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More than 1,000 ten and 11 year-olds from schools across Peterborough will take part in special activities this month to help improve their fire and road safety skills.

As part of the 'Safety Challenge' events, children will learn how to react to a fire, the consequences of being distracted near the road and how to stay safe online.

Safety Challenge is delivered by Peterborough City Council in partnership with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The initiative covers topics such as fire safety, road safety, cyber safety and water safety.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

When: Wednesday 12 June 9.30 am

Where: Dogsthorpe Fire Station, Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough

Details: St Michael's Primary School pupils will be taking part in different safety scenarios at the fire station

The Safety Challenge sessions will include:

- > A live fire evacuation, where pupils are taught how to react to and behave in a fire emergency.
- > Pupils become traffic investigators and look for clues as to why a traffic collision has happened.
- > Firefighters will be giving essential information about when and where to swim and talk about the dangers of swimming in open water.
- > Cambridgeshire Police's safer schools officers will offer advice on how to stay safe online.
- > Children will discuss the role of a fire fighter and be shown the working parts of a fire engine.

Jenny Wright, road safety officer for Peterborough City Council, said: "Safety Challenge delivers essential information which we want all children and young people to be aware of.

"We are working to protect and educate children. The Safety Challenge will be a memorable and fun experience, but there are some important life lessons and key messages to take away from the different activities."

Tony Barton, station commander, officer in charge of Children and Young People engagement at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, added: "Working with young people and providing them with key safety information at a young age is very important to us.

"Safety Zones provide an excellent opportunity to engage with young people and they are always very receptive and enjoy their time visiting fire stations."