SAFER 6 CAMPAIGN IS BACK - WITH FIRE STATION FUN DAY LAUNCH

Sandwell’s autumn Safer 6 campaign is back – promoting safety, crime prevention and healthy living across the six towns. The Safer Sandwell Partnership campaign, now in its 9th year, will officially launch at a free fun day at Haden Cross Community Fire Station, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, on Saturday 29 September.

Come along from 10am to 3pm to watch live rescue demonstrations, explore fire engines, enjoy food, music, singers and circus performers and try out the go kart and ‘beer goggles’ experience. There will be rides for young children and a bouncy castle. You can also find out about becoming a fire fighter.

A wide range of partner organisations, including local charities and community groups, will be promoting their services. Don’t miss out on all the free safety and crime prevention advice available too. Each of Sandwell’s six towns will have a focus week with roadshows and activities during the six-week campaign, which runs until 11 November. Check out what’s on at the www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6 webpage.

Sandwell Council is leading this year’s campaign with support from Sandwell Police, West Midlands Fire Service and a wide range of partner organisations and community groups.

The key themes are:

- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
- Supporting young people
- Tackling environmental issues
- Working with partner organisations and local people

Councillor Elaine Costigan, Sandwell Council’s cabinet member for public health and protection, said: “This is about us all working together to give some extra reassurance and advice to our residents as the nights draw in and getting out and about in our towns and neighbourhoods so people know what help and support is available if they have a problem.”

Chief Superintendent Richard Baker, Sandwell Police commander and chair of the Safer Sandwell Partnership, said: “Our partner
organisations work closely together day in, day out and we will be building on that during the Safer 6 campaign to help make sure our communities feel safe and protected in their homes and neighbourhoods.”

Councillor John Edwards, chair of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, said: “West Midlands Fire Service is proud to be supporting the Safer 6 campaign again this year. I would invite everyone to come along to our fun day to enjoy the entertainment while at the same time learning potentially life-saving safety advice.”

Other town information roadshows include:

- Tipton – Monday 8 October, 10am-12noon at Asda Great Bridge, Brickhouse Lane
- Oldbury – Tuesday 16 October, 1pm-3pm at Oldbury Civic Square
- West Bromwich – Monday 22 October, 10am-12noon outside Poundland, Queen's Square
- Wednesbury – Tuesday 30 October, 10am-12noon in Wednesbury Town Square, Union Street
- Smethwick – Monday 5 November, 11am-2pm at Asda Cape Hill, off Windmill Lane

You can also follow the campaign on Twitter using the #Safer6 hashtag.

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