating existing referral arrangements. All referrals dealt with by trained staff. 	The intervention work is included on SCC LAA3 “Early Intervention framework” Youth Officer has worked with YOS management to re-launch/refresh YOS schemes	
Hate Crime – to build confidence in the reporting of hate crime and take action against it.	Continue to build community confidence in reporting hate crimes. By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting crime and disorder partnership strategies; and 	Hate Crime posters are displayed on Fire	District Officer

		Appliances	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting District action teams. 	Outreach Vehicle used in various open days to promote a number issues	District Officer
	<p>Targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closer liaison with neighbourhood action teams. 	RSOs and OiCs now attend PACT meetings within their areas	District Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff trained to react appropriately to community reports of hate crime. 	All staff receive Cultural Awareness training as part of their induction	District Officer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All teams have access to information on hate crime and are aware how to report suspected hate crimes involving fire. 	Active participation in hate crime initiatives across the county	District Officer
	<p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully engaging with minority groups. 	Brigade-wide initiative, employment of a bi-lingual community fire safety advocate and links with migrant workers in some areas (Oswestry for example)	District Officer
	<p>Targets:</p> <p>Take up of Community Fire Safety initiatives by Minority Ethnic communities increased over 3 year period from 2005 levels.</p>	Number of ethnic minority people with smoke alarms has increased within targeted areas of Telford & Wrekin.	Stats Officer
Business Crime – to reduce the incidence of business crime.	<p>Reduce the level of deliberate commercial fires.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcing fire safety legislation; and Educating business owners in arson avoidance. 	Business Fire Safety audits carried out across all areas. Provision of arson advice during audits. 'Keep your business in business' folders and CDs. Watch arson visits and leaflets. Talks and presentations to businesses. Advice available on the SFRS website.	FSE
	<p>Targets:</p> <p>15% reduction in deliberate commercial fires over the next three years.</p>	<p>2005/06 – 47</p> <p>2006/07 – 31</p> <p>2007/08 – 25</p> <p>2008/09 – 19 (based on figures received up to the 28.03.09)</p>	Stats Officer

		This is a reduction of over 59% during this period.	
	<p>Support businesses to reduce the risk of accidental fire in commercial premises.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness; • Enforcing fire safety legislation; and • Providing information to business on new legislation. 	<p>Fire Safety audits. Letters to premises with advice sheets. Advice available on the SFRS web and WDS short audits. Talks and presentations to businesses.</p>	FSE

Priority 5 – Perception of Crime

To reassure the community and build community involvement at the local level.

Objectives	Approach / Key Actions	Performance against Key Actions (<i>date</i>)	Officer
<p>Support Coordinated local action and planning – to improve responses on the ground.</p>	<p>Develop locality structures by building on neighbourhood coordination</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising local fire crews to work closely with District Teams and local schools. 	<p>Home Fire Safety Visits And school visits</p>	<p>District Officers CFS Manager</p>
	<p>Target: Integrate locality structures into Station action plans Provide better local information to residents.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of fire crews at a local level; and 	<p>Station action plans have been aligned to the local district structure</p> <p>Wholetime watches at Shrewsbury, Telford, Tweedale and Wellington have ‘adopted’ a school in an initiative to bring Fire Safety awareness into schools. This initiative has now been rolled out to retained stations in rural Shropshire.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full involvement in local partnership activities. 		District Officer

