



Caerphilly Community Fire Station Overview

Introduction:

Caerphilly Community Fire & Rescue Station serves the towns of Caerphilly and the surrounding villages of Llanbradach, Rudry, Machen, Bedwas, Nantgarw Abertridwr and Senghenydd. The Fire Station is situated on Waunfach Street and is approximately 1 mile from the town centre and 3 miles from the A470. The Station has been on this site since 1959, however, the current Station was opened in August 2001.

Caerphilly Fire & Rescue Station has 2 frontline appliances, one staffed by Wholetime Duty System (WDS) personnel and the other by Retained Duty System (RDS) personnel. A Water Carrier and the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) make up the special appliance compliment. The special appliances are crewed by WDS and RDS personnel.

There are 4 Wholetime Watches made up of 1 x Watch Manager, 1 x Crew Manager and 5 Firefighters. Out of that establishment are four Firefighters in development. There are 22 RDS personnel, who crew the second fire appliance, which is currently available to respond to incidents 100% of the time. 1 x admin support assistant supports the RDS personnel. The Station Commander holds the role of Station Manager. 1 x Cook and 1 x cleaner make up the compliment of personnel. All operational personnel will have undergone a CRB check.

Caerphilly Unitary Authority covers an area of hectares and has a population of 169,501. The town of Caerphilly has a population of approximately 30,000 and is situated in a strategic location just North of Cardiff, which is the Capital City of Wales. It has a rapidly expanding population to meet the employment needs of the commercial and industrial bases of Southeast Wales.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

Caerphilly Fire Station prides itself in maintaining a high standard of operational readiness to deal with any emergency, as well as delivering a service that provides valuable and relevant Community Safety advice to help build and maintain a safer community.

TO BE UPDATED AT THE START OF APRIL

“ In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 42 accidental FDR1 fires, compared with 42 accidental FDR1 fires during 2009 – 2010. This is a decrease of 1 call or 2%.

“ In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 20 accidental dwelling fires, compared with 20 accidental FDR1 fires during 2009



- 2010. This is a decrease of 3 calls or 13%.
- .. In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 54 deliberate FDR1 fires, compared with 54 deliberate FDR1 fires during 2009 – 2010. This is a reduction of 8 calls or 13%. This trend continues from the high of 89 during 2006 – 2007.
- .. In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 243 FDR3 fires, compared with 243 FDR3 fires during 2009 – 2010. This is a decrease of 193 calls or 44%.
- .. In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 37 RTC's, compared with 37 RTC's during 2009 – 2010. This is a decrease of 5 calls or 12%.
- .. In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 15 FAM's, compared with 15 FAM's during 2009 – 2010. This is an increase of 5 calls or 50%.
- .. In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station attended 88 UFS, compared with 88 UFS during 2009 – 2010 This is a decrease of 17 calls or 16%.
- .. In 2008 – 2009 Caerphilly Fire Station did not have any Fire deaths, and have maintained this during 200 – 2010

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

1. Worked with more new Community groups than in any previous year
2. Young Firefighters going from strength to strength with second successful trip to America & an additional 7 YFF's achieving the BTEC qualification in basic firefighting skills

Equality and Diversity:

The Station will continue to promote all elements of the SWF&RS policy on Equality, Fairness and Diversity and aims to include this in our every-day activities. This will be achieved by continuing to discuss the subject at Station level and by ensuring 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 racial content

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. In particular we will offer Community Safety presentations in the medium of Welsh via on Station personnel.



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.

Station Manager is part of the SWF&RS Agenda 21 committee and has recently attended a two-day Green Dragon course at CGTC.

Environmental Champions have been nominated on every Watch.

Paper recycling bins are positioned in every office and cardboard is recycled in the bins provided and then sent to FSHQ via the courier. Caerphilly UA has recently re-introduced the recycling of glass, cans and plastic, which they collect from the Station weekly.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

The second Young Firefighter group would require the wages for the additional Instructors, fire kit & uniform for the young people & additional lockers

Efficiency Gains:

It would make financial sense to start a second Young Firefighter group at Caerphilly Station as there is already an appliance and equipment and accommodation that is suitable to house a second group.

Geographical Risk Profile:

Caerphilly is encircled by mountains and beautiful lakes and has a strong and proud heritage just like the magnificent Caerphilly Castle, which dominates the town centre. The Castle, which was completed in 1271, is the second largest in the UK. Tourism is an up and coming industry with attractions including the Castle, Land Rover safaris, quad biking, mountain biking and horse riding. Piggybacking on Cardiff's tourist industry Caerphilly has a large number of Hotels and guesthouses.

Caerphilly's location, close to major roads such as the A468, A469, A470 and the M4 means that it is strategically placed for access to the whole Brigade area.

The station area includes a wide variety of commercial, industrial and sleeping risks along with the specific and varied requirements of a large rural 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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