

FOA IRMP update response - February 2018

A few points picked up followed by a statement from FOA

Although not directly covered in the IRMP we would like to see :

- the ICU primary crewed with suitably command trained managers
- We believe that DIM/Hazmat support should be offered by ops crews in support of DIM Officers
- We are supportive of safe and well visits but would need to ensure staff are equipped to support this initiative

General statement

The Fire Officer's Association (FOA) recognises the severe financial challenge the Chief Officer and the Authority face and whilst we are concerned that the proposals are a lessening of service to the public MFRS serve we welcome the recognition that there cannot be any further reduction of response capability. Recent large incidents have stretched the Service and its staff severely highlighting the risks of further reductions. Given the current financial climate FOA supports this IRMP and specifically supports the inclusion of response to incidents such as terrorist events and Emergency Medical Response (EMR) as part of the Fire and Rescue Service duties where suitable consultation/agreement on policy and training has been reached. This position underlines our belief that the Fire and Rescue Service is uniquely equipped to assist across all emergencies or support other services in challenging circumstances.

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