



## Cardiff Central Station Overview Overview

### Introduction:

The Directorate leadership team has set five areas for prioritising its activities. These are to:

- Reduce Deaths and Injuries
- Reduce Arson Incidents
- Reduce Road Traffic Collisions
- Reduce Environmental Impact
- Increase the Safety of Our Staff

The Business Plan for Central reflects the objectives of the Directorate Leadership. This business plan has been formulated to ensure the continual improvement of the service provided by all personnel at Cardiff Central Community Fire Station. This will ensure that the area served by Central Station will be as safe as possible for all people who live, work and visit here.

It is our intention to increase our Community Fire Safety Education Programme to embrace the whole local community and offer additional help and resources to the most vulnerable.

Our School Visit Programme will provide all children at Key Stage 1 & 2 level with Fire Safety Education in their preferred choice of language. All our staff have received a CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) check.

In striving to improve our operational competence it is intended that the Station personnel will target specific risks within the area and will carry out off station training at these locations. We will be aiming to include a Shipping Risk and a High Rise Risk in the exercise programme.

The gathering of operational intelligence is vitally important for both the safety and operational efficiency of Fire Fighters, and thus we will strive to ensure that this information is as update as possible by working closer with both our Fire safety Department and other partner agencies.

### Overview of Performance for 2009/10:

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### Top 5 Achievements in 2009/10:

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### **Equality and Diversity:**

The station will continue to actively promote all elements of the diversity agenda and aim to embed it into our everyday operations.

We will achieve this by ensuring that each watch on a regular basis undertakes a programme of awareness raising sessions. This will help ensure that all Equality and Diversity issues are clearly understood and will also help to stimulate open and honest discussions on areas of concern.

The PDR process will be used to ensure that all members of staff understand the organisational values and conduct themselves in a manner that supports them.

### **Welsh Language:**

The Station is dedicated to supporting the aims and objectives of the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Welsh Language Scheme 2007-2010. In particular we will:

- Offer our educational school visits in the medium of both Welsh and English.
- Offer all Home Fire Safety Checks in the medium of both Welsh and English
- Offer all our Community safety advice in the medium of both Welsh and English
- Ensure that all personnel learning to speak Welsh are given the necessary help and support.
- Ensure that all signage at Cardiff Central Fire Station is Bilingual.
- Actively support and promote the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service Welsh Language Scheme.

### **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 personnel are fully committed to supporting sustainable development and in order to achieve this we will.

- Aim to reduce the amount of energy used on station by implementing measures to reduce the amount of gas and electricity used by 5%.
  - Encourage personnel to recycle domestic waste as possible.
  - Aim to reduce the number of unnecessary vehicle movements
- Operationally we will:
- Gather information and train against known risks enabling us to deal with emergency situations more effectively.
  - Actively seek to introduce measures that will mitigate the



effect that our fire fighting operations have on the environment.

- Work closely with the Environment Agency at all operational incidents to minimise the effect on the environment.

To help progress the above aims each watch has appointed a "Green Champion". These personnel are listed below:

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

### **Efficiency Gains:**

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### **Geographical Risk Profile:**

Cardiff Central Community Fire Station serves the centre of the Capital City of Wales, a vibrant City that continues to be among the fastest growing cities in Europe. The estimated population within the station area is 63,000 with approximately 34,000 Domestic Dwellings and 6,000 Non-Domestic premises, and is expected to continue increasing due to a continuous development programme within the area.

The station covers an area of approximately 5 square miles, covering the communities of Pontcanna, Canton, Riverside, Grangetown, Butetown, Atlantic Wharf, City Centre, Cathays, Adamsdown, Splott and parts of Roath. The Southern side of the station is bordered by the Bristol Channel, which includes Cardiff Bay and the Docks. All areas suffer social deprivation, which are covered by Cardiff Communities First programme.

Cardiff has an ethnically and culturally diverse population, which includes large Somali, Asian, Chinese and Afro-Caribbean communities. In recent years there has also been a growth in the number of Eastern Europeans settling in Cardiff. Approximately 8.5% of the population of Cardiff is made up off Black and Minority Ethnic groups.

Approximately 2250 residential properties are classed as "well above average risk", based on 2001 census data (without any attached intervention time).

Cardiff University is situated in the city centre and has recently been voted 42nd best University in the world.

The university has over 26,000 students and 6,000 staff. Many of these students reside close to the city centre in 14 Halls of Residences and over 350 student houses.

The station area contains 64 7.2.d. "risk premises", including: -

The Wales Millennium Centre;

The Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Rugby Club & Cardiff City Football Club;

Welsh Assembly Building housing the Welsh Assembly Government



(WAG);

Cardiff Royal Infirmary (CRI) and Glossop Geriatric Unit;

Large City Centre Shopping Complexes;

Cardiff Prison;

Cardiff Heliport;

University of Wales (numerous establishments);

Cardiff Docks, which includes a number of COMA sites including Texaco Chevron and Air Products, a steel works and the associated ship and port risks.

Major projects /developments.

The city centre has undergone a major redevelopment as a result of the St David's 2 project. The 'St David's 2' development has brought new stores, cafes, bars, restaurants and luxury residential apartments to the heart of Cardiff, as well as enhanced public areas and facilities, a new central library and the modernisation of the existing St David's Shopping Centre.

The development represents a £675m investment in the city and encompasses not only the construction of new retail, but also several sub-projects including:

- Cardiff Central Library
- Improvements to the public realm
- John Lewis Department Store
- Modernisation of the existing St David's shopping Centre
- Residential Appatments

Generic risks include: -

High-rise buildings, used as both offices and hotels;

Hotels, small guest houses, and hostel accommodation;

Entertainment venues, including theatres and multiplex cinemas;

Licensed premises varying in size and complexity;

Large retail outlets;

Small industrial units.

Large shopping Marls

The Fire Station, built in 1973, is situated in the centre of the City with easy access to all major roads. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service continually strive to improve its service delivery and a result in conjunction with the relocation of Head Quarters the station is due undergo major refurbishment or possible relocation within the near future.

The station is managed by a Station Commander, with four watches comprising: -

1 Watch Manager;

3 Crew Managers

12 Fire fighters.

The whole-time shift system provides twenty-four hour cover, with



a minimum of eleven operational personnel on duty at all times, crewing two Water Tender Ladders and an Aerial Ladder Platform.

**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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