



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham  
Fire and Rescue Authority

# OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY UPDATE 2014

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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**Purpose of Report:**

To update the Fire Authority on the operational activity levels during the calendar year 2014.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 During 2010 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) undertook the most comprehensive review of its operational activity since 1986. Under the term “Fire Cover Review”, the Service ‘risk-profiled’ the whole county against a risk matrix and looked at how the location and provision of resources matched the risk.
- 1.2 Since 2011 this data has been used to underpin key decisions regarding the location and level of operational resources and will be reviewed as part of the Fire Cover Review process in 2015 (FCR 2015).
- 1.3 The Fire Authority asked to be informed as to all future operational activity on an annual basis, to ensure that the level of operational resources best matched the risk profile of the county and city. This report introduces these statistics for the calendar year 2014 (January to December).

## **2. REPORT**

### **RISK PROFILE**

- 2.1 During 2014 the risk profiling has been updated and there is no significant change to the county risk profile overall. Some variation across super output areas (an area where the risk is measured and rated) has been detected, but this is not significant enough to present any issues for the Fire Authority to consider.
- 2.2 The risk areas are still rated within the original three agreed by the Fire Authority and utilise the terms:
  - Low;
  - Medium; and
  - High Risk
- 2.3 To determine these categories, the following datasets are used:
  - All incidents where injuries have occurred;
  - Incidents with a recorded fire death;
  - Special service calls involving any risk to life;
  - Fire in non-domestic property;
  - Dwelling fires;
  - Indices of multiple deprivation.
- 2.4 The methodology ensures consistency in the Service’s approach and also utilises the process which was externally validated by Nottingham Trent University and accepted by the Fire Authority as part of the original Fire Cover Review 2010.

2.5 The on-going FCR 2015 fire cover review will include a review of the risk profile approach in 2.4 above to ensure this remains fit for purpose.

## **ACTIVITY LEVELS**

2.6 The full operational activity levels for the Service are appended to this report and continue to show a five year range so that the Fire Authority can compare 2014 figures with the preceding four years.

2.7 The total number of incidents for 2014 was 9468 a reduction on the previous year from 9765, continuing the reductions over the previous five years.

2.8 Of these 9468 incidents, over 4000 were false alarms; approximately 1500 were primary fires; just over 500 were road traffic collisions and nearly 2000 were secondary fires, with just over 1300 that are classified as 'other calls'.

2.9 The station with the highest incident numbers was again Central, with just over 1600 incidents recorded, a slight increase on the previous year, however, just under 900 of those incidents were classified as false alarms.

2.10 Total mobilisations also fell to reflect the reduction in incidents from 15500 to 14300 in 2014.

2.11 In terms of activity, Saturday and Sunday remain the busiest days of the week, although the difference between the weekend and week days was less significant. As in the previous year, August remains the busiest month.

2.12 The Service still deals with the significant majority of incidents (8977 of the total) with one, two or three appliances and the Service only deployed more than ten appliances on six occasions during 2014. This continues to demonstrate that with previous authority decisions to reduce the fleet, the Service still retains capacity to respond effectively. The reduction of appliances at Mansfield and Highfields has also been implemented; impact arising from these decisions will be reported in future operational activity reports.

2.14 Currently the Fire Authority maintains a single measure for attendance standards to incidents, that being 90% of incidents will receive an attendance in ten minutes. During 2014 the actual achieved for all incidents was 74% and for fires in dwellings was 84%. This aspect will also form part of the 2015 fire cover review and be reported to Members in a future report once complete.

2.15 The Operational Activity information and data presented will be uploaded to the Service's website in keeping with previous years so that it is publicly available and supports the Authority's proactive stance for transparency.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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

This report does not propose any specific changes that directly involve human resources and learning and development implications, the information contained within it may influence future decisions.

#### **5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

An equality impact assessment is not required for this report as it only presents historical data. However, this data will be used in any subsequent changes to operational resourcing, and decisions will be subject to an equality impact assessment at that time.

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

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states that “it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area”. This report does not contain any implications which would affect that duty.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Part 3, Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 requires the Secretary of State to prepare a National Framework. This document places a duty of Fire and Rescue Authorities to ‘produce a ... plan that identifies and assesses all foreseeable fire and rescue related risks that could affect its community’.
- 7.2 As part of the Integrated Risk Management Plan the Authority is required to continually update and review the operational demands and the risks being faced, publication of the operational activity demonstrates that Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service ensures that the Fire Authority continues to meet such duties.

#### **8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The updated risk profile and operational activity levels inform the Services wider risk management process, through the proactive monitoring and review of these aspects, the Authority is best placed to understand the impact on its service provision.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 9.1 Note the operational activity levels for 2014.
- 9.2 Request that the Community Safety Committee to review the data in the report and consider any potential implications or opportunities for the delivery of services.

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

None.

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