



Stn 44 Caldicot Service Plan Overview

Introduction:

Caldicot Fire Station serves the town of Caldicot plus the surrounding villages of Rogiet, Portskewett, Magor, Undy and Sudbrook. It also covers a number of smaller communities along the length of the A48, which runs from Newport to Chepstow. Some of these communities present their own individual difficulties due to location and access problems. The station also provides secondary fire cover to Station 43 Chepstow to the east and Station 46 Maindee to the west.

The Fire Station is situated on Newport Road near to Caldicot Town centre with easy access to the A48 and the M4 motorway. Caldicot is mainly a residential area with 8,857 homes and an estimated population of 32,000, which covers an area of 65 square miles. The residential areas are of good quality and the majority were built in the 1960's to accommodate the influx of workers employed at the nearby Llanwern steelworks. There are a low number of unemployed people in the area and crime figures are low.

Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

Caldicot are on target to achieve and/or surpass all of the targets set for 2009/10.

Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

1. Smooth and successful transfer from Day Crewing to Retained Duty System (March 27th).
2. Successful planning and implementation of Multi Agency Severn Tunnel Exercise (Feb 20th).
3. Training of Stn 43 personnel to use Unimog and Gator vehicles, thus providing resilience for incidents at Severn Tunnel.
4. Successful multi agency operation aimed at reducing deliberate fire calls that resulted in a criminal conviction and significant reduction in deliberate fire calls.
5. Caldicot are on target to reduce sickness levels by 80%.



Equality and Diversity:

Caldicot Fire Station is committed to the promotion and implementation of Equality, Fairness and Diversity to and for all employees, members of the Public, Partnership groups and other Organisations.

To achieve this, personnel at Caldicot will endeavour to:

Promote the SWFRS Race and Gender Equality Plan as it relates to the Station.

Promote and implement the SWF&RS policy on Equality, Fairness and Diversity to the organisation and all external groups/individuals.

Ensure 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 racist content.

Ensure that all personnel have appropriate facilities and amenities appropriate to their Gender, race or religious belief.

Support Organisational efforts in the recruitment of BME, female and LGBT fire fighters by locating and targeting local groups and organisations. E.g. Chwarae Teg, Stonewall Cymru.

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 conduct all KS1 & KS2 talks at Ysgol-y-Ffin in the medium of Welsh and support all staff with time off that are currently learning Welsh. All written correspondence tailored to the public will be bi-lingual. Additionally when booking appointments for Home Fire Safety Checks every member of the public will be given a preference (Welsh or English) as to what language they wish the visit to be conducted in and delivered accordingly. All Welsh speakers and learners will be requested to answer the telephone in both Welsh and English and the station will make contact with Welsh speaking groups in the area. E.g. Menter Iaith.

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.

An environmental champion (FF Paul Hemmings) has been appointed for the station and is in the process of carrying out an assessment of the premises (following "The Carbon Trust" guide lines) and every effort will be made to reduce the carbon footprint of the station and attain "Green Dragon" level 2 award. Additionally



we will continue with the following activities:

- Continue to participate in the Local Authority waste-recycling scheme.
- Monitor our gas consumption on a monthly basis and identify measures to reduce consumption.
- Monitor our electricity consumption on a monthly basis and identify measures to reduce consumption.
- Monitor our water consumption on a monthly basis and identify measures to reduce consumption.
- Take necessary action, whenever possible, to reduce or eliminate the negative impact of fire-fighting action on the environment, in particular in the use of foam and control of water run-off.

Budgetary and Resource Implications:

Efficiency Gains:

Geographical Risk Profile:

The station receives approximately 300 incidents a year with very few FDR1's (Property fires) but an increasing number of Special Service Calls (SSC). our area of main concern are the number and severity of Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs). Statistically 48% of these incidents involve 17-24 year olds. The aim for Caldicot is to focus it's resources at reducing this number and targeting school leavers will hopefully reduce future incidents. The largest school in the area is Caldicot Comprehensive School with approximately 1500 pupils, which is fed by up to 5 junior schools in the area. 1 of the junior schools is a Welsh Language School this being Ysgol-Y-Ffin. Caldicot has some light industrial estates in it's area the largest being Whitbread Brewery and Mitel.

The major risk is the Severn Tunnel, which was constructed in 1886 below the Severn Estuary, where the main Swansea to Paddington line runs through, and the associated high-speed rail links. The rail line carries various types of traffic including express trains, local passenger trains and hazardous goods. Another major risk in the area is the Second Severn Crossing, which was constructed in 1996. This bridge is the major route between Wales from England and carries on average 60,000 vehicles per day.

Number of Dwellings in Station Area:

8587

Number of HFSC's completed in Total Prior to April 2010:

500



% Dwellings in Station Area Received HFSC since HFC's Commenced:

5.82%