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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.

Fraud Prevention

The scam savvy quiz was discussed with the Inveraray Senior Citizens Group 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. This has resulted in a number of call blockers being fitted with many still to be installed. Discussions are ongoing with Furnace Community Council around this same event taking place in their area in the future and the possibility for working together for further call blocker funding as well.

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.

Pub Watch

The Licensing Department within Police Scotland, alongside the Community & Partnerships Team are looking at ways to bring back 'Pub Watch' within all of the main settlements in the MAKI/OLI area. Pub Watch is a scheme that seeks to prevent crime and disorder in and around licenced premises, preventing nuisance to neighbouring businesses and residents, providing a safe and secure environment for the staff and indeed for members of the general public to frequent establishments that are part of it. It is a voluntary process whereby licensed premises come together to help problem solve and drive forward responsible practice, whilst working with key stakeholders like the Police and Council.

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