

LFB work to reduce crime

1) LIFE – Local Intervention Fire Education.

LIFE is an intensive four-day course facilitated by Fire and Rescue staff and firefighters at fire stations for young people between the ages of 14 and 17. The course is based on the role of the firefighter and participants take part in a range of activities which include using ladders, wearing breathing apparatus, carrying out casualty rescue techniques and first aid. The programme offers the opportunity to develop a range of skills which include leadership, social skills, communication and team work. In addition to this participants are educated about fire safety prevention, consequences, healthy living, and road safety. The aim of the course is to develop skills and experience to deter young people from anti-social behaviour, as well as learn skills to enable them to succeed and live safe and healthy lives.

Since 1st April 2019, 3 LIFE courses have been held at Tottenham Fire Station covering the boroughs of Enfield and Haringey.

01-04 April

29 April- 02 May

03- 06 June

2) Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Scheme (JFIS)

The education-based programme works with the child and their family to address the fire-setting behaviour through identifying its cause, looking at the consequences of such actions and providing one to one, tailored fire safety education and advice. The team are currently working with 4 young people in Enfield.

3) Safe Drive, Stay Alive (SDSA)

SDSA is an annual road safety theatre production education initiative. The main method for safety message delivery is through five speakers who share stories of personal experiences with road traffic collisions. It is aimed at young people (aged 17 to 25 inclusive) pre-learner, learner, newly qualified drivers and their passengers. SDSA seeks to influence young people's attitudes and behaviours toward five risk-relevant driving practices (distractions such as mobile phones, seat belt use, drink and drug driving, speeding, and peer-pressure to engage in risky driving). LB of Enfield have been a long-time deliverer of SDSA in partnership with LFB, LAS and the Met and this is usually in October.

4) Visual Audits

The Brigade has a continued focus on reducing the number of deliberate fires in London. In order to achieve even further reductions, staff will carry out regular visual audits to areas where communities have suffered a high number of deliberate fires.

The aim of visual audits is to protect people (both the public and fire-fighters), property and the environment from harm by using our statutory responsibility to prevent fires.

The objectives of visual audits are:

- To make London safer for the people we serve by:
 - Identifying and reducing materials that can be used to fuel deliberate fires
 - Protecting the environment and property from harm
 - Reducing opportunities for antisocial behaviour
 - Reducing the economic and operational impact of deliberate fires

- To promote community partnership working by:
 - Working collaboratively to gain support and resources to minimise and address identified issues
 - Reporting issues to partner agencies as appropriate
- To identify potential arson targets by:
 - Identifying buildings that may be at risk of deliberate fire setting
 - Visiting areas with high volumes of deliberate fires

5) Junior Citizens Events

- Junior Citizens (JC) events are multi agency events run by the Police or Local Authority. London Fire Brigade (LFB) has been participating at borough level in JC events for many years.
- The events target schoolchildren between 9 – 11 years and take them through interactive scenarios from which they learn important safety information. The LFB activity station teaches children about smoke detection and escape from fire. In some JC events LFB have two activity stations, the second teaches children about fire hazards and reducing risks of fires in the home.

Upcoming Work

- The first Enfield Fire Cadet Unit for 14-17-year olds will open in early 2020 at a fire station to be confirmed. The year long course which will have inputs on crime prevention, impact of gangs, knife crime etc will be attended by 15 Fire cadets and supporting volunteers.
- LFB, Met Police and LAS are launching a joint project in 2020 (date TBC) called 'Safety First' which will offer a free one day visit to secondary schools (Year 8s) in Enfield on consequences covering topics like arson, PREVENT, gangs, knife and gun crime etc.