



Porth community fire station service plan Overview

Introduction:

The Directorate leadership team has set five areas for prioritising its activities. These are to:

- Reduce Deaths and Injuries
- Reduce Arson Incidents
- Reduce Road Traffic Collisions
- Reduce Environmental Impact
- Increase the Safety of Our Staff

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

In 2009/2010 Porth attended over 142 emergency calls in their local area and supported neighbouring stations for many more. Of these, 4 were accidental fires in the home. This is a significant reduction from previous years statistics and reflects the incredible amount of community education work Porth station has delivered by way of home fire safety checks and visits to local schools talking to the children at key stage I and II levels.

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

- 100% availability maintained
- HFSC Target achieved
- Pumping support vehicle placed on the run
- Reduction of private dwelling fires

Equality and Diversity:

The South Wales Fire Service wishes to secure genuine equality of opportunity in all aspects of its activities as an employer/potential employer and to this end has adopted a policy to ensure the fair treatment of all.

Personnel at Porth station will identify through local knowledge individuals in under represented groups within the local community and encourage them to contact the Recruitment Team/Retained Management Team.

The identification of suitable candidates to station needs for employment will be on going to fill vacancies as and when necessary.

Welsh Language:

The Welsh language Act 1993 establishes the principle that the Welsh and English languages should be treated equally when conducting public business and administration in Wales. Under the terms of the Act, South Wales Fire Authority is obliged to produce a Welsh Language Scheme which gives details how it will provide



bilingual services to the communities it serves. Every member of staff has a role to play in ensuring that we provide the best quality bilingual service we can. If requested, any home fire safety or school visit will be conducted in the Welsh language. At present there are 2 members of staff at Porth Fire Station able to undertake such visits using the Welsh Language. South Wales Fire Service offers an excellent package for those members of staff who wish to learn Welsh.

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.

Personnel will ensure every effort is made to recycle unwanted materials and waste generated on station. Separate bins have been provided to facilitate maximum recycling. Porth station has nominated one member of staff whose role will be to over see all recycling and energy saving activities (Green champion). Gas, electricity, and water consumption will be monitored and station personnel will aim to achieve a 5% reduction in use of all services over the same period last year.

Personnel at Porth station are aware of the impact that fire brigade activities can have on the natural environment. Station personnel will carry out assessments on areas identified as being sensitive to fire service activities to reduce any such negative impact.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

Efficiency Gains:

Geographical Risk Profile:

The Station provides primary cover to the town of Porth and the immediate surrounding areas.

The station also provides secondary cover to the appliances at Pontypridd, Tonypridd and Ferndale.

The station area is mainly residential with approximately 48,000 private dwellings with many workers using Porth as a commuter base close to the A470 and to the capital.

There are a number of schools within the Station area, which are targeted each year by station Personnel in order to educate and provide Key stage I & II Fire Safety lessons to the children.

We have within our area a large tourist attraction (Rhondda Heritage Park), which attracts large amounts of visitors particularly in the summer periods. The station area also consists of large rural and forestry areas.



Key performance figures substantiate improved performance and are contained within this Station Improvement plan

Number of Dwellings in Station Area:

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

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

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