

Corporate Policy-08

South Wales Fire and 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 and Rescue Services Act 2004
- 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.

These emergencies include but are not limited to:

- Animal rescue
- Assistance to bariatric persons
- Flooding and water rescue
- Respond to medical emergencies

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 systems of work, suitable equipment and training programmes and 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 our activities.
- Make arrangements to ensure business continuity.

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