

Corporate Policy-08

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service Policy on Operational Response

(Responsible Director: ACFO Service Delivery)

The Service recognises that one of its main functions and statutory duties is to provide an effective and professional response to emergency incidents.

These statutory duties include:

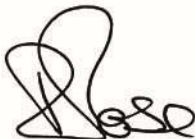
- The Fire & Rescue Services Act 2004
- The Fire & Rescue Service (Emergencies) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2017
- The Civil Contingencies Act 2004

There is also a public expectation and the Service also accepts a moral duty to respond to non-statutory emergencies where capabilities and resources allow.

In order to achieve this the Service is committed to develop strategies, plans and procedures across all areas of its business to:

- Maintain a state of readiness to enable timely and sufficient weight of response to any incidents that may arise in accordance to any agreed service standard.
- Ensure the Health and Safety of firefighters and the public by adopting safe system of work, suitable equipment and training programmes, providing operational intelligence and risk information as appropriate.
- Work with partners to maintain a capability to respond to all types of large scale major incidents.
- Minimise the impact to the environment resulting from the effects of fires and other emergency occurrences.
- Make arrangements to ensure business continuity.

Signed:



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