

## EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -26 SEPTEMBER 2001

### COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR -REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

#### Report by Director of Community 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 Officer was appointed to implement the strategy and to co-ordinate and drive forward safety initiatives. The post title has now been amended to Co-ordinator as this was felt better to describe the role of the officer in question.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. **Safer East Ayrshire:** Safe Barshare Group met on 15 August. The next meeting of Safe Dalmellington is the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 11 October.
- 3.2. **Ayrshire & Arran Accident Prevention Group:** A Seminar was held on 28 June at the John Pollock Centre, Ayr. The aim of the Seminar was to consider accident prevention in the home for older people aged 65- 75 years. The programme considered the implications of alcohol in this context.
- 3.3. **Danger Detectives:** The event is currently under way at the Dean Castle Country Park. A report will be submitted to the next Forum meeting.
- 3.4. **Community Safety Day:** A Community Safety Day was held on Saturday 11 August at Council Headquarters, Kilmarnock.
- 3.5. **Community Safety Awards:** Certificates of Commendation were presented to those individuals and agencies who had made some contribution to Community Safety. A total of 24 awards were made.
- 3.6. **Stewarton Open Day:** An open day was held in the Annick Centre Stewarton on 14th June, to highlight the views of the young and elderly people in the area. Workshops included Community Safety; Crime

Prevention and living in the Northern Area. Approximately 50 people attended this event.

- 3.7. **Scotland's Health at Work:** As part of Scotland's Health at Work Gold Award, a series of events will take place throughout East Ayrshire during the month of October. These will include talks on Personal Safety, drug awareness and stress management. It is intended to hold a Health and Safety Fayre later in the year with a high level of community involvement.
- 3.8. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** This group continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis, and will continue to lobby the Scottish Executive for Mandatory Powers in Home Safety within councils throughout Scotland. The group will consider extending the membership to include agencies and representatives from the private sector and outside public bodies.
- 3.9. **SAPC Speechmaking Competition:** Notification of the 2002 event has now been received and the acceptance form completed and returned to the Secretary of the SA PC.
- 3.10. **Firework Safety Initiative:** The Working Group established at the last Forum meeting has now met three times. Packs will be available prior to 5 November containing information about firework and bonfire safety as well as a registration form for those who wish to hold a firework display. Publicity will also be given to this initiative via West Sound Radio and the local Press.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partnership organisations

#### **5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

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

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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Director of Community Services

**AGENDA**