Hampshire & Isle of Wight FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Response

Policy number (AP004)

Next Review Due 31/03/2029

1. Purpose

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) is committed to ensuring that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have an efficient and effective fire and rescue service which makes life safer for everyone.

All Policies within the Authority's Policy Framework are to be considered as a collective and not read in isolation.

Should it be needed, the fire and rescue service will provide a highly skilled operational response, but wherever possible, we will look to reduce the risk of fire in the first instance, supporting the vulnerable and ensuring our built environment complies with fire safety regulations.

This policy sets HIWFRA's commitment to meet its statutory responsibilities to respond efficiently and effectively to fires, road traffic accidents and emergencies.

2. Principles

2.1 We will respond to emergencies as described within the Safety Plan.

2.2 We will locate our resources where we need them considering our latest assessment of risk.

2.3 We will provide the most appropriate immediate response to all emergencies.

2.4 We will engage with our communities, working together to support the early stages of response, where appropriate.

2.5 We will adopt national operational guidance to control health and safety risks to our firefighters.

2.6 We will respond to emergencies with our partners.

2.7 We will ensure firefighters and officers are trained to the risks they are likely to respond to.

2.8 We will define our mobilisation as the time from receiving emergency 999 calls to the time of our arrival at incidents.

2.9 We will continually review our performance, ensuring adjustments are made to our assessment of risk as required.

2.10 We will pioneer new ways to respond to risk, including informing and supporting the public how to deal with fires and other emergencies.

3. Compliance

Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, and Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

All other relevant legislation, regulations and approved guidance, including the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England.

Professional guidance, including the National Operational Guidance, Fire Standards, and the Fire and Rescue Authorities – Health, Safety and Welfare Framework for the Operational Environment.

4. Core Code of Ethics

HIWFRA is committed to meeting the principles within the Core Code of Ethics and will ensure that the principles in the Response Policy reflect the requirements of the Code.

5. Governance

HIWFRA has responsibility for the functions of the fire and rescue service as specified in legislation.

HIWFRA delegates the operation of the principles contained within the Response Policy to HIWFRS Chief Fire Officer, in accordance with its Constitution and the Safety Plan.

6. Appendix

Position Statement for Marine Incidents

Position Statement for United Kingdom International Search and Rescue (UKISAR)