Safety advice for road users during industrial action

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) is urging drivers to take extra care on the roads during periods of industrial action.

Dene Sanders Chief Fire Officer at Humberside Fire and Rescue Service: “It is not just keeping safe from fire that needs to be on people minds. Being safe on the roads is just as important. Last year we attended more road traffic collisions than house fires. In this time of industrial action I urge people to take extra care”.

“We do have a level of service in place during the strikes but we have fewer resources available than usual. Road accidents often happen when people get distracted, I urge people to think about their safety on the roads as well as the safety of others,” CFO Sanders added.

There are numerous reasons why road traffic collisions can happen and there are simple steps people can take to reduce the risks:

- Reduce your speed, don’t exceed the limit
- Never use a mobile whilst driving, pull over and stop
- Take care when overtaking, if in doubt don’t pull out
- Think bike – look out for cyclist and bikers
- Always wear a seat belt
- Don’t drive when you are tired
- Take extra care in adverse weather conditions

“The safety of those in our community remains a priority throughout periods of industrial action, but I urge drivers to play their part. These tips may seem obvious but by adhering to them it will reduce the risk of an accident happening and keep our roads safer,” CFO Sanders said.