

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 22 SEPTEMBER 2004

COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise Forum members of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In accordance with East Ayrshire Council Community Safety Strategy a Community Safety Co-ordinator was appointed to implement the strategy and to co-ordinate and drive forward safety initiatives.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. **Children's Service Plan:** A conference will be held on 12 November 2004 to look at the development of the Plan over the next 3 years.
- 3.2. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking home safety issues forward. A petition from the Mandatory Powers Sub committee will be lodged at the Public Petitions Committee on Wednesday 15th September 2004 at the new parliament at Holyrood in an effort to make home safety mandatory in councils.
- 3.3. **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** The Forum continue to meet on a regular basis. Recent suggestions have been made to include CCTV, Anti-social Behaviour and Community Wardens within the context of the Forum to look at the wider issues of Community Safety.
- 3.4. **Grass Fires:** The first meeting of 2004 will be held in Dalmellington on Wednesday 4th October 2004. It is the intention to roll out this initiative and anyone interested in forming a steering group in their area should contact the Community Safety Co-ordinator.
- 3.5. **Danger Detectives:** Danger Detectives finished on 16th September. It was attended by over 1600 primary six school children in East Ayrshire. New sets this year included Internet Safety by Strathclyde Police: basic life saving techniques by the Royal Life Saving Society and what to do if you find a syringe or needle by the Scottish Ambulance Service.
- 3.6. **Forthcoming Initiatives:** The following issues have been discussed by the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group:

- In the past Trading Standards and Community Police Officers have carried out visits to registered retailers of fireworks. It was suggested enforcement officers from the Fire Brigade will visit large trading outlets.
- Enhance Fireworks display to include information outlets e.g. CHIP van and Health Information.
- Nursery packs to be distributed to all Pre 5 establishments to include toys and information on fire safety.
- Support publicity campaigns through Community Pharmacists regarding awareness of the dangers of prescribed medicines.
- Supporting publicity campaigns through European Mobility Week – “In town without my car day”, a town centre based initiative featuring safer routes to school and various other healthy activities.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partnership organisations and from the Scottish Executive Community Safety Awards.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1. The Community Safety Co-ordinator will continue to liaise with other departments and outside organisations to promote the initiatives described in the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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10 September 2004.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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