

AWARDS FOR HFR SOLUTIONS AND THE EXTRICATION AND TRAUMA TEAMS

SUMMARY

1. This report details the achievements of both HFR Solutions at the recent Hull & Humber and Bridlington & Yorkshire Coast Chamber of Commerce awards evening held at the Bridlington Spa on the 10 October and the Service Trauma and Extrication teams who competed in the World Championships at Moreton-in-Marsh on the 9-12 October.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members recognise the excellent achievements of HFR Solutions and the Extrication and Trauma Teams.

AWARDS

3. **HFR SOLUTIONS** – on the 13 September the company were contacted by the Chamber of Commerce for Hull & Humber and Bridlington & Yorkshire Coast informing them that they had successfully negotiated the first round in the process to become the Social Enterprise of the year for 2014 and that a panel of judges would visit the company to gain further detail and understand the full social value of the returns made to the community. As described a panel composing of three judges with a strong industrial background attended at SHQ on the 22 September and after listening to a detailed presentation regarding Solutions activity they targeted questioning for a further forty minute period to understand fully the exact role and activities undertaken. Eight representatives from across the various disciplines of Solutions were subsequently invited to attend the Bridlington Spa on 10 October and despite strong competition from a number of other social enterprises from the region I am delighted to report that HFR Solutions CIC was announced as the successful candidate and duly awarded the trophy for the Chamber of Commerce Social Enterprise of the Year for 2014.
4. **HFRS TRAUMA/EXTRICATION TEAM** – as a result of a number of impressive performances across the year in the regional rounds of the United Kingdom Rescue Organisation national challenge the Service Extrication and Trauma teams qualified to represent the United Kingdom and compete in the World Rescue Challenge finals which were hosted at the Fire Service College at Moreton-in-Marsh across the weekend of the 9-12 October. Over the three days of competition both teams provided impressive displays against competitors from thirty four different countries including Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, North/Latin America, Canada, the Middle East and the majority of mainland Europe.
5. Competition for the Trauma team was extreme with a number of varied scenarios culminating on Sunday with a thirty minute incident involving an overturned minibus containing seven casualties with a variety of serious injuries ranging from limb amputation, head trauma, heart attack, and child birth to identifying those with injuries which would ultimately prove to be fatal. Both team members performed

outstandingly and proved very much why HFRS is viewed as one of the finest Rescue Services in the world. I am delighted to report that their overall score identified them as the highest achieving team across the spectrum of incidents and they were duly crowned World Trauma Champions for 2014.

6. The Extrication team performed a variety of differing scenarios over the three day period of their competition with differing levels of complexity and numbers of vehicles/casualties etc and were required to operate in differing environments ranging from limited time duration to reduced availability of equipment and differing levels of casualty injuries. The team provided strong performances across all three days however of particular note was the limited equipment scenario which very much relies upon team knowledge and skills, they once again proved why HFRS are nationally acknowledged as one of the leading services in the country for casualty extrication with an outstanding effort which earned them second place within this particular discipline. Good results across the remaining two days earned the team the honour of being crowned the fourth best Road Traffic Collision rescue team in the world after all scores were collated.
7. It should also be noted that HFRS also provided both the Deputy Lead Assessor and one of the Internal assessors for the challenge and whilst clearly they were unable to score the activities of the Humberside teams they were actively engaged over the entire period of the competition and once again represented the Service to the highest standard.
8. As World Champions for Trauma and with Fourth place for Extrication both teams will now be invited to once again represent the United Kingdom and defend their positions at the 2015 World Challenge which is to be hosted in Portugal.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

9. Personal and Organisational Development are key enablers for the delivery of the Service's Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10. None arising but the Authority will offer financial support for the team to defend their positions at the 2015 World Challenge.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. No issues arising directly.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

12. No issues arising directly.

CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

13. No issues arising directly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

14. No issues arising directly.

COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

15. A communication plan is in place to provide media information at both regional and national level.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

16. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

17. WRO/UKRO Scenario scoring sheets.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

18. That Members recognise the excellent achievements of HFR Solutions and the Extrication and Trauma Teams.

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