

report

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL EXTRICATION CONFERENCE 27 JULY 2006 & CHALLENGE EVENT – 27-29 JULY 2006

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The United Kingdom National Extrication Conference and Challenge Event 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.

2.2 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.

3. REPORT

3.1 The conference comprises a one day seminar and includes speakers from various emergency services from around the world. A conference timetable is attached as Appendix A for information. The extrication challenge is spread over three days, with approximately fifty teams from all parts of the country competing in three competitions, to find an overall winner.

3.2 This year the event is being hosted by the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, with the conference being held at the Hotel Seattle, Brighton Marina on 27 July 2006 and the extrication challenge at the Brighton Race Course between 27 and 29 July 2006.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The anticipated cost of attending the conference, including conference fee, accommodation for two nights, travel and subsistence will be approximately £400 per delegate. This can be contained within the budgetary provision for Member Conference Expenses.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An initial assessment has revealed there are no equality issues arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That approval is given for the attendance of the Chair of the Community Safety Committee at this event as part of an ongoing programme of Member training and development.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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