

report

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL EXTRICATION CONFERENCE & CHALLENGE EVENT – 12-14 JULY 2007

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

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. 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. 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. In addition to the extrication challenge there will be a line rescue challenge, urban search and rescue demonstration, a heavy rescue workshop and a trauma challenge. This year the event is being hosted by the South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, and is to be held from 12 – 14 July 2007 at the Cardiff Indoor Arena.

3.2 In 2006 the Authority decided to recommend the attendance of the Chair of the Community Safety Committee inline with the revised Governance arrangements and areas of Member responsibility.

4. 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.

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 two Members of the Community Safety Committee including the Chair of the 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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