



Tonypandy Community Fire and Rescue Station Overview

Introduction:

Tonypandy Community Fire and Rescue Station is located just to the north of the historic town of Tonypandy in the Rhondda Fawr Valley. The station provides primary fire cover for the town of Tonypandy and 13 other villages ranging from Pentre to the north, Porth to the south east, Trebanog and Penrhiwfer to the south. The station also provides secondary fire cover to the retained station areas of Treorchy, Porth, Gilfach Goch and also Ferndale in the Rhondda Fach valley.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

(To be completed end of March 2010)

Performance for 2009/10 For the year 09/10 (08/09) the incidents within the Station Area can be broken down as follows (08/09 figures in brackets):

- 1 Accidental FDR1 fires - (21)
- 2 Deliberate FDR1 fires - (59)
- 3 Accidental Dwelling Fires - (11)
- 4 Deliberate Vehicle fires - (38)
- 5 FDR3 fires - (190)
- 6 RTC Attended - (24)
- 7 Special Service Calls - (60)
- 8 Unwanted Fire Signals - (36)
- 9 Malicious calls - (15)

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

1. Establishment of Partnership with RCT Homes for generation of Home Fire Safety Checks.
2. Acquisition of Argocat, and advanced training in Wildfire firefighting techniques for Station Personnel.
2. Introduction of station Green Champions and improved station recycling.



Equality and Diversity:

Tonypandy 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 Tonypandy will endeavour to:

- Promote the SWFRS Race and Sexual 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 2007-2011. In particular, Tonypandy Fire Station will ensure that Welsh language issues are supported, and access to Welsh Language materials, information and speakers is available to everyone as far as is practically possible.

In order to achieve these objectives, we will utilise the services of the Organisation's Welsh Language Officers, and will continue to utilise Welsh-speaking personnel based at Tonypandy, or elsewhere in the Organisation, whenever the need for communication in the medium of Welsh is requested or required.

Tonypandy Station personnel will continue to both identify and offer all clients, whether individuals, groups, organisations or businesses within the community, its services in the medium of Welsh, and will make necessary arrangements to ensure that communication in the medium of the Welsh Language is offered, is accessible and is also available to all.

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. To achieve this aim, we will:

- Continue to participate in the Local Authority waste recycling scheme.
- Monitor our gas consumption on a monthly basis and identify measures to reduce consumption.
- Monitor our electricity consumption on a monthly basis and identify measures to reduce consumption.
- Take necessary action, whenever possible, to reduce or eliminate the negative impact of firefighting action on the environment, in particular in the use of foam and control of water run-off.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

Efficiency Gains:

Geographical Risk Profile:

The station serves as primary fire cover for a population in excess of 51,000 consisting of a broad cross section ranging from the lower socio-economic groups living in local authority accommodation on large estates to the higher wage earners employed along the M4 corridor in individually designed premises. The vast majority of people however are housed in the traditional terraced (normally well renovated) properties. The area has a high ratio of elderly people with very little income residing alone in the valley. This group are seen as being particularly vulnerable to fire as are the high proportion of young single parent families in the valley, one of the highest in the country.

The station area consists of just over 23,000 dwellings and 768 non-domestic properties (mainly retail), and a number of industrial areas along the length of the valley developed on reclaimed 'brown field' sites again as a result of the demise of the coal industry. The main processes are light industrial/manufacturing. The station sits on the relatively new A4119 giving excellent access to the more major industrial risks situated on the Llantrisant Industrial Park including the Royal Mint, Sogefi Filters, Caterpillar Heavy Plant and the Royal Glamorgan Hospital as examples.

On the mountainside above Llwynypia is the 1930's built Llwynypia Hospital, consisting of about 20 separate buildings on a large site. This is currently the major life risk in the area and the source of many unwanted AFA's in the past. The hospital is due for demolition shortly with the land being sold for good quality housing development. A new hospital has recently been completed nearby to replace Llwynypia Hospital, and transfer of occupation from the old



hospital to the new is currently in progress. The town centre has the usual range of retail outlets and has recently benefited from pedestrianisation of what was the main street and the construction of a relief road. The town has a small shopping complex dominated by a Somerfield store to the south, and a new Asda store recently opened approximately ½ mile north of Tonypany town centre. The station area also contains large areas of Forestry Enterprise land densely planted with conifers on very steep hillsides. There are also large tracts of heathland that exist at altitudes well above the valley floor. During long dry spells that typically coincide with school holidays spate conditions can occur tying up resources needlessly. These areas are also used for deliberately burning out stolen cars in order to conceal evidence.

Number of Dwellings in Station Area:

23000

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

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

0.00%