



Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

South District Business Plan 2007 - 2008

The Plan

This is the second plan for South Shropshire District and is revised and published in accordance with the Brigade's Business Plan which requires each District to complete an annual plan. The plan and its accompanying Station Action Plan, has been the subject of a District Consultation process and also includes changes designed to improve our method of measuring performance.

Junior Officers, along with Station personnel have contributed to the production of the plan and we have taken into account national needs such as, revised performance indicators, together with local needs.

Communication

The plan will outline our continuing communication strategy giving advanced dates of District meetings and station performance meetings.

Structure, Aims and Outcomes

The overall structure of the District Business plan will not change and this four page addition to the plan will be incorporated in each station's copy of the District Plan. The methodology of supporting the Brigade's Strategic Aims and Objectives will remain as per the publication 2006/2007 and our Key outcomes of a Safe, Prosperous, Attractive and Cohesive South District will remain.

Management

The Management structure will remain as per the 2006/2007 plan.

Additional BVPI's have been incorporated in the Station Action Plan and they follow the changes made at National Level. A revised action Plan will be issued alongside this Plan and changes in the action plan reflect the issues that have arisen during station visits. These changes will ensure that we can capture the performance indicators which best reflect the work we carry out within the District

The Nine C's

The plan still follows the Safer Communities Core Strategy ensuring that we are committed to the nine C's laid out in that strategy document.

Communicating Both Ways

The success of our District Plan and the management of our station's performance continue to depend upon effective communication.

We will continue using our different methods of communication using email and written publications, but our main two-way method of communication will remain.

The District Officer will visit a station on a quarterly basis to discuss the progress of their plan and facilitate the exchange of information regarding local and national issues.

Station	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
AL	25/04/07	04/07/07	10/10/07	16/01/08
BC	14/06/07	12/07/07	29/11/07	10/01/08
BN	15/05/07	04/09/07	11/12/07	08/01/08
CS	19/06/07	18/09/07	27/11/07	22/01/08
CL	19/04/07	20/09/07	25/10/07	07/02/08
CA	22/05/07	17/07/07	13/11/07	19/02/08
CM	26/06/07	14/08/07	30/10/07	04/03/08
LU	11/04/07	10/07/07	02/10/07	18/03/08
MW	12/06/07	07/08/07	16/10/07	05/02/08

- b) A District Support Officer (Wholetime Officer), will visit their station on a monthly basis, or as requested by the District Officer, to support the Officer-in-Charge with the day to day running of the station and to assist with personnel matters.
- c) The District will operate two types of Officer-in-Charge meetings:
- Annual District meeting held at a Central Station within the District Area During January to March of each year.
 - Quarterly District meetings will be held on the following dates.
 - First Quarter, 18 June 2007, Bridgnorth.
 - Second Quarter, 10 September 2007, Ludlow.
 - Third Quarter, 3 December 2007, Church Stretton.

The meetings will commence at 1900 hours and usually finish by 2100 hours. The meetings will be attended by the Officer in Charge or a nominated representative, and the Station will inform the District Officer of the person attending.

The Brigade will also hold two annual Officer-in-Charge meetings in May and November at Shrewsbury. Dates to be confirmed.

- d) The current Service issues are promulgated on a weekly basis on the "Pink" which should be brought to the attention of all of your station personnel.

Response Standards

One of the Main additions to our District plan is the inclusion of the Emergency Response standards for Shropshire. These agreed response times are published in the Brigade Performance Plan for 2006-08. They outline the reasons for change and the section printed below is a direct copy of those standards.

Emergency Response standards for Shropshire

How many, how quickly?

The Government's recommended response standards for property fires were removed on 1 April 2004. From that date, responsibility for the setting of fire response standards fell to individual fire authorities. There was therefore a requirement for Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority to specify its incident response standards.

While the previous standards were related to all property fires, they did not necessarily focus resources on the areas where there was the greatest risk to life, or road traffic collisions (RTCs). Using the FSEC modelling tool and evaluation of the previous 5 years' incidence of house fires and RTCs (where people have been trapped), we have been able to predict areas where the greatest risk to life exists.

We undertook extensive consultation through our Draft IRMP Action Plan 2006/07 on the proposed standards, with members of staff, stakeholder organisations and the public. The Fire Authority, at its meeting held on 14 December 2005, made amendments to the initially proposed standards based on the outcome from the consultation process, and then approved the Life Risk Response Standards for Shropshire as detailed in the table below.

Risk Areas	Life Risk Fires		Road Traffic Collisions		
	Minimum of 5 firefighters in:	Minimum of 8 firefighters in:	Minimum of 5 firefighters in:	Minimum of 8 firefighters and Rescue Pump in:	Rescue Tender arrives within:
High	10 minutes	13 minutes	10 minutes	13 minutes	30 minutes
Medium	15 minutes	18 minutes	15 minutes	18 minutes	30 minutes
Low	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes	30 minutes
Target 2006/7	75%	95%	77%	77%	85%

District/Station Audit

The annual station audit will be conducted throughout the year by the station's District Support Officer who will arrange a date and time with OiCs for each part of the audit. The operational readiness and any section which requires an Associate Trainer or Training Instructor will form part of the mini exercises planned throughout the year at the discretion of the District Officer. The information for each part of the audit can be found in the station's white plan booklet.

This Plan should be brought to the attention of all personnel and then filed on station in the station's White Plan Booklet. The plan, together with the plan for 2006/07, will then form our District plan for 2007/2008.