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Dear Mr. Taylor

Complementary Crewing

Further to our meeting of the 13th June 2012, I am writing to confirm the intentions of the Service with regard to the application of complementary crewing.

I anticipate that complementary crewing will be utilised at Wallasey and City Centre to provide a wholetime aerial appliance capability on a day to day basis. It will also be utilised at Southport in the event that the Combined Pump Platform (CPP) becomes unavailable.

It is also the view of the Service that aerial appliance availability across Merseyside will best be served by re-deploying the Combined Platform Ladder (CPL) currently located at Eccleston to St Helens; but on a wholetime complementary crewed basis.

The Service will continue to use complementary crewing at Croxteth where it has been custom and practice since the inception of the Search and Rescue Team (SRT). The same position will apply to the High Volume Pump currently located at West Kirby. Consideration is currently being given to the long term location of this resource.

Other specialist appliance locations potentially considered for complementary crewing will include Old Swan, in the event that the Incident Command and Control Unit POD, is re-located from Kirkdale to create a command support hub.

In relation to Kirkdale complementary crewing would be used to support the mobilisation of multiple PODs, the staffing model would place a fifth rider on the rescue pump to allow a firefighter to be utilised for POD mobilisation as and when required. This arrangement would also encompass the Hazmat pump and Detection Identification Monitoring (DIM) vehicle.

I trust that these arrangements can be supported by the FBU however, if there is any further information you require then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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