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Dear Parents/Guardians/Local Residents,

During bonfire season, Police Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council and Scottish Fire & Rescue want to keep everyone safe. In previous years we have seen firework-related antisocial behaviour and disorder within this area. Unauthorised bonfires and firework displays have resulted in serious harm and injury in the past. We are asking for your help to prevent this.

Below is some useful advice to keep you, your communities and children safe:

- ✓ Unless supervised by an adult, please do not allow your children or young people to handle, purchase or set off fireworks.
- ✓ Have a conversation with children and young people under your care about who they associate with and being involved in antisocial behaviour or disorder.
- ✓ Report to the police or CrimeStoppers any anti-social behaviour or disorder you witness or become aware of.
- ✓ Leading up to and around 5th November, dispose of your rubbish appropriately and do not leave wheelie bins outside unless waiting for an uplift.
- ✓ If you become aware of material being stored which could be used to form part of a bonfire, report this to the Council Waste Management e: waste@edinburgh.gov.uk and your Community Policing Team e: edinburghsoutheastcpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk
- ✓ Report any unauthorised fireworks sellers to the Police or CrimeStoppers
- ✓ Report any known unauthorised bonfires or firework displays by calling:
 - City of Edinburgh Council t: 0131 200 2000
 - Police Scotland t: 101
 - CrimeStoppers, t: 0800 555 111

Legislation

- No person under the age of 18 can possess an adult* firework in a public place
- It is an offence to supply adult* fireworks to persons under 18
- It is an offence to supply *any* fireworks to persons under 16
- It is an offence to throw fireworks on a road or other public place
- It is an offence for a member of the public to set any firework between 6pm to 11pm. On bonfire night this is extended to midnight.

****Adult firework** is any firework except for caps, cracker snaps, indoor fireworks, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throw downs.*

To prevent a repeat of the incidents seen last year steps are being taken to increase the safety of residents and those working within the emergency services. Policing of

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bonfire night will be robust and we will take immediate action where individuals attempt to prevent or disrupt the work of the emergency services. Those who choose to get involved in antisocial behaviour or disorder during the lead up and around 5th November may be subject to prosecution.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance.

Kind regards,

South East Community Policing Team, Howdenhall & St Leonards Police Station

City of Edinburgh Council South East Locality, Captains Road

South East Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Liberton & Tollcross Fire Stations

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