



FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 27 : April 2009

FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

1 National FiReControl Project Update

RCC Training - CLG held another RCC Training Task & Finish Group (which includes FRS Control Trainer representatives to help review the RCC Training modules that are being developed by FDM, the Training sub-contractor of EADS). Training modules issued for review include Introduction to Incidents, Resource Attributes, Resource Capability.

Principal Officers' Seminar - A Principal Officer Seminar took place on 7 April, and was attended by 36 FRS Principal Officers . The aim was to Inform Principal Officers of the work coming to FRSs in respect of data capture and migration and to provide an understanding of the use of this data in delivering the FRS business i.e. responses to incidents and incident procedures.

2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

Station End Equipment (SEE)

FRSs surveyed now have their Short Survey Reports (SSRs). All FRSs apart from Northamptonshire will have the new FiReControl Station End Equipment installed alongside their existing SEE kit until cutover to the RCC - a "dual fit" solution.

Due to space constraints identified at survey, Northamptonshire FRS has 14 stations which will require replacement SEE kit before their cutover to the RCC .

Ways of Working - CLG's target was missed in March for release of the first batch of WoWs. This is because the FiReControl system is not yet finalised by EADS . However, CLG will be asking FRS subject matter experts to assist in development of the some of the key principles that are not dependent on completion of the system development.

FiReControl Project Glossary of Terms – in order to aid understanding of the terminology and subjects covered in this monthly update, a "Glossary of Terms" is being developed and will be issued with the update in May.

3 Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) Update

The last meeting was held on 26th March 2009 and Shona Dunn (Director of Fire and Resilience, CLG) attended the meeting for discussions with the Board.

Union Recognition - The Board considered a paper on formal union recognition and agreed that in principle formal union recognition be granted to the FBU, FOA and Unison. The Board also agreed that on

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obtaining the current FRA union recognition agreements in respect of impacted staff, discussions could commence with the above unions on drafting a formal recognition agreement.

Support Services - The Board received an update on the procurement of Support Services and decided that it wished to procure them from within the East Midlands FRS family. The Board indicated a preference to contract with a sole provider for all the Support Services but would consider more than one provider on best value grounds.

Policies & Shift Patterns - The Board agreed the Draft Role-Matching and Redundancy Selection Policies subject to further consultation with the trade unions and reconfirmed the shift pattern model as approved by the Board in May 2008.

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FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE

1. National Firelink Progress

Phase B Operational Rollout - By the end of the April 09 over 2500 vehicles will have been installed with Firelink equipment, representing over a quarter of all vehicles to be installed throughout Phase B rollout.

2. Regional Firelink Progress

Lincolnshire FRS - Phase B Rollout now completed with 93 Installation events conducted and 2 yet to be scheduled when they arrive into service

Northamptonshire FRS - Phase B Rollout commenced on the 21st April and is currently on track.

Nottinghamshire FRS - Phase B Rollout scheduled to commence during w/c 4th May.

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