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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Bonfire campaign 2023 – social media pack

Background

Each year, Greater Manchester undertakes a multi-agency approach to preventing, tackling and protecting against bonfire and firework injuries, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal damage during the Halloween and bonfire period.

The campaign is led by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS), in partnership with Greater Manchester Police (GMP), Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and local councils.

For a number of years this campaign (previously known as Treacle/Safe4Autumn) has been effective in helping to tackle key issues such as ASB, deliberate fires and firework safety. Over the last two years, we have developed the Bang Out Of Order campaign artwork to reduce ASB, specifically deliberate fires, over the Halloween and bonfire night period.

The headline outcomes for last year's campaign were mixed, with some measures demonstrating reductions, whilst others increased. Strong reductions were evident in criminal damage offences and youth related ASB. In contrast, firework related ASB increased and a rise was also evident in deliberate fires.

Therefore, this year's campaign will continue to focus on reducing ASB during the Halloween and bonfire period – including deliberate primary and secondary fires, attacks on emergency services and hoax calls. However, there will also be additional messages to prevent firework related ASB.

The campaign also aims to reduce the number of fireworks and bonfire injuries by promoting fire safety advice and encouraging residents to attend organised events where possible.

Campaign materials:

- Posters.
- Social media graphics and GIFs (Facebook, X, Instagram).
- Artwork for advertising, including digital screens and programmatic adverts.
- Education resources – primary and secondary school PowerPoint and lesson plans are available, covering bonfire, Halloween and firework safety messages and information about ASB. All three presentations have been filmed being delivered by GMFRS staff, which can be shown in schools. You can access these on the bonfire campaign webpages.
- This year we're also running a pilot project with some staff lead video and picture content (Fire and Police staff) on the affect and consequences of ASB.

Campaign assets are available to download from the [GMFRS website](#) ('Toolkit and Downloads' page). Artwork for the printed materials is available for partners to print locally if they wish.

Partners are encouraged to:

- Share content from the digital toolkit as widely as possible across all social channels.
- Use the graphics from the digital toolkit across your digital signage network.
- When issuing press releases please link to <https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/bangoutoforder/>

We are issuing a press release to launch the campaign. Throughout the campaign we will take an agile approach, staying alive to any opportunities which will gain media coverage for the campaign. This may include releases being issued to highlight topics or

operational incidents throughout the campaign. Please let us know if you are planning local media/comms activity and include the key messages from this document where relevant.

Key messages:

Anti-social behaviour:

- Hoax calls can cost lives. If our crews are dealing with a hoax incident it takes crucial time away from real incidents where people's lives may be in danger.
- Anti-social behaviour, illegal bonfires and misuse of fireworks have serious consequences and will not be tolerated this bonfire night.
- It's illegal to buy or use fireworks if you're under 18. Don't start fires or set off illegal fireworks.
- To report an illegal bonfire contact your local council. If the fire is out of control call 999.
- Members of the public can dispose of unused fireworks safely, as part of our fireworks amnesty, by calling GMFRS on 0800 555 815.
- Free and confidential support is open to anyone affected by anti-social behaviour or crime this bonfire night. Call 0161 200 1950 or visit www.gmvictims.org.uk for more information.
- To make a report to police, you can use LiveChat or online reporting at <https://www.gmp.police.uk/>. You can also call 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

Attacks on firefighters/emergency service workers:

- Abuse towards our firefighters/emergency service workers will not be tolerated. Assaulting emergency service workers is illegal and can result in a prison sentence if convicted.

- No one should be attacked for trying to keep you, your families, and your friends safe. Respect our emergency service workers this bonfire night.
- Emergency service workers put their lives on the line every day to keep you safe and they have their own families to go home to at the end of their shift. Don't make their jobs any harder.
- If a fire engine is damaged due to being attacked this bonfire night, it might not be available to respond to serious emergencies in your area.

General, including firework safety:

- Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween and bonfire night – please go to organised events. Find an event near you – manchesterfire.gov.uk.
- Our advice is not to have fireworks and bonfires at home, but if you are going to celebrate at home, please stay safe by following the Firework Code and our bonfire guidance.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and can lead to devastating injuries. Our advice is not to have fireworks at home, but if you are please do so safely and follow the Firework Code.
- Children's Halloween costumes and other seasonal / themed costumes are currently classified as toys. You should check they are UKCA or CE marked to ensure they meet the required safety standards. Remember all garments have a risk of being flammable – you must keep them away from naked flames to prevent your child from sustaining devastating burns.
- If your child is planning to go out during the Halloween or bonfire period, make sure you know where they are, what they are doing and how to contact them.

Suggested social media posts – Facebook and X

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<p>🚒 If our emergency services are dealing with a hoax incident it takes crucial time away from real incidents where people’s lives may be in danger.</p> <p>Making a hoax call could land you a heavy fine or 6 months in prison.</p> <p>#BangOutOfOrder #BonfireNight</p>	 <p>Graphic of two young people laughing, pointing to a phone. Text says: Making a hoax call could land you a heavy fine or six months in prison. Last year police and firefighters dealt with 984 hoax calls over the bonfire night period.</p>
<p>Misuse of fireworks is #BangOutOfOrder and can have serious consequences, including injuries to yourself or others.</p> <p>Always follow the Firework Code.</p>	 <p>Graphic of a firefighter in a helmet and jacket. Text says: Incorrect use of fireworks can lead to serious injuries. Always follow the Firework Code.</p>

<p>Find out more </p> <p>https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/bangoutoforder/</p>	<p>Image on a dark night of the back of a firefighter in uniform, watching a firework in the distance. Text reads: Incorrect use of fireworks can lead to serious injuries. Always follow the firework code.</p>
<p>Anti-social behaviour is #BangOutOfOrder and has serious consequences.</p> <p>For example, if you deliberately start a fire or make a hoax call, you could receive a heavy fine or 6 months in prison.</p> <p>Read more about ASB and the consequences </p> <p>https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/bangoutoforder/consequences/</p>	 <p>Graphic of two young people laughing, pointing to a phone. Text says: Making a hoax call could land you a heavy fine or six months in prison. Last year police and firefighters dealt with 984 hoax calls over the bonfire night period.</p> <p>OR</p>



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