

Station 15 Bedminster

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Promoting and supporting a safer community.

Overview

As part of Avon Fire and Rescue, Bedminster Fire-fighters are working to make you and our community safer. Did you know that last year we were called to 1,100 incidents including house fires, road traffic collisions, flooding and other emergencies. Some of these calls were to assist communities in neighbouring areas including neighbouring counties.

How can we help?

Our aim is to prevent emergencies from happening. We offer free advice, Home Fire Safety Visits and can fit free smoke alarms. We also work with local partners such as the local council, schools and businesses.

What can we do to help?

Contact us, refer people to us, and invite us to your community groups and local events if you think they will be attended by people who need our help.



Our priorities

This year we will be:

Preventing

We are adamant that the delivery of preventative measures will make our community a safer place to live, work and play. The delivery of 'Home Fire Safety' visits and advice especially focused on high-risk, potentially vulnerable groups in our local community is the priority to this intervention.

Protecting

We intend to fit free smoke alarms in the most 'at risk' households in our area.

Responding

We will review our equipment, staffing levels and training and provide a water rescue capability in conjunction with station 12 Bath

Reduce the number of accidental dwelling fires

Work with partner agencies to reduce accidental dwelling fires.

Reduce the number of arson related incidents with the Bedminster station group, concentrating on deliberate secondary fires.

Work with our partner agencies to reduce arson related incidents, including undertaking a trial of the 'arson watch' scheme promoted at watch level on stn 15.

Improve the return to work interview reply level at station 15

Monitor, support and review the management of this process at station 15



Community and Fire Safety



Over the last few years our role has changed. We are now as concerned with trying to prevent emergencies, as responding to them when they do occur. We have made great strides in this area and our preventing and protecting activities are as professional as our responding activities. Our Home Fire Safety Visits were rated the best in the UK last year.



However, things never stand still and there is now a national emphasis on increasing access to public services to parts of the community who, traditionally, have not made use to them. Often these parts of the community are also the most vulnerable, and hence the very people that we want to target with our preventing and protecting work.



There is also a new emphasis on public sector organisations such as the council, police, national health and ourselves, working together to improve the local area in all sorts of ways. These improvements are highlighted in the Local Area Agreement and Crime & Disorder Reduction partnerships. Hence, locally, we are increasingly working with local partners and community groups in ways that may not directly relate to fire, road safety or our other areas of responsibility.



The aim is to maintain a balance between how much safety support we provide to the other organisations and community groups, for example, how much they help us to deliver our community safety measures. For example, our community clean up days involve various people working together to make an area more pleasant. They help us to remove potential arson sources and promote fire safety messages.

Another example might be us helping to promote and run a flu-jab clinic, which improves the health and well being of local people. At the same time it gives us access to a high risk group who would benefit from our fire safety messages, free smoke alarms and advice.

So while national initiatives such as increasing access to vulnerable groups and involvement in Local Area Agreements and partnerships may seem new, they are in fact activities we have been involved with for some time already and are just another way of helping to keep people safe.

We will work with neighbourhood partnership groups at all levels to provide community safety initiatives and direct this at our most risky groups. We will work with our partnership agencies to provide a safer and stronger community. We will work with schools to educate young children about the risk of fire through our SPARKS program.

Operational Issues

We will be working this year to provide a top level class A 'team typed' water rescue/flood response team at station 15 Bedminster and station 12 Bath.

Action Plan										
No	Objective	Link to higher objective	Actions	Expected outcomes	Target or deadline	Person responsible	Hazard/event	Interventions	Residual risk rating	Other resource?
1	To promote Equalities and Diversity	LPI 2a LPI 2b	Engagement of diverse groups at station level to promote safer and stronger communities Ensure that all staff at station level complete the Equalities phase 2 training	Improved awareness of equalities and diversity issues	March 2010	SM WM CM	Operational incidents which occur during periods of planned activity. Sickness hindering the delivery or provision of CFS activities. Skills deficit hindering response and CFS activities. Annual leave hindering delivery or provision of CFS activities. Additional or unidentified workloads.	Sickness monitoring and timely RTWIs Effective monitoring of skills and training of all staff and planned training to cover skills gaps Effective annual leave planning Only engage in CFS activities that are relevant to Service objectives	6	
2	Increased contact with most at risk / vulnerable groups		Using FSEC and Mosaic to identify and target our most vulnerable groups	HFSVs targeted towards our most vulnerable groups in the local community	Minimum 1300 HFSVs annually for the next three years to our most vulnerable groups		Annual leave hindering delivery or provision of CFS activities Additional or unidentified workloads			
3	Implement any corrective actions from Equality Impact Assessment		Complete an Equalities Impact Assessment and implement identified actions	Improved provision of our services	March 2010					

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4	Reducing the number of accidental dwelling deaths	LPI 142iii LPI 143i LPI 143ii LPI 144 LPI 206i LPI 206 veh LPI 207 LPI 208 NI 33a NI 33b NI 49i	Home Fire Safety Visits, providing information, advice and education in the home, and fitting free smoke alarms when required. These are targeted towards the high fire at risk groups in the community.	Reduction in fire deaths	Minimum 1300 HFSVs annually for the next three years		Operational incidents which occur during periods of planned activity Sickness hindering the delivery or provision of CFS activities Skills deficit hindering response and CFS activities	Sickness monitoring and timely RTWIs Effective monitoring of skills and training of all staff and planned training to cover skills gaps	6	Fitters Station 25 Personnel Advocates Assistance from adjoining stations personnel
5	Reducing the number of primary fires	NI 49ii NI 49iii LPICFS 1	SPARKS We will deliver an interactive package conveying core fire safety messages to key stage two children.	Reduction in the incidence of fires	To provide the opportunity to every primary school in our area	SM WM CM	Annual leave hindering delivery or provision of CFS activities Additional or unidentified workloads	Effective annual leave planning Only engage in CFS activities that are relevant to Service objectives		
6	Reducing deliberate primary and secondary fires (including deliberate vehicle fires)		Liaise with Arson Task Force and PCSO's	Reduction in deliberate set fires (including deliberate vehicle fires)	March 2010		Annual leave hindering delivery or provision of CFS activities Additional or unidentified workloads			
7	Reducing the number of malicious calls	LPI FAMs % LPI FAM LPI 149i	Deliver the SPARKS package Liaise with Arson Task Force and PCSO's	Reduced malicious calls	March 2010					Station 25 personnel
8	Undertake 90% + Return to work interviews within the 15 day target	LPI 12i	Monitor RTWI process	Improvement in local target figures	March 2010	SM WM CM	Line management not available to undertake process	RTWI process	6	PIU

To see our headline incident targets and how well we are doing, please refer to our monthly Station Target Tracker wall charts.

