



Station 08 Overview Overview

Introduction:

Maesteg Fire Station serves the main town of Maesteg inclusive of the surrounding villages of Nantyllyllon, Caerau, Garth, Cwmfelin and Llangynwydd. The estimated population of all being approx 25,000 persons in an area of some 8,000 hectares

Our aim as a service is not only to make Maesteg a safer place in which to live, work and visit, but also to promote and improve the environment in which we all live. In order to achieve this, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service endeavours to set certain targets for the year 2010/11 We will strive to achieve these targets in partnership with others who not only exist in local authority, but also exist within the community and are more locally based.

The Station comprises of four Wholetime Duty System (WDS) watches, each with seven personnel and is currently managed by Station Commander Martin Donoghue. In addition to the four WDS watches, the Station also has a compliment of 18 personnel who are employed on the Retained Duty System (RDS). These personnel are drawn from the local community and play an important role in provision of fire cover at Maesteg Fire Station.

The Station provides 2 fire appliances and an L4P (4x4) vehicle. It has recently taken ownership of one of the 3 Incident Response Vehicles in the Service, which are vehicles that would respond to incidents where Mass Decontamination would be required.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

To be added at the end of March

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

1. The station has successfully completed its target of 994 HFSC's even though the revised target was not issued until June 2009.
2. The station has successfully taken ownership of the IRU vehicle from Bridgend which created major training implications in relation to driving qualifications and the use of the equipment on board.
3. The number of new Community Groups that have used the facilities on station, and the number of times they have visited, have far exceeded the targets set for the year.



Equality and Diversity:

Maesteg Fire Station is committed to the promotion and implementation of Equality, Fairness and Diversity to and for all employees, members of the public, partnership groups and other organisations.

To achieve this, personnel at Maesteg will endeavour to:

- Promote the SWFRS Race and Gender Equality Plan as it relates to the Station.
- Promote and implement the SWF&RS policy on Equality, Fairness and Diversity to the organisation and all external groups/individuals.
- Ensure personnel are familiar with Policy by completion of the training program module.
- Maintain the workplace free from materials (e.g. posters, magazines etc.) that may be considered offensive by way of sexual or racist content.
- Ensure that all personnel have appropriate facilities and amenities appropriate to their sex, race or religious belief.
- Support Organisational efforts in the recruitment of BME, female and LGBT firefighters by locating and targeting local groups and organisations.

Welsh Language:

The Directorate is dedicated to the aims and objectives of the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Welsh Language Scheme 2007-2010. In addition to providing welsh speaking staff for lectures in the Welsh secondary comprehensive, we will endeavour to deliver both school and community safety presentations in Welsh when ever requested to do so.

1. Provide community safety advice through the medium of welsh.
2. Ensure all literature is bilingual.
3. Offer further training for those members of staff keen to learn welsh.
4. Provide an environment where welsh speakers are not disadvantaged (e.g. all station signage to be bilingual).
5. Provide Key stage 1 & 2 welsh school educational visits to Ysgol Cynwyd Sant
6. Provide Key Stage 3, talks, presentations and courses at the Welsh Medium School , Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

Sustainable Development:

In discharging the Service's aims and objectives, consideration will be given to minimising the negative impact we have on our natural environment as a result of our activities.



In order to achieve this the Station will actively promote a campaign of "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle". This will assist the objective of the Service to achieve Green Dragon Level 2 in Environmental Management Systems. The Station has elected an Environmental Champion who along with 3 other Watch representatives and the Station Commander will look at ways in which improvements can be made to our efficiencies and emissions.

The station boasts the most environmentally friendly build within South Wales Fire & Rescue Service. It incorporates a rainwater harvesting system that will be used for wastewater flushing, solar panels to reduce energy, light tunnels from the roof with internal reflectors to reduce the need for lighting on the 1st floor and interceptors to filter any surface water drainage prior to entry to the drain system.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

N/A

Efficiency Gains:

N/A

Geographical Risk Profile:

Maesteg Fire station is situated in Nantyllyfyllon to the north of Maesteg. The area has a varying range of light and heavy industries, businesses and residential areas. The two main industrial areas are the Forge Industrial Estate that comprises relatively light industrial units and the large Georgia Pacific Paper Mill that sits on the outskirts of the town towards Bridgend and constitutes the major risk within the area.

The town centre has the usual range of retail premises and has currently undergone a major regeneration with new outlets being opened regularly. Several major retailers exist in and around the town centre including Somerfield, Argos and a major Tesco opened on the site of the old rugby ground in Sept 2007.

The building of the new combined comprehensive school on the grounds of the "Old Washeries" was completed in time for the start of the Sept 2008 term. The school combines the students from the previous Upper and Lower Comprehensives and is one of the first to be fitted throughout with a full sprinkler system.

The old Upper Comprehensive site is being upgraded and has become a Welsh Medium Comprehensive School. The school currently only accepts first and second year students with the school filling up to maximum capacity over a period of 5 years. The station is currently able to deliver talks, presentations and courses in the Welsh Language due to there being Welsh speakers on two of the four watches.



Residential areas vary from lower socio-economic groups in local authority multi-occupancy housing to larger housing in the more affluent areas of Maesteg. A number of new housing estates are being developed towards the south of the town to provide accommodation for an increasing number of people who wish to live in Maesteg and commute the short distance to Bridgend. The station has a separate and dedicated community room. Its use, without doubt will benefit the whole of the community. Any future bookings of this facility when available will be via the Station Commander.

Number of Dwellings in Station Area:

9906

Number of HFSC's completed in Total Prior to April 2010:

% Dwellings in Station Area Received HFSC since HFC's Commenced:

0.00%