



Pontypridd Community Fire Station Review Overview

Introduction:

Pontypridd Community Fire & Rescue Station serves the main town of Pontypridd plus the 12 smaller surrounding villages the largest of which include Church Village, Ynysybwl and Rhydyfelin. The estimated population is 47,000 people.

Pontypridd Community Fire and Rescue Station is committed to the safety of their community. We provide a range of services from operational activity to the education in Fire Safety to members of the community we serve.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

For the year 09/10 (08/09) the incidents within the Station Area can be broken down as follows:

1	Accidental FR1 fires	52 (47)
2	Deliberate FDR1 fires	45 (75)
3	Accidental Dwelling Fires	29 (25)
4	Deliberate Vehicle fires	24 (54)
5	FDR3 fires	223 (326)
6	RTC Attended	54 (68)
7	Special Service Calls	78 (107)
8	Unwanted Fire Signals	136 (138)
9	Malicious calls	07 (33)

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

- 1 RDS availability improvement and remaining at 100%
- 2 Implementation of RDS WM on localised working pattern
- 3 Introduction of station Green Champions and improved station recycling.
- 4 Reduction in Deliberate FDR1 fires
- 5 Achieving re evaluated home safety visit targets for 09/10 through partnership working with RCT Homes and other local schemes.



Equality and Diversity:

The Treforest area is increasingly becoming more diverse mainly due to the draw of the University of Glamorgan. The University currently has around 2300 foreign students. The highest representation is from India, France and China, with around 90 countries represented in total.

We already deliver awareness training at 'freshers' week and we intend to carry out further training throughout the academic year aimed specifically at foreign nationals.

We will strive to target these and other groups and provide them with Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC), and provide support through literature and ongoing activities. We will at all times comply with the 'mission' of SWF&RS by:

Offering in-house advice and guidance on equality and diversity issues to promote legislative compliance.

Advocating equality & diversity improvements.

Working with key partners to gain, share, and implement best practice.

Enabling ownership of diversity by supporting managers and staff.

Promoting real and meaningful mainstreaming throughout the business.

Assisting the Service in assessing how best to meet the diverse needs of its staff and the communities it serves.

Encouraging the organisational and cultural development of the Service

Empowering staff by providing information, awareness sessions, and related support services.

Celebrating improvements, good news, and changes which brings our diversity ethos to life for service users as well as current and future staff.

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 particular we will

-Provide community safety advice through the medium of Welsh where appropriate.

-Ensure all literature is bilingual.

-Offer further training for those members of staff keen to learn Welsh.

-Provide an environment where Welsh speakers are not disadvantaged (e.g. all future station signage to be bilingual).



-Provide Key stage 1 & 2 school visits through the medium of Welsh where appropriate.

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 address this issue an 'Environmental Champion' (EC) has been appointed to each watch on station. The Station Manager and the EC's will be working closely and assisting in maintaining Green Dragon Level 2 status in Environmental Management Systems at headquarters.

Station staff are only too aware of the requirement on them in relation to sustainability.

All station staff will strive to:

Minimise the damage to our environment from our activities.

Work in partnership with RCT to improve the quality of life of the public of Pontypridd, and the rest of South Wales.

Monitor and decrease our energy consumption by 5%.

Improve our levels of recycling in line with local and national legislative requirements.

Maintain environmental awareness and commitment at all times.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

Finance implications will be identified and monitored during all aspects of work activity.

Efficiency Gains:

Station and watch Green Champions

Recycling more on station with less waste going to landfill

Geographical Risk Profile:

The Fire Station is situated on the outskirts of the town in Treforest with access to all major roads. Pontypridd has a varying range of industries, businesses and residential areas. The main industrial area is Treforest Industrial Estate. The largest employer in the region is Peacocks, whose site covers over 3 sq hectares and has a significant risk involved.

The town centre has the usual range of retail premises including the mostly disused Taff Vale shopping complex and car park, however, this and the surrounding area have been programmed for a facelift within the next 5 years.

Pontypridd is also home to the university of Glamorgan, which currently has about 18,800 students 60% of which are full time. The university also has accommodation for 1000 of its students on campus. The fire station receives approximately 60 Automatic fire alarm's a year to the premises and sees a reduction in these



unwanted fire signals as a priority.

There are several major retailers on the outskirts of the town, including Tesco's, B&Q and Macro's. Residential areas vary from low social economic multi-occupancy housing to larger housing in the more affluent areas of Efail Isaf on the outskirts of the station area.

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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