



Safety. Teamwork. Respect. Innovation.

SFRS Overview and Forward Plans

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Presentation Overview

- The SFRRS journey
- SFRRS expanding role
- Our Delivery Challenges
- Partnership In Practice



The SFRS Journey (2013-2019) : Consolidation

- Standardised policies, procedures, operational guidance
- Merger of control rooms
- Single Duty System
- More equitable distribution of specialist resources across Scotland
- 32 local plans in support of improved local outcomes
- £47m efficiencies generated from operating base
- Resource budget -15% (real terms)
- Reduced duplication – 50% reduction in number of principal officers
- Major investment programme in new/improved assets



The Nature of Our Business Is Changing

WORKFORCE



7,906
members of
SFRS staff
including volunteer staff

INCIDENTS 91,695



total number of
incidents
attended
in 2017-18



HFSV +23%

STAFF HEADCOUNT

WHOLETIME OPERATIONAL	3,637
RETAINED DUTY SYSTEM CONTROL	2,953
SUPPORT	207
SUPPORT	792
VOLUNTEER	317

FIRES

TOTAL NUMBER OF
FIRES
ATTENDED
IN 2017-18

26,115



False Alarm,
UFAS +8%

STATIONS

356

FIRE STATIONS
IN SCOTLAND



STATION TYPES

RETAINED	240
WHOLETIME	74
VOLUNTEER	42

67%
TWO THIRDS
OF FIRE STATIONS IN SCOTLAND
ARE OPERATED BY
RETAINED STAFF



Assist Other
Agencies +207%



Expanding The Firefighter Role

- Meet the changing nature of community risk
- Meet the challenges of population change
- Fully support Scottish Government's OHCA strategy
- Meet the changing nature of terrorist threats
- Meet the challenges of Climate Change



Through an Expanded Firefighter Role We Can Do More For Scotland

- Changing nature of community risk:

- Unintentional harm (UH) accounts for 3% all deaths (more than alcohol, cardiovascular disease/ drugs/ infections) or 42% of all accidental deaths in Scotland, much of which is preventable
- UH most common cause of Preventable Years of Life Lost in +75 age group (2nd to cancer) most occurs at home
- UH accounts for over 500,000 incidents and 55,000 emergency hospital admissions per annum
- 87% of physical UH in 75+ age group is as a result of a fall/ minor fall, most of which is at home
- 2018/19 there were 22,950 falls resulting in 6885 hip fractures in 65+ age group at a cost of £271m to the NHS
- Each avoidable fatality at home generates a cost to public services of £1.4 – 1.6M; each serious home accident costs £46,000
- Loneliness/ isolation affects 50% of 80+ year olds; is a key driver of poor health and higher mortality rates
- By 2041 there will be a 75% growth in 75+ population; 19% growth in single person households; 58% growth in households headed by a person 70+
- UH also highly associated with social and economic deprivation
- 2018 there were 1187 drug death, highly concentrated in most deprived communities; 48% included use of opiates and 67% use of benzodiazepines



The Expanded Firefighter Role

- Safe and Well

- Wider prevention focus on unintentional harm among high risk population
- Joint (Levels 1,2 and 3) falls and fracture risk assessment with HSC partners
- Help tackle isolation/ loneliness
- ID signs domestic abuse
- ID early signs of dementia
- Train community in CPR

- OHCA

- Co-response with SAS where there is immediate risk to life
- Firefighters trained, equipped, supported to respond under SAS Clinical governance
- Agreed implementation plan with SAS to include all 356 community fire stations over 3 years

- Firefighters working in the warm zone during a MTA



The Expanded Firefighter Role Will In Future Entail

- Slips, Trips and Falls
 - Falls co-response as standard part of SFRS response model
 - Supportive of IJB's commissioning plans
 - Supportive of strategic direction of out of hours services review within NHS
 - Agreed implementation plan to include all 356 community fire stations over a 3 year period

- OHCA+
 - Allergic reactions
 - Burns
 - Breathing difficulties
 - Chest pain and seizures
 - Major trauma/ haemorrhage at home



Our Delivery Challenges and Opportunities

- Explaining rationales of the expanded role to the public
- Capturing benefits flow through non-SFRS services
- Maintaining representative bodies and partner buy in as our plans evolve
- Managing the demands of change while still delivering business as usual
- Rebalancing community investment
- Blue light collaboration



Case Study

- 75-year-old
- Living alone in sheltered housing
- Restricted mobility
- Heavy smoker
- Early onset dementia
- Three previous incidents of fire recorded but not known to SFRS
- Hard wired smoke detection linked to telecare



Partnership in Practice

- Care Partnership
- Fire Prevention Framework
- Regulation
- Design for the future
- SFRS Safety House



Questions?

