



HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Service Support Delivery

Major Incidents Policy

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1. INTRODUCTION

This policy and its supporting guidance relates to multi-agency Service planning arrangements and procedures to be adopted in the event of a Major Incident.

Humberside Fire & Rescue Service (HFRS) personnel will adopt procedures detailed within the Humber Local Resilience Forum – ‘Emergencies Procedures Manual’ in order to provide effective operational response in the event of a Declared ‘Emergency’ as defined in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

It is the responsibility of all personnel to familiarise themselves with the contents of this policy and any additions or amendments which may be issued from time to time.

2. EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

HFRS aims to continuously improve the standards of service we provide to the community we serve. We recognise the importance of and are committed to promoting equality and inclusion in the provision of our services and to our employees. We are committed to encouraging equality and diversity amongst our workforce and to eliminating unlawful discrimination. We aim for our workforce to be truly representative of the community we serve and for each of our employees to feel respected and be able to give their best.

3. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure that HFRS personnel are fully conversant with the requirements and procedures that need to be adopted in order to work effectively and efficiently during a major incident or as part of a multi-agency response to a Declared ‘Emergency’ as defined within the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

Objectives

The Major Incident Policy is specific to HFRS and seeks to provide personnel with the necessary guidance in order to work in a multi-agency capacity, “sign posting” as appropriate to the Humber Local Resilience Forum – Emergencies Procedures Manual.

The Major Incident Policy seeks to provide clarity and guidance in the following areas:

- Definition of a Major Incident.
- Mobilising & Response Procedures to a Major Incident.
- Procedures to be adopted when Major Incident procedures are instigated either by HFRS personnel or other Category 1 Responders.
- Multi-Agency Command, Control, Communication (C3) Structures & Protocols.
- Arrangements for seeking assistance via the National Co-ordination & Advisory Framework (NCAF).
- Training & Exercising Arrangement

4. POLICY STATEMENT

HFRS will produce policies necessary for the efficient running of the Service. Policies will be produced, amended and presented on the Service Website and internal 'Portal' in the standard format as approved by HFRS.

5. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT

- Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
- Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

6. APPLICATION

All HFRS operational personnel.

7. DEFINITIONS

Policy: *A formal statement of principles established by the Service that provides the parameters for decision making and actions.*

Major Incident: *'An event or situation with a range of serious consequences which requires special arrangements to be implemented by one or more emergency responder agency.'*

Declared Emergency: *An event or situation, which threatens serious damage to human welfare, or the environment, in a place in the Humber area (this includes at sea incidents within the geographical responsibility of MCA).*

Local Resilience Forum: *Multi-agency partnerships made up of representatives from local public services, including the emergency services, local authorities, the NHS, the Environment Agency and others. These agencies are known as Category 1 Responders, as defined by the Civil Contingencies Act.*

8. MONITORING AND REVIEW

A review of continued compliance, including monitoring of personnel affected by the policy will be undertaken by the policy owner.

9. GUIDANCE INFORMATION

A guidance note on how to comply with the arrangements detailed in this policy has been produced.

**For further information or guidance on this document, please contact the
Emergency Preparedness Section**