



## Abergavenny Fire and Rescue Station Overview Overview

### Introduction:

Abergavenny is a picturesque town situated in the South Eastern corner of South Wales Fire & Rescue Service's area of responsibility. Abergavenny is steeped in history and enjoys an enviable position close to the industry of middle and western England whilst bathing in the beauty of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Abergavenny, meaning "Mouth of the River Gavenny", is a traditional market town situated in the heart of Monmouthshire. It is 15 miles (24km) west of Monmouth. Situated at the confluence of the small stream called the Gavenny with the River Usk and is surrounded by hills. The town was formerly walled, and contains the remains of a castle built soon after the Norman Conquest.

Abergavenny Fire & Rescue Station is situated on the Hereford Road, central to the town, and serves Abergavenny, a number of surrounding villages and extends to the Northern rural areas of Monmouthshire. The Station is able to support incidents in neighbouring Fire & Rescue Services when required.

The current structure of the station is 1 Station Commander who is responsible for the management of a group of RDS stations.

Abergavenny is staffed by retained duty personnel consisting of 1 Watch Manager who locally manages the station and its resources. The rest of the station's staff consists of 5 Crew Managers, 18 Fire-fighters & 1 Admin support.

The station has 2 front line appliances, a 4x4 and a spare appliance for service back up purposes, which is utilised by the station's Young Fire-fighter scheme.

### Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

To be entered when all 2009/10 data is available

### Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

Figures to be entered when complete 2010 data is available

Abergavenny Fire & Rescue Station has shown a sustained improvement and continues to make progress in identified areas of the 2009/10 Business plan over the last 12 months. Key performance figures substantiate improved performance and are contained within this Station Service Plan.



### **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. A very small percentage of the population (1%) is made up of black, minority and ethnic groups with between 10% & 20% of the general population that speak or partially speak Welsh (2001 census/Welsh Language Board). It is the station's aim to develop contacts within these groups and ensure they are fully aware and take up the services SWFRS offers.

### **Welsh Language:**

Abergavenny Fire and Rescue Station 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. We will ensure that activities are delivered through the medium of Welsh where requested.

To support this 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 is collected for this purpose and arrangements have been made for re-cycling.

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

#### **Efficiency Gains:**

The station is actively recruiting to ensure that the financial cost of sending Detached Duty personnel and Strategic Reserve is reduced. This will be achieved by Abergavenny having a full establishment and not requiring support to maintain appliance availability.

#### **Geographical Risk Profile:**

Abergavenny Fire and Rescue Station serves a diverse range of light and heavy industries, Hospitals, roadways, business and residential areas. It has a population of 14000 (2001 census).

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.

**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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