	<p>Support improved involvement of local councillors.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting on going links between local councillors and Fire Stations <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every team on each local fire station linked with their councillors. 	<p>The Brigade supports the PACT and Lets Talk meeting and good relationships exist between local councillors and their stations. Quarterly performance reports are produced which include information for their individual stations.</p>	<p>District Officer</p>
<p>Involvement and empowerment – to build community involvement in decision making.</p>	<p>Extend Neighbourhood Watch initiatives to other areas. E.g. fire safety.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing local “fire wardens”. <p>Target: Liaise with local Neighbourhood wardens and Community Support officers to set up protocols and training.</p> <p>Develop a coordinated approach to community consultation across agencies.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the setting up and training of local Wardens. 	<p>This initiative has not been established and is to be reviewed 2008/09</p>	
	<p>Target:</p> <p>Ensure community consultation is used effectively to inform the development of strategies and actions.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that strategic planning fully involves local people. <p>Target: Integrated Risk plan consultation carried out through local groups.</p>	<p>IRMP Consultation events with the community and local businesses. BVPI 3 survey.</p>	<p>District Officer</p>

<p>Liveability – to build confidence and reassurance amongst local communities through a rapid response to local issues.</p>	<p>To build confidence and reassurance amongst local communities through a coordinated response to local problems.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to local needs through partnership with Crime Reduction task groups. <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service fully supportive of Safer Communities groups. 	<p>Local involvement with Community Safety task groups</p>	<p>District Officers</p>
	<p>Reduce the visible scars to our communities and the local environment by minimising arson.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting “car clear” initiatives; Offering car crime courses for offenders; Supporting vehicle crime initiatives; and Targeting hotspots with ‘Crime stoppers.’ Working with partners in hotspot areas; Increasing investigation profile where necessary; Placing nuisance fires within the Crucial Crew arena; Enforcing fire safety legislation; and Educating business owners in arson avoidance 	<p>As before</p>	<p>Youth officer</p>
	<p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce vehicle arson by 15% over the next three years. 15% reduction in deliberate nuisance (secondary) fires. 15% reduction in deliberate commercial fires over the next three years. 	<p>See previous figures</p>	<p>Stats Officer</p>

Actions with Children & Young People is a Key element of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services Preventative work.

To discourage children and young people from becoming involved in crime.

Objectives	Approach / Key Actions	Performance against Key Actions (<i>date</i>)	
<p>Being Healthy – choose not to take illegal drugs and lead healthy</p>	<p>To promote drug free lifestyles within schools and the wider community and educate people about the dangers of drugs.</p>	<p>All Lea schools in T & W engaged.</p>	<p>Youth Officer</p>

lifestyles	<p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full involvement at school year 7 in the “Be Cool Be Safe” quiz. <p>Target: All eligible schools participating in the ‘Be Cool Be Safe’ quiz.</p>	All LEA schools in Shropshire except 2 have participated.	
<p>Enjoying and Achieving – encourage involvement in personal and social development and recreation.</p>	<p>To engage with young people to deter anti social and fire setting behaviour.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the Junior Fire Education Scheme; • Continuing support for Crucial Crew and Safety Scene; and • Promoting “Backfire” project. <p>Target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increased take up of places on the Fire Education Scheme. • At least one fire related scenario operated in Crucial Crew event. • Increased take up of places on ‘Backfire’ education programmes 	<p>Increase in Junior Fire Education Scheme referrals 07-08.</p> <p>Watches to take Backfire yr 8 presentation into adopted schools as part of education project.</p>	Youth Officer
<p>Making a contribution – promote positive citizenship amongst children and young people.</p>	<p>Make C&YP feel valued as part of the community through consultation and involvement in decision making process.</p> <p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Forums. 	Local winners of the Safety Quiz are invited to attend a CDRP meeting to gain an awareness of the process as part of the government awareness week	
	<p>Target: Prevent the most at risk young offenders from becoming the prolific offenders of the future through appropriate targeted interventions</p>	Numbers of re-offenders Only 1 re-offender from YOS	Stats Officer/ Youth Officer
	<p>By:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile Intervention Scheme; and • Juvenile Vehicle Crime Course. 	As before	
	<p>Target: Build and recognise positive images of C&YP in the local media.</p>	Ongoing / annually	Youth Officer
	<p>Work to discourage hoax calls to the emergency services.</p>	Development of ‘Harry the Hoaxer’ character to promote awareness amongst children and young people of effect of hoax calls	Youth Officer