

JOINT AUTHORITY REPORT

GM FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

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CONSTRUCTION work on the new state-of the-art training and community centre in Bury has begun

The multi-million pound development on Wellington Street will provide the most realistic training for operational crews and an interactive community facility for the public.

On Monday, May 18, 2015, local schoolchildren from Bury Grammar Schools and St Gabriel's High School officially marked the start of the build and were joined by dignitaries from Bury Council and the Fire Authority, plus representatives from GMFRS and Kier Construction Northern who are building the centre.

The development is expected to take around 12 to 18 months and is set to open at the end of summer 2016.

Performance

Areas of Concern

Accidental Dwelling fires

There has been an increase of 11% on last year (28 to 31)

The 2 most common locations for these types of fire are Radcliffe and Prestwich. Whitefield and Ramsbottom's crews have been instructed to focus all of their home safety checks in these areas as they account for 50% of all of these incidents.

As usual the most common cause of fire is cooking being left unattended and crews advise homeowners on how to avoid becoming distracted whilst cooking.

Areas of good performance

The Borough is performing well virtually across the board in all other KPI's and in particular the number of deliberate fires in the Borough has significantly reduced. The continued good working relationship with GMP at senior level and on the ground officers is testimony to these figures

Risk Reduction Work

The new Community Safety Manager is working with the Healthy Radcliffe scheme to try to generate home safety check referrals from the staff that are working in this area.

The borough continues to build up a pool of trained personnel who can deliver the Heartstart Scheme. This is a scheme which aims to increase the knowledge and understanding of Basic Life Support Skills amongst all areas of the community. A 2 day event took place on the weekend 27th and 28th June to promote this initiative.

The Borough has made a successful internal funding bid for A community focused information day for the Jewish Community where HSC referrals can be taken, home safety advice given, business fire safety advice given, and perceived 'barriers' lowered if not broken down

The event has the support and backing of the Chair of the North West Beth Din, Rabbi Brodie and will be delivered with the support of the Jewish Representative Council of Manchester who represent the Jewish faith from as far afield as South Manchester/Cheshire and up into Lancashire