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West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Update Report

WMFs mission is to serve our communities by preventing harm, protecting life and property and keeping the public safe, both locally and by ensuring national resilience through a full understanding of risk.

WMF are Extending collaborative work with external partner agencies there is ongoing engagement with transport for West Midlands about use of/access to road network CCTV cameras in the control room. This would allow Fire Control (FC) to utilise cameras to support resourcing incidents. This could provide FC a live feed of incidents as they evolve which can then be communicated to responding appliances supporting the organisations 5-minute attendance standard.

Sparks visits in schools with key stage 2 children have now resumed, with WMFS teams delivering key learning and safety messages face-to-face. Our SPARKS presentation is designed for Year 4 pupils. It lasts about an hour and is delivered by firefighters from your local station. It concentrates on fire and road safety.

The children will see a short film showing how quickly fire spreads, then they will find out about:

- Smoke detectors
- Escape plans
- Emergency calls
- Fire hazards
- Stop, drop and roll
- Pedestrian safety
- In-car safety

If you want to organise a SPARK visit for any of the schools in your ward please email my self or Cllr Zaheer Hussain and we will arrange that for you.

WMFS hosted the UKRO festival of rescue event between September 29th – 1st October 22 on the Smithfield site in Birmingham. The event welcomed Fire and Rescue Services from across the UK to compete in a multitude of disciplines to include Road Traffic Collision, Trauma, Water Rescue, Rope Rescue, Urban Search and Rescue and Fire fighter fitness. In which the West Bromwich Fire Cadets were the Casualty Care challenge winners.

The recent heatwave saw a substantial increase in incidents triggering our Heatwave Plan and as such spate condition action plan. The plan is activated when receiving over 50 incidents over a 30-minute period for 2 hours or more. Our Dynamic Cover Tool (DCT) and Risk Based Crewing (RBC) model ensured our response was dynamic, resourcing incidents via a people-based mobilisation taking into consideration the level of risk, this ensured the appropriate weight of attack could be mobilised.

If you have any questions, please contact me or my colleague Cllr Zaheer Hussain.

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