



SHROPSHIRE

Fire and Rescue Service

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BRIGADE ORDER OPERATIONS 12

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Purpose

The purpose of this order is to introduce Brigade Order Operations No 12 Incidents involving agriculture

Strategic aims and objectives

This Order supports the following strategic aims and objectives:

Strategic aim 2 – “Protect life, property and the environment from fire and other emergencies”

Corporate objective 5 – “Ensure the provision of an appropriate response to non-fire emergencies”

Corporate objective 6 – “Minimise the effect of our intervention actions on the environment”.

Roles, responsibilities and review

The **Head of Operational Response** is responsible for ensuring this Order is implemented across the Brigade.

The **Head of District Performance** will be responsible for the day to day operation of the Order.

The **Deputy Chief Fire Officer** will review this Order biennially in May and as and when organisational changes take place.

Introduction

Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service provides operational cover to a large rural area with many thousands of farms and agricultural premises. It is vital therefore, that our crews are well informed and able to deal with, the many different types of incidents they might find here, safely and efficiently.

Agriculture has one of the worst fatal accident records of any industry; on average over 40 people are killed each year, not including deaths caused by disease or those that are not reportable under RIDDOR. In addition there are a further 2000 non-fatal injuries every year.

Modern methods and techniques introduced into the farming industry over the past 30 years, present an increased risk to fire fighters. This Order gives details of the precautions to be taken, when potential hazards are encountered on farms and associated business premises.

The type of farm and their associated hazards vary considerably, therefore it is important that crews familiarise themselves with the various farms that may be on their station ground.

This Order is sub-divided into a number of parts, each part addressing a specific subject.

Decontamination procedures necessary following involvement in incidents at agricultural premises should be carried out in accordance with Brigade Order Operational No.9 Decontamination.

Points of reference

Brigade Order Operations 12	Part 1 Large Animal Rescues Part 2 Rescues from Slurry Pits Part 3 Fires in Vehicles (Radiation Hazard) Part 4 Incidents with Infection Risks Section 1 Bio Hazards in Agriculture Section 2 Infectious Diseases Part 5 Rescues from Silos and Hoppers Part 6 Fires in Silos Part 7 Fires involving Large Bales
Brigade Order Operations 9	All Parts Decontamination Procedures
A Guide to Operational Risk Assessment	Section 2 Rescues Section 3 Fighting Fires Section 5 Generic Hazards
Specific Incident Procedures (SIPs)	Farm Contagious Incidents Pesticides Fertilisers

