



Chepstow Station Overview Overview

Introduction:

Chepstow is set in the heart of the Wye Valley near the rivers Wye and Severn and is officially designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The River Wye runs through this ancient historic fortress town, at the start of the Wye Valley, on the Welsh-English border. The Normans built Chepstow Castle in 1067, on limestone cliffs above the river's edge, which was impregnable until the Civil War. Chepstow is both the starting and finishing point of the Offa's Dyke walk. Other attractions include Chepstow Racecourse, which is situated on the outskirts of the town and holds regular horse race meetings. This is also the site for a popular Sunday Market, and regular Antiques Fairs, each drawing large crowds, with associated risk. Situated approximately 5 miles away are the ruins of Tintern Abbey.

Chepstow Fire and Rescue Station is situated on Regent Way, close to the centre of the town and provides operational cover to a number of diverse risks, both within the town boundaries and within the surrounding areas. The town itself comprises private dwellings and shops, with small to medium industrial units, mostly on the outskirts of the town, with a large distribution centre at the Severn Bridge Industrial Estate.

The main A40 road passes through the area and links the major South Wales cities with the Midlands via the M50, and Bristol and London via the M4. The M4 Connections include the risks of the Severn Bridges. An arterial Rail network operates through the Station area from Wales to London, passing under the Severn Estuary by use of the Severn Rail Tunnel. This results in a heavy traffic flow of all types of vehicle from small cars to large lorries, and a high volume of goods and passenger trains.

This makes Chepstow's location the perfect tourist centre for sightseeing, canoeing, camping and sampling the activities and attractions of the nearby villages, towns and cities. The overall population therefore rises considerably during the summer months.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

Update this for 2009/10 figures

Key incident attendance and performance figures:

	2007/2008	2008/2009
Total number of calls in station area:	254	216
Accidental dwelling fires	5	7
Deliberate Car fires	1	4



FDR3 predominately grass fires	37	19
Unwanted fire signals	71	39
Special service calls (road traffic collision)	12	13
Home fire safety checks	117	105
Appliance availability:	98.93	97.92

From the statistical data of 2008/2009 there are a number of areas requiring prioritised action. The personnel of Chepstow will also strive to achieve sustainability in the improvements made to date as follows:

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

Update this for 2009/10

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' has been 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:

Appliance availability figures will be scrutinised and improvements strived for.

Geographical Risk Profile:

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Chepstow's life risks comprises of approximately 9,000 inhabitants living within the town boundaries with a further 13,000 living in the immediate surrounding area.

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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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