



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM  
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of the meeting of the held on **20 OCTOBER 2006** at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge from 10.00 am to 11.40 am.

**Membership**

Councillor S Fielding           (Chair)  
Councillor B Grocock  
Councillor J Hemsall  
Councillor P Henshaw  
Councillor P Owen

Members absent are marked ^

**10   MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 July 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**11   DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**12   MAKING ALL CHILDREN SAFE (MACS) DAYS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, informing members of the multi-agency MACS events held at Retford Fire Station for schoolchildren in the north of the County who, for logistical reasons, were unable to travel to Safety Zone Events.

Members were also informed that, the Authority's Local Area Agreement commitments and programmes aimed to reduce avoidable injuries by 10% over the next ten years.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that officers continue to scope the possibility of extending the Service's capacity to offer experiential learning opportunities to all members of the community;**
- (3) that a further report by the Chief Fire Officer be submitted to a future meeting of this committee.**

**13 PRIMARY VEHICLE FIRES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, which informed members of the trends in vehicle fires which had cost the Service more than half a million pounds each year, and the measures, such as Operation Cubit, introduced to combat the problem.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the on-going development work of officers with regard to Operation Cubit be supported;**
- (3) that the Chief Fire Officer submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee, updating members on the progress of multi-agency negotiations across the County, to establish a comprehensive preventative system similar to Operation Cubit, to combat vehicle fires.**

**14 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SERVICE PERFORMANCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated with further information circulated at the meeting, informing members of the 95% of false alarms triggered by automatic fire detector alarm systems which cost the Service approximately £100,000 per year. The report also presented information on the environmental causes of false alarms (which included insects and dust), initiatives in place which had successfully reduced false alarms by 7% and the Service's automatic fire alarm response policy.

**RESOLVED that the report and addendum be noted.**

**15 COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMME REVIEW 2005/06**

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Fire Officer, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the comprehensive range and depth of Community Safety work undertaken by the Service between April 2005 and March 2006.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Community Safety Programme 2005/06 report and review be circulated to all members of the Authority for information;**
- (3) that the success and achievements of the Service in establishing and operating the Community Safety Programmes be acknowledged;**
- (4) that the thanks of the Committee be recorded to all officers involved in the Community Safety work which underpinned the programme review.**