



## Station 31 Risca Overview

### Introduction:

Risca (Welsh: Rhisga) is a town of approximately 11,500 people in South Wales, within the historic boundaries of Monmouthshire. It is today part of the Newport conurbation (which as a whole has a population of 160,000).

The town lies at the south-eastern edge of the South Wales Coalfield, and a coal mine used to operate in the town with terraced housing nearby for workers. It is home to Ty-Sign, which is a large housing estate which has a leisure centre, shops and skate park. It has a rural aspect, and is surrounded to the east and west by several extensively wooded hills including Mynydd Machen (1,188ft/362m) and Twmbarlwm (1,375ft/419m) which attract tourists for the hillwalking and mountain bikers to Cwmcarn Forest Drive.

### Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

Risca Fire & Rescue Station has shown a sustained improvement and continues to make progress in identified areas of the 2008/09 Business plan over the last 12 months. Key performance figures substantiate improved performance and are contained within this Station Service Plan.

### Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

1. Station now fully recruited against. 2. Appliance availability has improved.

### Equality and Diversity:

Station personnel will actively promote SWFRS's equality and diversity policy. Under-represented groups will be engaged with and initiatives put in place to ensure SWFRS not only reduces risk to these communities but also seeks to recruit from these groups.

### 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 endeavour to identify and engage with the Welsh-speaking residents of our communities.

All station personnel will be encouraged to learn the Welsh Language and we aim to have at least one new person enrolling on a Welsh Language course this year.

### 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.

The station is looking to reduce gas and electric consumption by 5% on its 2009/10 figures. A 'green champion' will be appointed to identify suitable ideas and take forward these initiatives. All station waste that can be re-cycled will be collected for this purpose and arrangements made for re-cycling.

### **Budgetary and Resource Implications:**

### **Efficiency Gains:**

### **Geographical Risk Profile:**

Predominant risks and activities requiring rapid intervention are in the main Grass/Mountain fires, Road Traffic Collisions, due to active road networks. Other incidents are varied and range from animal rescues to attendance of Fire Alarm actuations. There are also a number of small/medium industrial units within 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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