



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
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# **UNITED KINGDOM RESCUE ORGANISATION ANNUAL RESCUE CHALLENGE AND CONFERENCE – 30 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2010**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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**Agenda Item No:**

**Date:** 25 June 2010

**Purpose of Report:**

To inform Members of this national event, organised by United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO), and to seek approval for the attendance at the event of the Chair of the Community Safety Committee.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

The United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) Annual Rescue Challenge and Conference is held annually, and sees the majority of Fire Services from around the UK coming together to share and update knowledge as part of the conference, and to test extrication skills in a national challenge event. The conference is targeted at Principal Officers and Elected Members and its purpose is to highlight the need for a robust safety campaign, to reduce death and injury resulting from road traffic collisions and entrapment situations, to increase the standards in extrication and to improve rescue and post-medical care.

## **2. REPORT**

- 2.1 The conference comprises a one day seminar, this year entitled 'Managing Occupational Road Risk in the Fire Service' and includes speakers from various emergency services from around the world.
- 2.2 Additionally, approximately 50 teams from all parts of the country will take part in the extrication challenge in a number of competitions to find an overall winner. This in essence means that around 500 highly trained and motivated fire fighters will be demonstrating their skills to the public, with the hope of representing the UK at the World Finals in 2011. In addition to the extrication challenge there will be rope rescue and trauma challenges.
- 2.3 This year the event is being hosted by the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service, and is to be held from 30 September – 02 October 2010 at Hampshire Fire Service HQ and Training Complex in Eastleigh.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The anticipated cost of attending the conference, including conference fee, accommodation for two nights, travel and subsistence will be approximately £450 per delegate. This can be contained within the budgetary provision for Member conference expenses.

## **4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human resources or learning and development implications arising from this report.

## **5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An initial equality impact assessment has identified no specific aspects relating to a disproportionate effect in respect of the key equality strands.

## **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Attendance at the UKRO event and conference ensures Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service remains aware and up to date of the latest techniques and applications regarding the rescue element of the Service. The Service also submit teams to various aspects of the Challenge, which raises the reputation of the Service. Failure to engage could leave the Service at risk of demonstrating and monitoring high performance of service delivery.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members approve the attendance at this event by the Chair of the Community Safety Committee, as part of an ongoing programme of Member training and development.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)**

None.

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