



Service Policy EMPPOL04 Operational Planning Policy

“An Excellent Authority”

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POLICY

Introduction

It is the policy of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) to develop standard operational procedures (SOPs) against ~~the generic incident types and~~ national ~~G~~generic ~~R~~risk ~~A~~assessments ~~nets~~ (GRA).

Incident types are drawn from a wide range of emergencies, which are both reasonably foreseeable and for which fire and rescue services would be expected to respond and deal with as part of their statutory duties under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

~~-The national suites of (GRAs are) in accordance with relevant national guidance and are currently outlined within The Fire and Rescue Service Operational Guidance GRAs Generic Risk Assessment. The GRAs are sub-divided into five sections, which are as follows:~~

- Responding to an Emergency
- Rescues
- Fighting Fires
- Incident Involving Transport Systems
- Generic Hazards

All SOPs will contain a task analysis, which will result in the identification of hazards, assessment of risk and the implementation of workplace precautions (control measures). ~~have embedded within them the national generic and~~ This will ensure that a specific risk assessment is in place for ~~local specific risk assessments for~~ each risk area.

Site specific risks and operational considerations are contained within the site specific risk information files appertaining to individual premises, which is gathered under Sections 7-(2)-(d), 8(2) (d) and 9(3) (d-ef) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

This Policy takes account of the requirements placed on MFRA under the Civil Contingencies Act, in relation to informing and warning the public where appropriate, with the procedures for doing so outlined within the relevant SOPs.

Policy Explanation

Sections 7, 8 and 9 of The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 place a number of statutory duties on MFRA, including detailing the types of incident to which the FRA will respond. Section 11 of the Act gives the FRA the power to respond to other eventualities which could result in ~~the deaths of,~~ or ~~injuries~~ to individuals or, damage to the environment.

There are inherent risks associated with responding to and dealing with any of the incident types that the FRA has a statutory duty or power to attend.

Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (MHSWR) 1999 states that:

'A risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person for the purpose of identifying the measures that employers must take in order to comply with their duties under all applicable health and safety legislation'

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Accordingly MFRA will continue to ensure the provision of safe systems of work for personnel responding to and dealing with emergency incidents by means of risk based SOPs. All SOPs will be underpinned with a related training package.

The integration of risk assessments within all SOPs, and the delivery of training in respect of these procedures enable MFRA to embed the Safe Person ~~Principles~~ ~~Concept~~ throughout the organisation.

The ~~underlying principle of the~~ Safe Person ~~Principles~~ ~~Concept~~ ~~are based on support systems~~ ~~is that, in view of the unpredictable and hazardous nature of the incident ground environment, support systems~~ ~~are~~ developed to ensure the safety of individuals whilst still enabling them to react flexibly to unforeseen or changing situations, which they are likely to encounter in the unpredictable and hazardous nature of the incident ground.

Those support systems encompass: safe systems of work, training, equipment, information, personal protective equipment, supervision, personnel selection, recruitment and development.

Although the application of such systems may be relevant to many aspects of FRA work, the main focus of their content should be within the specific context of the 'safe person', rather than that of the working environment.

Policy Implementation

This Policy will be implemented by means of the application of all extant SOPs.