

## ORGANISATION & ATTENDEES

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

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## ROLE OF ORGANISATION OR GROUP

The East Area team's strategy is aimed at ensuring that Tandridge has the safest community possible. This strategy is delivered through 3 distinct strands of activity: Prevention, Protection and Intervention, as prescribed in the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework Document 2008-11.

- **Prevention:-** Through an education programme and working with key stakeholders in the community continually reducing the number of injuries and deaths, caused by incidents of fire, road traffic collisions and other special services.
- **Protection:-** Working with key stakeholders in the community to ensure that commercial premises are complying with the fire safety legislation appropriate to their undertaking.
- **Intervention:-** Is the final strand in the Area strategy and provides an operation response to requests from the public for assistance in the case of emergencies.

## RECENT SUCCESSES

- Working with Tandridge District Council to carry out Home Fire Risk Checks in the homes of vulnerable members of the community. 284 this year.
- "Safe Drive Stay Alive"
- Memorandum Of Understanding with the Pension Service to identify vulnerable senior members of the local community.
- Beer mat and taxi card campaign aimed at reducing the number of deaths and injuries on our roads caused by drink driving.
- Hot strikes cold strikes used following fires in the home to highlight to other residents the dangers of fire.
- Rural Affairs scheme to identify hazards to firefighters in the rural community.
- Impacts (Led by Surrey Youth Development Service – Jane Wilson) SF&RS 2 sessions with Arson Task Force hard hitting message
- Involvement in Partnership Safety Events – Community Action Days X 4
- Firewise Scheme working with vulnerable people who have an unhealthy interest in fire.
- Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- Schools liaison officers

## ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- All target groups to receive education from the “Safe Drive Stay Alive” (SDSA) team. (Please see below)
- Reducing fire related injuries (HFRC)
- Reducing the number of fires (HFRC)
- Increasing the success of the Arson Task force team.
- Reducing road traffic collisions (SDSA, mobile phone initiative, Road Traffic Collision education – De Stafford school).
- Continued involvement with partners, vulnerable groups, young people and children.
- Sustained involvement at the different partnership meetings. Including LSP, CDRP, CIAG and JAG

The Service is committed to reducing the numbers of accidental domestic dwelling fires through the HFRC initiative. This involves operational crews visiting domestic properties, discussing the importance of home fire safety with the occupiers, and offering advice on prevention, detection and escape plans. Where necessary the crews will supply and fit, free of charge, normal domestic smoke alarms.

The Service will continue to work with our partner agencies, the Police and SCC Traffic and Road Safety teams, participating in various campaigns, with the aim of reducing the numbers of road traffic collisions.

### **Safe Drive Stay Alive**

The Service’s award-winning Safe Drive Stay Alive event continues to be an unqualified success. Aimed at young drivers and those who are about to begin learning to drive, the event is a staged production held at Dorking Halls and has so far reached some 28,000 school pupils, college students and young drivers in the county.

Using real-life victims of Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs), the production carried a high satisfaction level - almost 100% of all attendees say they will be a safer driver as the result of attending the event.

The Service is now seeking to build on this success, expanding the SDSA format to bring variants to each individual borough, as well as re-recording and updating the production material used at the event. This is subject to a separate funding request to the committee, detailed in the appropriate Allocation request form.

In Tandridge last year SFRS attended 113 serious RTC incidents that resulted in 45 people being killed or seriously injured. Of these, 9 were in the age group 17 to 25. The expansion of Safe Drive will be aimed at reducing this local figure. RTC levels are also detailed in the Funding Request Form.