



FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 25 : Feb 2009

FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

1 National FiReControl Project Update

Ways of Working - The Ways of Working suite of documents is nearing completion and should be released in batches to FRSs to commence implementation from the end of March

MDT -The responses to the request for all FRS to indicate commitment to taking MDT early (as MDT1a) have been collated, and CLG have a definitive list of FRSs wishing to deploy the interim solution. This is now being reviewed to establish the rollout sequence for MDT1a so that the FRSs with the greatest need receive their MDTs as a priority. This rollout sequence will be communicated to all participating FRSs once it has been finalised.

MDT1a Pilot Training Course – a pilot training programme has been organised to run on 17&18 March at West Midlands RCC to test the effectiveness of this material and the training approach. Training of FRS trainers will be delivered by FDM (EADS training sub contractor) using MDTs with the software that will be utilised on MDT1a.

2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

Action Plan Workshop - CLG and EADS held a week long workshop on 23 – 27 Feb to finalise the data required for the FiReControl system in three areas - Incident Types & Planned Responses, Mobilising Attributes, and FRS prompts and information for Control Room Operators. FRS and RCC Representatives were requested to provide input and for the East Midlands Region these were :

- Simon Tunncliffe- RCC
- Tim Joyce – Lincolnshire
- Kay Moughton – Leicestershire
- Nigel Towers - Nottinghamshire
- Lesley Taylor - Derbyshire

Attendees were asked to bring examples of existing resource types, PDAs (including cross border), Location specific incident types and examples of Pre-planned response ,eg major sporting events.

Data Seminar West Mids RCC – East Mids FRS representatives attended a CLG data seminar on 11 Feb . This provided an update on the work required to migrate FRS Gazetteers to the National Land & Property Gazetteer (NLPG) standard. There was also a demonstration of the Data Collection & Migration 2 (DCMT2) software that should be rolled out to all FRSs in July for them to commence the migration of FRS data to the FiReControl system.



Visit from Regional LPG Custodian – Diane Fieldhouse attended the East Mids Data Working Group on 12 Feb . Discussion took place on how important positional accuracy was within Local LPGs for FRSs when required for mobilisation and how FRSs will be able to submit new records for inclusion within the National LPG.

3. Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) Update

There was no update for February.

If you have any questions about the FiReControl Project please contact :
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FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE

1. National Firelink Progress

Phase A Rollout - Network Build & Legacy Control Rooms - All scheduled work on English control rooms is now complete. Control room work in Scotland is now stabilizing and increased management effort is now being targeted at London and Wales as they now come on stream.

Phase B Rollout – Operational Vehicles - After some initial problems, Airwave's operational rollout is going well – but not without the cooperation of the FRSs concerned. The operational rollout is now active across five English regions.

2. Regional Firelink Progress

Phase B Rollout- Operational Vehicles - Leicestershire & Nottinghamshire is currently on hold due to a last minute snag in the testing of Cross Band Repeaters.

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