



London Borough of Enfield
Community Safety Update

January 2021



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.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 no LIFE courses were held in 2020

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 JFIS team are currently working with 11 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 delivery partner of SDSA in partnership with LFB, LAS and the Met and this is usually in October. Due to the impact of Covid-19 no SDSA took place in 2020

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

During Jan – Dec 2020 Enfield Fire crews carried out 1043 visual audits.

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.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 there was no junior Citizen Event held in Enfield in 2020.

6) Fire Cadets

The Cadet scheme, funded through the GLA enables us to work with young people aged 14-17 years old work alongside operational firefighters and also volunteers from the community to **achieve a BTEC Level 2 Award in Fire and Rescue Services** in the Community. Cadets develop transferable life skills including leadership, communication skills, team work, as well as learning first aid and practical firefighting techniques.

Fire Cadets meet one evening a week following an academic year. Cadets attend their unit for three hours usually in the evening between 6pm and 9pm, and also at weekends and during holiday periods when they take an active part in community events. The sessions are led by an employed Fire Cadets Coordinator and delivered by adult volunteer instructors from the community and volunteers from within London Fire Brigade.

Fire Cadets offers positive opportunities for young people to develop key citizenship skills, improve self-esteem, community cohesion and self-confidence. The fire cadets gain confidence and are empowered to become ambassadors in their communities helping to educate others; teaching people the importance of fire safety and the consequences of antisocial behaviour. The cadets and volunteers are empowered to contribute to the community they are part of and are able to make a positive influence in reducing the impact of fire-related incidents, as well as actively championing the work of firefighters within their London borough.

Enfield Fire Cadets were due to open in Early 2020 but this was halted due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Despite this we were able to complete all of the set up of Enfield Unit, including the purchasing of PPE, uniform, venue equipment and operational equipment, the training of Volunteer Cadet Instructors and the salary of the Fire Cadets Coordinator attached to the unit.

7) 'Enfield Stands Together'

During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic LFB crews in Enfield took part in a collaborative initiative delivering prescriptions and essential items to the homes of vulnerable individuals in the Borough. This was achieved using front line crews and appliances and had no impact on our emergency service delivery. Between April – July Crews carried out 971 deliveries to vulnerable households.

8) LAS Support

During 2020 LFB assisted London Ambulance Service (LAS) by providing firefighters to drive emergency ambulances and carry out first aid duties alongside LAS paramedics. Approx. 250 firefighters were sent to assist with 13 of these coming from LFB in Enfield. Although the original assistance stopped in October a subsequent second request due to the new Covid variant has been received and LFB are again supplying 300 firefighters to deploy ambulances and assist front line staff with 6 of these coming from LFB in Enfield. During the first wave of Covid-19 firefighters at Edmonton Fire Station cooked and delivered meals for London Ambulance Staff based at Chase Farm and Edmonton Ambulance Stations. We also provided a fridge for crews to be able to keep this home cooked food fresh.

9) Borough Twitter account

Our Borough twitter page has gone from strength to strength and now has over 2600 followers. It has been used to promote and inform the community of events we have undertaken and also showcase some of the skills and training we undertake at station level. It has generated questions and enquiries from members of the public which may otherwise go unanswered. The Twitter account is managed by 5 firefighters across 4 watches based at the 3 Borough Fire Stations.