

To provide a professional and well supported Fire and Rescue Service which reduces community risk in order to save lives, relieve suffering, protect property and the environment

Surrey Fire and Rescue

Local Committee Report

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KEY ISSUE

1.1 This report outlines the major strands of activity being undertaken within the Elmbridge area by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) teams based at Esher, Painshill and Walton Fire Stations.

SUMMARY

1.2 The report contains information on the various activities undertaken by the Borough team to reduce the risk from fire, water and road traffic incidents to the residents of Elmbridge Borough, including direct contact, public education programmes and campaigns.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- 1.3 Recognise the achievements of the borough teams within Elmbridge Borough and support their commitment to improve initiatives to reduce risk and make Elmbridge Borough safer through the delivery of the borough/station plan.
- 1.4 Note the targets and initiatives set within the Elmbridge borough plan for 2012/13 and support the Fire and Rescue Service in the delivery of this plan.
- 1.5 Support the achievements of the retained duty personnel at Walton fire station and acknowledge the availability offered by employers who release staff, and those who are self-employed.

ELMBRIDGE STATISTICS

Within Service/Borough Target		
Close to Service/Borough Target		
Above Service/Borough Target - Action Required		
Key Performance Indicators for 2012/13	2012/2013	2011/2012
Percentage of Fires attended in dwellings with no smoke detection	Service Target < 38%	Service Target < 38%
fitted	20%	35%
	Service Target 7	Service Target 7
No of fatalities due to primary fires	1	2
	Borough Target 2	Borough Target 2
No of injuries arising from accidental dwelling fires	5	5
No of false alarms caused by AFA's (automatic fire alarms)	Borough Target 186	Borough Target 186
, ,	158	173
	Borough Target 9	Borough Target 9
No of calls to malicious false alarms attended	13	10
	Borough Target 84	Borough Target 84
No of deliberate Primary & Secondary Fires (excluding vehicles)	32	58
	Borough Target 20	Borough Target 20
No of deliberate & Secondary vehicle fires	8	8
	Borough Target 143	Borough Target 143
No of calls to fires attended - primary	122	153
	Borough Target 62	Borough Target 62
No of calls to fires attended - Accidental fires in dwellings	57	74
	Borough Target >91%	Borough Target >91%
Percentage of accidental dwelling fires confined to room of origin	91%	86%
	Borough Target 21	Borough Target 21
No of fires in non domestic premises	17	16
No of HFSVs (Home Fire Safety Visits) Visits to Risk Households	Service Target % at Risk >60%	Service Target % at Risk >60%
Total Visits	352(82%)	N/A
	427	N/A

REPORTING AGAINST TARGETS NOT ACHIEVED

1.6 Injuries arising from accidental fires

2012/2013	2011/2012
Borough Target	Borough Target
2	2
5	5

1.7 None of the injuries arising from accidental fires have deemed to be serious, of the incidents reported all injuries have been precautionary check ups where casualties have either been removed to hospital or received medical intervention at scene due to effects of suffering smoke inhalation or minor burns.

1.8 No of fatalities due to primary fires.

2012/2013	2011/2012
Service Target	Service Target
7	7
1	2

1.9 This unfortunate fatality was an 87 year old female, she was a resident of Gunters Mead,Copsem Lane Oxshott.

1.10 Number of Malicious False Alarms attended.

2012/2013	2011/2012
Borough Target	Borough Target
9	9
13	10

1.11 No repeat offenders or patterns have been identified within the borough. The Community Impact (CI) team will continue to monitor this and will report any findings to the JAG or CIAG meetings as appropriate and will continue to work closely with partners to reduce malicious calls within the Elmbridge Borough

COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

1.12

Figures for 2012	
Prosecutions	0
Prohibition Notice - Formal	0
Enforcement Notice - Formal	2
Deficiencies Notice - Informal	14
Licensing Consultations	118 (East area
	total)
Building Regulation Consultations	735(East area
	total)

COMMUNITY FIRE PREVENTION

- 1.13 We will undertake intelligence-based Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV), in the areas most in need of this service, using the provided data and local knowledge to target this work. Currently a target of 60% is expected for our crews to reach vulnerable people and the most at risk from fire in our communities. SFRS will work closely with Adult and Social Care teams to ensure the following are targeted.
 - Adults over the age of 65 (Worse at 75)
 - Individuals who live alone
 - Individuals with Mental Health illnesses, including Dementia & Memory Loss
 - Individuals with disability and mobility difficulties
 - Individuals who are either Alcohol or Drug dependant
 - Individuals who smoke (The above will be compounded if coupled with smoking)

1.14

2012/2013	2011/2012
Service Target % at Risk >60%	Service Target % at Risk >60%
427	N/A
352(82%)	N/A

SAFEGUARDING REFERRALS

1.15 The Service works in collaboration with Social Services to ensure vulnerable adults/children are identified and care action plan is formulated.

2012/2013	2011/2012
Totals	Totals
T.B.C.	T.B.C

VOLUNTEERS SERVICE

- 1.16 Our Volunteers assist firefighters in prevention and education activities. The volunteers work alongside the firefighters delivering crucial safety information to the general public at a wide variety of events, from Open Days to Public Events, and also delivering Home Fire Safety visits to the general public. Our volunteering scheme has proved to be highly successful and we have a high number of volunteers out in the community assisting our firefighters in delivering safety information, as a result we have managed to reach more households and importantly, more vulnerable people.
- 1.17 If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a volunteer for the service please can you provide this link for them which gives you all the information you need to know about being a Surrey Fire
 Volunteer.(www.surreyfirevolunteer.org)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Education

1.18 The Services education team currently attends Special Educational Needs schools to deliver fire safety advice.

Number of Schools	Number of Pupils
1	40

Junior Citizens

1.19 In June the service supported Elmbridge Boroughs highly successful Junior Citizens scheme aimed at children aged between 10-11 years (Year 6)

Number of Days	Number of Pupils
13	1300

Firewise Scheme

1.20 The Service has a successful referral scheme aimed at young people, who have shown an interest in fire setting.

Elmbridge Borough		
Number of Referrals	2	

Youth Engagement Scheme

1.21 Youth Engagement Scheme is an innovative scheme run by the Service with support from partners such as the youth support service and Brooklands College. (Public service tutors) The aim of the scheme is to divert young people from anti-social behaviour and youth crime.

Elmbridge Borough	
Total Number of Referrals	13
Total Number Offered Taster Session	11
Total Number Started	9
Total Number Graduated	7

Safe Drive Stay Alive

1.22 The Service's main aim has always been to reduce the injuries and deaths of young people aged 16-25. This is achieved through various activities, mainly Safe Drive Stay Alive.

Elmbridge Borough	
Number of Pupils	792

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1.23 Members are asked to support the Station(s) plan for 2013/2014 Members are asked to recognise good performance by Elmbridge personnel in 2012/2013

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PAPERS: SFRS Public Safety Plan.

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