

Witness appeal after police officer suffers burns injury from firework



Police are condemning attacks on emergency services over the weekend as a female police officer suffered burns injuries.

Last night, police and fire crews attended a number of disturbances in the Muirhouse and Craigentenny areas of the capital.

Incidents included fireworks being set off with disregard for public safety, resulting in one of the attending officers suffering from burns. There was also reported damage to cars.

Superintendent Mandy Paterson said: "My thoughts are with the officer who was injured last night. She has worked in the Muirhouse area for a number of years. Her injuries are fortunately not life threatening but are serious. As always, we had additional officers on duty to deal with any additional firework or bonfire-related incidents over the last week and sadly, the behaviour of a few individuals has undermined what should be an enjoyable time for our communities.

"As we now look to return these areas of the city to normality, I would urge anyone with information about the incidents in Muirhouse and Craigentenny to please come forward. Undoubtedly, local communities will know who is responsible and I urge them to share this with us to assist our investigations. Four people, aged between 14 and 17, have already been charged with offences in relation the incidents around Craigentenny. Any further details can be passed to officers at Drylaw and Craigmillar Police Stations by calling 101 or anonymously through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800

555 111.

“My officers are proud to serve their communities and I know that our communities across the city are also proud of where they live and work. I want to assure them all that we will continue to work together to support them. We will provide updates on our investigation when we can.”

Contact Police Scotland on 101 quoting reference 3833 (Muirhouse) or 4115 (Craigentinny) of Sunday 5th November.