

Playing with fire

The role of the Fire & Rescue Service in crime reduction and social inclusion

12 November 2003

Liverpool Marriott Hotel South

Who should attend

The conference will be of interest to all practitioners, managers and policy-makers who have a responsibility for tackling anti-social behaviour, youth crime, arson, vehicle crime and criminal damage, including:

- Community Safety Managers
- Community Safety Officers
- Members of crime and disorder reduction partnerships
- Chief Fire Officers
- Senior Community Fire Safety Managers
- Elected Members of Fire Authorities
- Police
- Youth Services
- Anti-social Behaviour Co-ordinators



Nacro, the crime reduction charity, is dedicated to making society safer. We have an unrivalled expertise in developing effective solutions to crime and stimulating fresh thinking on how best to reduce it, based on over 30 years experience. Combining practical services to individuals, communities and organisations with pioneering campaigns, Nacro lobbies for better ways to reduce crime, while demonstrating how this may be done in practice.

Nacro's Crime and Social Policy Section works with community safety partnerships at all stages of strategy development and implementation, with an emphasis on tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour, racially motivated crime and mainstreaming for sustainable solutions.

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The Vision Statement of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service is 'To make Merseyside a fire safe community'. To realise this vision it is vital that the partnerships that presently exist are strengthened and extended where necessary. Traditionally, the Fire & Rescue Service has been seen as a 'reactive force' to emergency incidents, leading to a very positive image, trust, and identity in the community. This trust enables access to all sections of the community, often in areas found difficult by other agencies. Consequently, a few years ago, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service began a strategy to prevent and mitigate fires around the maxim of 'prevention is better than cure'. These 'Community Fire Safety' measures, that are collectively without precedent in the rest of the UK, has resulted in fire deaths, injuries, and fires falling, demonstrating that the Fire & Rescue Service is a willing and effective partner in social inclusion and crime reduction.

We thrive best when in partnerships with a common purpose and shared goals where the traditional pragmatic attitude of the Fire & Rescue Service is acknowledged and welcome this opportunity to share experience and consider further the role the Fire & Rescue Service plays in crime reduction and social inclusion.

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The conference will be attended by J.P. Judd, QFSM, BA, FIFireE, the President of the North West Branch of the IFE.

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About the conference

Section 97 of the Police Reform Act, which came into force in April 2003, named Fire Authorities as responsible authorities for local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs). This will give added impetus to multi-agency working between Fire & Rescue Services and other agencies responsible for crime reduction – but Fire & Rescue Service interventions with offenders and those at risk of offending are not new. Community Fire Safety forms an integral part of the Fire & Rescue Service's role – in this sense it shares many aims and objectives with CDRPs.

This conference will bring together a range of expertise, including representatives from within the Fire Service, the Arson Control Forum and the Home Office. Together they will provide examples of existing good practice initiatives on vehicle crime, youth crime and anti-social behaviour, so that delegates gain valuable insight into enhanced partnership working between the Fire & Rescue Service and other agencies responsible for crime reduction.

Conference aims

- To help Community Safety Managers and other members of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships with the process of integrating Fire Authorities as responsible authorities.
- To help Fire Authorities with taking on responsible authority status with regards to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.
- To provide practical guidance on effective partnership working between the Fire & Rescue Service and other agencies to reduce crime.

The venue: The conference will be held at the Liverpool Marriott Hotel South, which is situated four miles from the M62, the M57 and M56. The nearest mainline station is Liverpool Lime Street, approximately eight miles from the hotel. Full travel directions will be sent to you when you book.

To book a place: Please complete the attached application form and return to: Heidi Goldemund, Nacro CSP, Empress Business Centre, 380 Chester Road, Manchester, M16 9EA, or fax it on 0161 877 3347. A letter confirming your place will be sent to you.

Cancellations Cancellations received before 31 October 2003 will be refunded minus a 20% administration fee. Regrettably, no refunds can be processed after that date. Transfer of places can be made, in writing, at any time.

Conference enquiries Please contact Heidi Goldemund (details as above).

Please note: the programme may be subject to change outside the organisers' control.

Programme

Chair: Kevin Wong, *Assistant Director, Nacro, Crime Reduction Directorate*

- 09:30 Registration and coffee
10:00 Welcome and Introduction: A. J. McGuirk, MSc, MIFireE, CGLI, *Chief Fire Officer, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service*

Plenary session 1

- 10:10 ■ Keynote Presentation: Sir Graham Meldrum, CBE, OstJ, QFSM, FIFireE, CCMi
HM Chief Inspector for Fire Service and Chairman of the Arson Control Forum.

- 10:30 ■ Keynote Presentation: Angela Ramlagan Singh,
Head of Partnership Performance, Crime Reduction Delivery Team, Home Office

- 10:50 Coffee

Plenary session 2

- 11:10 ■ Keynote Presentation: Louise Almond, *University of Liverpool*

- 11:30 ■ Keynote Presentation: Jane Milne,
Chief Executive, Arson Prevention Bureau

- 11:50 Workshop briefs:
four briefs lasting ten minutes each

- 12.30 Lunch

- 13.15 **Workshops** lasting 20 minutes each

Vehicle Arson: Steven Merrall, *Environmental Criminology Research Unit, University of Liverpool*

Firework Misuse: Chris Case, *MF&RS*

Avon CarClear Scheme: Paul Bunt and Alan Middleton,
Carclear Partnership, Avon Arson Task Force

Youth Arson in Derbyshire and Youth Engagement, Merseyside:
Darryl Longson, *DF&RS* and Alan Penton, *MF&RS*

- 15:00 **Plenary session 3**

- 15:30 Practical demonstration of firework misuse
Chris Case, *Pyrotechnics representative for CACFOA*

- 16:00 Close

Booking form

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Fees

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Fees include all day access to the event, available conference papers, lunch and all refreshments. Fees do not include travel or accommodation.

Charity rate £120 + VAT = £141.00

(includes housing associations, community groups, etc)

Statutory sector rate £150 + VAT = £176.25

(includes police, youth offending teams, probation service, etc)

Commercial rate £180 + VAT = £211.50

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