

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 24 SEPTEMBER 2003

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 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:** The Plan has been reviewed and it is intended to hold a Conference in October to discuss the 2004/2007 Plan.
- 3.2. **Fire and Security Working Group:** The Group continue to meet to discuss and consider a wide range of options to minimise the service and financial impact of fire, vandalism and breach of building security issues.
- 3.3. **Home Security:** Additional funding of £10,000 has been received from Strathclyde Police Challenge Fund to provide further home safety and security measures to those most vulnerable in the community. Those eligible will be referred from agencies including Health Board; Police and Fire Brigade and Social Work Department.
- 3.4. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking home safety issues forward.
- 3.5. **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** The SLACS Conference will be held on Monday 24th November at Stirling Management Centre. The theme of the Conference will be "A Better Tomorrow for a Safer, Vibrant, Healthier Scotland". Anyone interested in attending should contact the Community Safety Co-ordinator.
- 3.6. **Grass Fires:** A meeting will be held in Dalmellington to discuss the possibility of holding an Information/Experiential event with pupils from surrounding schools in an effort to combat the spread of grass fires in the area.

- 3.7. **Talks and Presentations:** Personal and Home Safety talks/Presentations have been given to various organisations including East Ayrshire Leisure Seasonal Staff and Childminders. Further talks are planned for the Autumn.
- 3.8. **Danger Detectives:** Danger Detectives finished on 18th September. It was attended by ...children from all Primary 6 schools. A VIP day was held on 29th August and was well attended by members of the Forum.
- 3.9. **Firework Safety:** Firework Safety Toolkits are now available and anyone requiring information should contact the Community Safety Co-ordinator. Ongoing campaigns will continue with Trading Standards, the Police and Fire Brigade.

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/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1. The Community Safety Co-ordinator 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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10 September 2003.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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