

Police Scotland Update

Road Safety

Work is currently ongoing to develop short information videos for anyone planning on towing a trailer, boat, caravan or horsebox this year following a change to driving licence requirements meaning individuals no longer have to sit a separate test for towing certain trailers. These will be launched shortly on our social media channels for watching and sharing and are being developed with partners from Campbeltown including Roads Policing Officers and DVLA instructors.

Youth Engagement

The Dunoon and Rothesay Police Scotland Youth Volunteer (PSYV) is now back up and running with a number of young people, some from vulnerable backgrounds engaging with the PSYV programme that had ceased during Covid-19. Since the members are age-bound, a full new programme for recruitment has been ongoing for the past few months. Keep Safe Ambassador Training Days have been held at Dunoon Grammar School and Rothesay Joint Campus. Keep Safe is a national award winning initiative designed to tackle hate crime and provide those most vulnerable in our communities with safe places. The ambassador training enables young people to understand the impact bullying and hate crime has on an individual, their family and the wider community as well as how to recognise incidents of hate crime within the community and within school environments and how to safely report these. Internet Safety inputs have been provided to those in primary 6 and primary 7 at both Kirn and Dunoon Primary Schools. Our Youth Engagement Officers have also been involved with transition evenings at Dunoon Grammar School where safe social media use was promoted to the P7's from all schools including Strachur, Lochgoilhead and Tighnabruaich.

Fraud Prevention

The scam savvy quiz was discussed with residents from Dalriada Grove in Innellan which was a great discussion with lots of inputs from local residents providing times where they have or nearly have fallen victim to scams and how we can all learn from this.

Dunoon Emergency Services Day

Planning is underway to hold an Emergency Services Day in Dunoon in June 2023. This will include Police Scotland, Ministry of Defence Police, HM Coastguard and others. Specialist units from the mounted branch, marine unit, dog branch and mountain rescue also hope to be in attendance. The event will be held at Dunoon Grammar School and more information will be shared when arrangements are finalised.

Naloxone Roll Out

The roll-out of Naloxone to our officers across Argyll and West Dunbartonshire is nearly complete. The intra-nasal sprays can reverse life-threatening opioid-related overdoses, and are being issued to all constables, sergeants and inspectors across Scotland to supplement their existing extensive first aid training. Nearly 450 officers now have access to these sprays carried in pouches for easy access. Officers complete an online course before receiving the first aid equipment. Since officers in Scotland started to carry Naloxone, it has been administered 128 times (correct as of 24/2/23), with positive outcomes on all but 5 of the incidents.